

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

**GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Stephenson

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 1:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2009 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of February 11, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 11, 2009 MEETING

The agenda for the March 11, 2009 meeting has been circulated. The agenda was approved as circulated.

Executive Director Report

Dick Anderson reported that GRTA continues to make progress with the strategic plan. On the planning side GRTA has moved into a phase where GRTA is supportive and instrumental in many legislative bills. Mr. Anderson also discussed other movements concerning Xpress. Positive press will be forthcoming for GRTA.

Legislative Update

The legislative update was dispensed with.

TAQC Committee Report

Charlotte Nash reported that anticipated legislation that was discussed has not changed. An update was given on access management.

ELUC Committee Report

Narender Reddy stated that there is no report.

Land Development Committee Report

Bob Voyles reported that a report was given on access management regarding meetings with the public and private sector. There will more to follow in the upcoming months. There was also a report given by Mike Carnathan from ARC regarding regional snapshots for employment and population growth in metro Atlanta.

Operations and Finance Committee

Alton Knight reported that the monthly ridership figures were down due to projection errors. Updates will be made next month. Revenues are on point, and expenses are better than goal. The recovery ratio is 37.1%.

Monthly Financial Report

Fund balance continues to be strong. Operating expenses continue to be on point.

Douglas County Intergovernmental Agreement

Formal Action

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to increase the amount of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Douglas County for customer information equipment from \$75,000 to \$85,000. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Mall of Georgia Park and Ride Agreement

Formal Action

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute a three year lease agreement with the Mall of Georgia for 750 parking spaces at the rate of \$11.11 per space per month or \$100,000 per year, and to approve \$65,000 for lot improvements. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

J. T. Williams reported that there was a normal air quality report. Todd Long gave an informative report on freight and logistics in Georgia. The TIP update was a report on the stimulus package. A report on strategic planning was given by Kirk Fjelstul.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

Walter Deriso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary