

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority  
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 900  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1223**

**GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonny Deriso, Chairman  
Caric Martin  
Jeanie Thomas  
Alton Knight  
J. T. Williams  
Al Nash  
Charlotte Nash  
Narender Reddy  
John Sibley  
Bob Voyles  
Lara Hodgson  
James Stephenson  
Mike Byrd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dwight Evans  
Jerry Bowman

All notice having been duly given, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board/Governor's Development Council Board was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sonny Deriso called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2009 MEETING**

Minutes for the meeting of April 8, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 13, 2009 MEETING**

The agenda for the May 13, 2009 meeting has been circulated. Two additional items to be added are the Rockdale Park and Ride Agreement and the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Atlanta. The agenda was approved as amended.

**Public Comment**

Sonny Deriso stated there were two requests for public comment. One person did not appear when called. Another member of the public stated there was concern for cancellation of the vanpool.

**Executive Director Report**

Dick Anderson commented on IT3 and the expansion of Xpress services in the future. Mr. Anderson also discussed the office move and gave special recognition to members of the move team.

**Legislative Update**

Mr. Anderson introduced Chris Tomlinson General Counsel for the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr. Tomlinson gave an in depth review of Senate Bill 200. He discussed the changes that SB 200 makes in the current structure of Georgia government.

### **TAQC Committee Report**

Charlotte Nash reported that she had nothing to add to the TAQC report produced by the GRTA staff.

### **ELUC Committee Report**

Narender Reddy reported that he had nothing significant to report and referred the Board to the ELUC report in the Board materials.

### **Land Development Committee Report**

Bob Voyles reported that the Ray Christmas of the Tewilliger Institute gave a presentation on land use with a focus on work force housing and the challenges in the future.

### **Operations and Finance Committee**

Alton Knight reported that there was a 16% increase in ridership according to the figures produced in a report presented by Jim Ritchey. There was a 10% deficit according to projections and the figures need to be adjusted. Monique Simmons presented the Monthly Operating Report and there is still a strong fund balance. If the budgeted amount remains in line it appears there will be an increase in the budget.

### **Douglas County Traffic Signal Agreement**

A recommendation was presented by the committee to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with Douglas County for the purchase and installation of the Douglas Boulevard/Stewart Parkway traffic signal in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

### **Formal Action**

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with Douglas County for the purchase and installation of the Douglas Boulevard/Stewart Parkway traffic signal in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Gwinnett County Park and Ride Agreements**

A recommendation was made by the committee to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with Gwinnett County to expand the I-985 and GA -20 park and ride. The approximate cost is \$6,300,000.

### **Formal Action**

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with Gwinnett County to expand the I-985 and GA -20 park and ride. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Vanpool Update**

The committee was updated on the dissolution of the vanpool. Public comment was heard and action will be taken at the June Board meeting.

### **Rockdale County Park and Ride**

The recommendation is to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with Rockdale County to expand the park and ride at Sigman Road.

### **Formal Action**

A motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with Rockdale County to expand the park and ride at Sigman Road. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

**City of Atlanta Memorandum Agreement**

The City of Atlanta has objected to buses on Peachtree Street and GRTA intends to cooperate with the City regarding rerouting of buses. The committee recommendation is to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Atlanta, MARTA and GRTA regarding Xpress services and committing up to \$3,100,000 of FTA grant funds for the planning and routing improvements.

**Formal Action**

A motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Atlanta, MARTA and GRTA regarding Xpress services and committing up to \$3,100,000 of FTA grant funds for the planning and routing improvements. The motion passed unanimously

**Projects and Planning Committee Report**

In the absence of J. T. Williams, Sonny Deriso reported that the materials for the Monthly Report had been supplied to the Board for reading. Rob Goodwin reported on air quality. TIP Amendment 4 (HOV to HOT) and 5 (GRTA projects and MARTA stimulus funds) will be voted on at the June Board meeting. The arterial report was given on and the Xpress Onboard Survey report was given and valuable information was related to the Board.

Chairman Deriso requested that the Board members be reminded of the public comment portion of the June Board meeting. Kirk Fjelstul stated that the Projects and Planning meeting in June would be a specially called meeting due to the time restraints of the public comment portion of the June Board meeting.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Walter Deriso, Chairman**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel**

**ATTEST:**

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**Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary**