

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

**Land Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Voyles, Chair
Caric Martin
Jeanie Thomas
Lara Hodgson
J. T. Williams
Al Nash
Sonny Deriso
Jerry Bowman
John Sibley

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dwight Evans
Alton Knight
Mike Byrd

All notice having been duly given, the Land Development Committee of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia.

Bob Voyles called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2009 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of January 14, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 11, 2009 MEETING

The agenda for the February 11, 2009 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was accepted without objection.

DRI Monthly Status Report

Laura Beall presented the monthly report. She pointed out that one DRI was completed and many old ones had been removed from the report. Julie McQueen reported on the DRI checklist. She stated that ARC and GRTA use the same checklist and that several questions only apply to one agency and many questions apply to both agencies. GRTA began using the checklist last May. ARC began using the checklist at that time for test purposes. Questions were assigned a point value. ARC officially started using the checklist in January of 2009. ARC and GRTA will continue to work together evaluating the checklist and updating it as time passes.

DRI Tracking Update

Kirk Fjelstul stated that there is an implementation process where DRIs are being reviewed. Mr. Fjelstul reported that the DRIs can be used to assist the county commissioners to understand compliance. Generally there is a good level of compliance. Compliance needs to be acted upon for the purpose of raising county commission board level awareness of the DRI program and emphasize that there is an enforcement of the DRI program. GRTA met with GDOT to inform GDOT of compliance efforts and ensure consistency. A letter from GDOT and GRTA would affirm the commitment to the program between land use and transportation. The next step would be meetings with the county commissioners to present the value and expectations. The district engineer would ensure compliance and connect GDOT decisions with DRIs. A lengthy discussion of the merits of the educational value of the program followed.

Annual Report

A discussion was held regarding time constraints of the annual report, and the report was tabled until the end of the Projects and Planning committee meeting.

Access Management

Laura Beall introduced Michael Roberson to present the access management presentation. Ms. Beall stressed that outreach and education was a strong component of the program. Mr. Roberson spoke about the benefits of educating the local jurisdictions about the benefits of access management. Mr. Roberson discussed the public and private sector listening sessions. The public and private sectors will be able to express what is important regarding access management. A regional forum on access management is planned, and the use of existing sources is an important factor in the program.

Bob Voyles recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Annual Report

The Land Development Committee reconvened at 12:17 p.m.

Laura Beall began the discussion of the DRI Year 2008 Summary. Ms. Beall stated that the summary had been compiled every year since 2002. She also stated that it measures the benefits of DRI program. Ms. Beall introduced Julie McQueen to further discuss the summary.

Ms. McQueen explained that there are two types of review: expedited and non-expedited. She stated that the commercial and office square footage was consistent with last year. Residential DRIs were down. In a county-by-county summary Fulton County was down and Forsyth County was up. Most developers come to GRTA with a commitment to supply the external costs. The average cost of a DRI for 2008 was lower than in past. Ms. McQueen stated it was probably due to the fact that there were no large DRIs. One of the main goals of DRIs is trip reduction. The three methods used are mixed use, alternative modes and pass-by reduction. Conditions are put on developments to meet these goals.

Kirk Fjelstul expressed that a DRI is an assessment of how well a development performs and the upfront commitment. It is getting the development community and the local government to think about the impact on the infrastructure and the community and what is the commitment upfront to maximize the efficiency or minimize the impact.

Bob Voyles adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Robert Voyles, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary