

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

**GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 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  
Dwight Evans  
Jerry Bowman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mike Byrd

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 800, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sonny Deriso called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2009 MEETING**

Minutes for the meeting of May 13, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 10, 2009 MEETING**

The agenda for the June 10, 2009 meeting has been circulated. An additional item to be added regarding execution of contracts was added to the agenda. A motion and second was made that the agenda be amended as discussed. The agenda was approved as amended.

**Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

**Executive Director Report**

Due to the length of the discussions, Dick Anderson dispensed with the usual Executive Director Report.

**TAQC Committee Report**

Charlotte Nash reported on the TIP amendments. Ms. Nash also mentioned the MOU with the City of Atlanta that satisfied some concerns with HOV to HOT proposal.

**ELUC Committee Report**

Narender Reddy reported that Plan 2040 issues were discussed at the Board Retreat and the feedback was helpful to staff as the plan development gets underway. Key steps have been completed including completed local

comprehensive plan policy review; leadership interviews; internal staff workshops to identify policies/issues; and surveys of LUCC and TCC on regional issues. A regional snapshot was presented on the population migration to the Atlanta area from northeastern states and Florida. Gwinnett continues to be the first stop for migrant population. Mr. Reddy also reported the committee decided to adhere to the existing DCA policy that governs DRI decisions.

### **Land Development Committee Report**

Bob Voyles reported that there are a low number of DRIs coming in because of the current economic situation. A presentation was given on DRI Education and Outreach. A public hearing will be held to receive public comment and incorporate those comments with the survey to improve the DRI program. The committee also heard the DRI Tracking and Compliance Annual Report. The DRI Education and Outreach workshop will focus on the tracking and compliance update. The local jurisdictions will become more involved in getting up to speed on the DRI process and how to keep better records at the county and local levels. A presentation was given by Jim Durrett on Connecting Land Use and Transportation. Mr. Durrett discussed the sustainable communities initiative and the funding available for connecting programs under HUD and the Federal DOT to encourage sustainable communities.

### **Operations and Finance Committee**

Alton Knight reported that the agenda was amended to include a request for a contract amendment. Todd Horsley explained that the bylaws only allow the Executive Director to increase a Board authorized contract by up to 20% (up to a maximum of \$300,000) without additional Board approval; therefore, the Board should have authorized the two previous supplemental agreements. A recommendation was made by the committee to authorize the Executive Director to execute the supplemental agreements.

### **Formal Action**

A motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreements #1, #2 and #3 to GRTA Contract #07-003 with MARTA for up to a total contract amount of \$1,763,330. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Knight also reported on the public comments regarding the GRTA vanpool program. He stated that 12 people spoke regarding privatization of the vanpool. The Board will address the privatization issue at the August Board meeting.

The Monthly Operations Report was presented by Dick Anderson and Jim Ritchey. Monique Simmons presented the Monthly Financial Report. In the interest of time Mr. Knight referred to the Board members to the reports supplied in the Board materials. The Operations Report does show that the numbers are lagging behind the projections, but the primary reason behind the lagging numbers is fuel prices and the recession.

### **Projects and Planning Committee Report**

J. T. Williams stated that due to the lack of time in the committee meeting that the Monthly Planning Newsletter and the Monthly Air Quality Report was not discussed. The materials were made available to the Board members for review.

Two TIP amendments were discussed. Both amendments have been previously discussed. Both of the TIP amendments have been approved by ARC.

### **Formal Action TIP#4**

A motion was made that TIP Amendment #4 be adopted. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Formal Action TIP#5**

A motion was made that TIP Amendment #5 be adopted. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Williams further reported that a Phase II update was given by David Haines. Mr. Williams stated that action would be taken on the matter in September.

A report was also given on the Strategic Plan for FY 09. The report covered the activities of projects and the status of implementation of the plans.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 1:50 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**