

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

**Operations and Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2009**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alton Knight, Chair
Caric Martin
Dwight Evans
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy
Sonny Deriso
Mike Byrd

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Sibley
Jeanie Thomas
J. T. Williams
Al Nash
Jerry Bowman
Bob Voyles

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

Alton Knight called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2008 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 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was accepted without objection.

Monthly Operations Report

Jim Ritchey gave the monthly report and stated that ridership is down, but the projections were made with an error in calculation. Only 22 operating days should have been used to make the calculation and two holidays were included in the calculation. Limited service was provided on the holidays. Breeze numbers were also not included in the figures. Revenues for the year to date are on target. The price of diesel fuel was lower than the projected numbers.

Monthly Financial Report

Monique Simmons reported that the expenses are in line. The fund balance is down due to the TRIP program, and there was a timing issue with the state appropriations. The funds were received in February rather than January.

Douglas County Intergovernmental Agreement

Digital message signs and voice announcements systems are being installed in the multi-modal center in Douglas County. Previously an action came before the board with an estimated cost of \$75,000 for the equipment. The costs have been re-estimated to \$82,000. The board is being asked to increase that amount previously approved from \$75,000 to \$85,000.

COMMITTEE MOTION:

Caric Martin moved that the committee authorize the Executive Director to increase the amount of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Douglas County for customer information equipment from \$75,000 to \$85,000. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Nash. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mall of Georgia Park and Ride Agreement

Jim Ritchey brought a park and ride agreement before the committee for consideration. It is requested that the committee authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a three year agreement with the Mall of Georgia for 750 parking spaces for \$100,000 or \$11.11 per parking space per month, and to make improvements up to \$65,000.

COMMITTEE MOTION:

Caric Martin moved that the committee accept the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a three year agreement with the Mall of Georgia for 750 parking spaces at the rate of \$11.11 per month, and up to \$65,000 for improvements. The motion was seconded by Narender Reddy. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.