

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

**Projects & Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Stephenson
Jerry Bowman

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

J. T. Williams called the meeting to order at 11:30 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 as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2009 TIP WORK SESSION MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of January 27, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Planning Monthly Report

No oral presentation was given in the absence of Dania Aponte. The board members were supplied with a copy of the Planning Monthly Report in the board materials.

Monthly Air Quality Report

Rob Goodwin reported that January was a good air quality month for Atlanta. There were only nine moderate days and 22 good days.

GRTA Arterial/CID Quarterly Report

Roger Henze presented the Arterial/CID Quarterly Report. There are 51 projects and approximately \$4.4 million was paid during the last quarter. Bonds have been sold to provide funding for PE, ROW or CST phases of most of these projects. Overall the financial outlook of the program is positive. The dollars available is being re-evaluated due to the economic outlook.

TIP Update

Kirk Fjelstul reported that the TIP update has taken a turn due to the federal stimulus package. There is a house and senate version of the package, and they are different. There is an assumption that \$500 million that will come into the Atlanta region. 50% must be authorized by June 30, 2009 and 100% must be authorized by June 30, 2010. Projects would be 100% federally funded. The prime focus will be on construction. Priority will be given to projects completed within three years. The stimulus complication is that the stimulus is uncertain in size and the stimulus deadlines are inconsistent with the TIP update. The TIP update will go forward in June but only to add the HOV to HOT. A lengthy discussion followed the update given by Mr. Fjelstul.

J. T. Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.