



Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 900
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Land Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Voyles, Chair
Caric Martin
Jeanie Thomas
Lara Hodgson
Mike Byrd

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jerry Bowman
John Sibley
Sonny Deriso

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alton Knight
J. T. Williams
Al Nash
Dwight Evans
Charlotte Nash

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 9:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of December 10, 2008 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 14, 2009 MEETING

The agenda for the January 14, 2009 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was accepted without objection.

DRI Monthly Status Report

Laura Beall presented the monthly report. She stated it was the last report of the year and that 2008 was near completion. There were fewer DRIs reviewed in 2008 than in 2007. The monthly report that is present in the minute book is being reworked. Active projects will be added and projects that are inactive will be deleted.

Livable Centers Initiative Update

Laura Beall introduced Tom Weyandt of the Atlanta Regional Commission. Mr. Weyandt discussed the Livable Centers Initiative. The Livable Centers Initiative provides a link between development and transportation and began in 1999. Mr. Weyandt commented on IT³ and stated that connecting transportation investment to development patterns was a point well made by the McKinsey reports. The LCI program fundamentally began to encourage local governments to plan and implement strategies that link transportation improvements with development strategies and take advantage of existing infrastructure in centers and corridors. Beyond the assistance to do the planning, a long term commitment was made to fund transportation projects that came out of the plans. Local governments had to demonstrate they were executing land use plans to compete for transportation funding. There have been 80 communities that have received funds for land use development. Local governments and certain non-profit organization are eligible to apply. Funds have been provided for almost every kind of transportation project with in the communities and organizations. ARC is at the end of the second five year commitment to the LCI program and is in the process of deciding how the program should be continued. It is the inclination of ARC to extend the program. A cut in the level of funding for the next couple of years will be suggested until a more stable economic growth in the region is reached.

Access Management

Bob Voyles stated that meetings are being set up to occur by the February board meeting. Laura Beall stated that work has been done to represent a cross-section of stakeholders, and that further comments and details would be tabled for future meetings.

Bob Voyles adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

Robert Voyles, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary