

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority  
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 800  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1223**

**GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN BOARD ROOM:**

Sonny Deriso, Chairman

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE:**

Alton Knight  
J. T. Williams  
Al Nash  
John Sibley  
Dwight Evans  
Narender Reddy  
Caric Martin  
Charlotte Nash  
James Stephenson  
Bob Voyles

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Lara Hodgson  
Jerry Bowman  
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 opened the conference call at 1:30 p.m. There were no committee meetings, and the Board meeting was being conducted via telephone conference. Chairman Deriso was present with staff in the Board Room and conducted a roll call of the Board members with all members being present except Lara Hodgson, Jerry Bowman and Mike Byrd. A quorum was established at 1:35 p.m. and the meeting commenced.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2009 MEETING**

Minutes for the meeting of November 10, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING**

The agenda for the December 9, 2009 meeting agenda was reviewed and approved as circulated.

**Public Comment**

There was no request for public comment.

**Board Calendar for 2010**

The document provided to the Board is the schedule for the 2010 calendar years. There are no holidays or special events that bar meetings from the second Wednesday of the month in 2010. There is no July meeting.

**Formal Action**

The calendar was presented to the Board and a motion was made by Caric Martin and seconded by Charlotte Nash to approve the calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FTA Grant Resolutions**

Jim Ritchey explained that there were three grant resolutions: 1) Funds to be transferred from Gwinnett County to GRTA to fund the I-985 park and ride; 2) GRTA 2010 5307 funds which are regular funds for preventive maintenance and capital cost of contracting; and 3) I-285 Perimeter CID to assist in the draft of the impact environmental statement.

### **Formal Action**

Resolution number 09-12-02, 09-12-03 and 09-12-04 were presented to the Board and a motion was made by Al Nash and seconded by Caric Martin to approve the resolutions. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ritchey also discussed an amendment to the AARA grant. He stated that the Sigmund Road park and ride had proved to be less expensive than projected. He also stated that funds from the Thornton Road maintenance facility would be moved. No separate authorization for movement of the funds is necessary. The discussion was for informational purposes.

### **FY 2008-2013 TIP Amendment #7**

Kirk Fjelstul spoke about previous information given to the Board regarding TIP Amendment #7. He stated that deletions from the TIP and explanations were provided to the Board. All additions to the TIP were also identified. Most of the emails and comments from Board members in advance of the meeting related to the changes in commuter rail line items. Staff spoke with GDOT and ARC to understand the purpose of the changes related to rail. Some Board members were concerned that the changes would jeopardize the federal earmarks and/or the multi-modal station, or that the changes would send a signal to FTA that Georgia was not serious about rail. GDOT's Intermodal Division confirmed that the changes were bookkeeping matters rather than strategic. The changes eliminated items that did not have funding or that were out of date. Many of the earmark items are no longer in the TIP because they are in existing grants. None of the changes related to the earmarks. GDOT is actively working to try and use the earmarks, including the development of a public-private proposal for the multi-modal station. Mr. Sibley and other Board members wanted to make sure the minutes clearly reflected this information. As far as sending a message to FTA, Mr. Fjelstul stated that the real message about the commitment to passenger rail is reflected in the level of funding for operations, not TIP amendments. Another question raised about rail was whether the changes would impact the public-private economic benefit study. Mr. Fjelstul responded that it would not, and the study is already underway.

### **Formal Action**

TIP Amendment #7 was presented to the Board and a roll call vote was taken to approve TIP Amendment #7. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Vanpool Contract**

Todd Horsley stated that the purpose of the is to authorize the GRTA Executive Director to negotiate and execute contracts with two service providers (VPSI, Inc. and Enterprise) for the 2010 Vanpool Program. Exact contract amounts for each service provider will be negotiated prior to December 31, 2009; however, one or both contracts may exceed \$1,000,000 so Board authorization is required. The cumulative amount of the contracts will not exceed \$2,100,000 and that an individual contract will not exceed \$1,600,000,

### **Formal Action**

It is requested that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute contracts for 2010 Vanpool Program services with VPSI, Inc. and Enterprise in amounts not to exceed \$1,600,000 per individual contract and up to a cumulative amount of \$2,100,000 for both contracts. A motion was made by Caric Martin that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute contracts for 2010 Vanpool Program services with VPSI, Inc. and Enterprise in amounts not to exceed \$1,600,000 per individual contract and up to a cumulative amount of \$2,100,000 for both contracts. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Nash. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Jim Ritchey discussed the money counting contract with Loomis. There was approximately a \$12,000 difference between our accounting and the accounting by Loomis. Loomis did an investigation and discovered that one of their employees was allegedly stealing money. Mr. Ritchey stated he was confident that the claim would be resolved.

**New Business**

There was no new business

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:04 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**