

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

**GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Caric Martin

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 10:35 a.m. Mr. Deriso stated that the agenda for today's meeting was being altered. There will be no committee meetings.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of September 9, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 14, 2009 MEETING

The agenda for the October 14, 2009 meeting has been circulated. An additional item to be added is the Clayton County C-Tran Intergovernmental Agreement. The agenda was approved as amended.

Public Comment

Kevin Doyle from the Livable Community Coalition spoke regarding urban design to make job centers successful. Mr. Doyle urged the board to consider three break through concepts: using the business case approach; a shift in transportation strategy; and recognizing benefits due to transportation investment and development. Mr. Doyle stated that a strategy for capturing benefits should be considered and steps should be outline to implement the strategy.

Executive Director Report

Dick Anderson welcomed the audience and stated that the form or the board meeting was a work session, and the work to be presented would be the result of work of the GRTA staff, GDOT, ARC and McKinsey. Todd Long will be presenting the information to the legislature in the near future. The information is not finalized, and there is room for improvement. Mr. Anderson stated that the Clayton County Intergovernmental Agreement would be voted upon in the upcoming meeting. He also stated that in the board materials an engagement letter from the state auditor's office was for board review. In the first quarter of next year an audit will be done by the FTA. The audit will cover business controls and has focused the attention of the GRTA staff on the policies and procedures pertinent to the operation of GRTA. Dania Aponte is the project manager, and Donna Canterberry is handling the documentation. We will be well prepared for the audit. Mr. Anderson called on Jim Ritchey to explain the Clayton County Intergovernmental Agreement.

Clayton County Intergovernmental Agreement

Jim Ritchey discussed the audit engagement letter and informed the board that the audit was underway. For the past few years no findings have been made by the auditors, but any information revealed in the current audit will be relayed to the board.

There is roughly \$30,000,000 in grants involving Clayton County transit. Approximately three years ago the relationship changed with C-Tran. Essentially GRTA turned over the operation to C-Tran and C-Tran would decide how the service would be operated. A new sub-grant agreement has been initiated with Clayton County that has initially the same terms as the previous agreement to assure reasonable continuing controls over the asset. It is recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to execute and negotiate the sub-grant agreement with Clayton County.

Formal Action

A motion was made by Mike Byrd that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute the sub-grant agreement with Clayton County. Dwight Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IT3 Progress Report and Discussion

Dick Anderson announced that Monique Simmons has left GRTA for the State Auditor's office and her replacement has been hired and the announcement will be forthcoming of the new employee.

Mr. Anderson reported to the board regarding progress on the IT3 project. He stated there was no immediate fix, but investment and policies for the future would have an enormous impact on the future. Carrie Thompson of McKinsey & Company was introduced. Ms. Thompson stated that the overall objectives of this effort would give a picture of the funding, getting the portfolio right regarding people mobility and freight logistics and the next steps to take to advance the transportation effort. Ms. Thompson reiterated the goals for Georgia: 1) to support economic growth and competitiveness; 2) ensure safety and security; 3) maximize the value of Georgia's transportation assets; and 4) minimize the impact of transportation on the environment. Ms. Thompson discussed current and future funding and the relationship to growth. She stated there is \$12 to \$19 billion for new capacity and other strategic priorities over the next 20 years. Ms. Thompson discussed the fact that the State of Georgia should invest in freight flows in addition to improvements on interstates. Ms. Thompson concluded by saying that investment in transportation future was imperative for competitiveness for business and growth in the State of Georgia.

New Business

There was no new business

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Walter Deriso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary