



Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
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Projects & Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. T. Williams, Chair
Sonny Deriso
Lara Hodgson
Dwight Evans
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy
John Sibley
Jeanie Thomas
Bob Voyles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Stephenson
Jerry Bowman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Caric Martin
Alton Knight
Al Nash
Mike Byrd

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

J. T. Williams called the meeting to order at 11:25 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. An additional item regarding a resolution relating to IT³ was added as item 16 to the agenda. The agenda was accepted as amended without objection.

Planning Monthly Report

Dania Aponte gave the report. In national news Representative Ray LaHood has been selected as Secretary of the Department of Transportation. Representative LaHood previously served on the transportation infrastructure committee and in the past has supported infrastructure investments. In local news GDOT has recently implemented interstate ramp meters. Implementation will continue throughout 2009.

Monthly Air Quality Report

Rob Goodwin reported that December was a good air quality month for Atlanta. There were only five moderate days. Mr. Goodwin also reported that in a chart based on figures from 1999 to 2008 that apart from the increase in the number of good PM days compared to 1999 and 2000 there was no clear upward or downward trend.

Transit Planning Board Report

Cheryl King gave the Transit Planning Board Report. She stated that the TPB is now closed and she is serving as a consultation to the TIB in addition to her job duties with MARTA. The first TIB meeting is on January 29, 2009. Ms. King stated that the TPB is in the midst of completing all the final reports, and the reports will be posted on the web site. The ULI with the focus groups went well and the report will be finished at the end of the month. MARTA has agreed to give authority to the general manager to enter into the sub-grant agreement with GRTA for the TPB grant money funds. One of the key elements to be looked at the TIB meeting is amendments to the TPB bylaws to transition the bylaws to the TIB. Ms. King is responding to Concept 3 inquiries. The TIB is going to be completing work that the TPB started. Work is being done on a regional fare policy. Details are also being worked out about governance. Regional service coordination is also being continued.

TIP Update

Kirk Fjelstul reported that there will be a work session on January 27. GRTA is currently working under the 2008-2013 TIP. A schedule was presented to demonstrate to the committee the work ahead. The schedule cannot be delayed because projects are due on August 1. All action must be taken by June 10 to prevent problems with funding. GDOT has established criteria for project readiness: what is ready to build now and what is needed for the future.

Breaking Ground Report

David Haynes from ARC gave a report on implementation of FY 2008-2013 TIP. ARC is working on plans of how a stimulus package could be affected by TIP. The breaking ground report is a report on the past physical year TIP projects. The purpose of the report is to inform and educate the citizens, planning and implementation agencies and elected official. A master list is created at the beginning and end of the fiscal year. A comparison is done on the original information compared to the information received during the period. Many of the projects are advanced and many are delayed. The transportation project implementation rate has continued to decline over the years.

IT3 Resolution

Kirk Fjelstul introduced Resolution 01-01-03: Resolution to Endorse IT3 as a Strategic Direction; to Encourage the General Assembly to Enable Adequate Resourcing of the Strategy over the Short, Medium and Long Term; and to Fully Commit to "Execute With Urgency." Mr. Fjelstul reported that GRTA had been working with GDOT and Gena Evans to present to the GDOT Board.

COMMITTEE MOTION:

John Sibley moved that the committee recommend adoption of Resolution 01-01-03: Resolution to Endorse IT3 as a Strategic Direction; to Encourage the General Assembly to Enable Adequate Resourcing of the Strategy over the Short, Medium and Long Term; and to Fully Commit to "Execute With Urgency." Mr. Fjelstul reported that GRTA had been working with GDOT and Gena Evans. The motion was seconded by Narendra Reddy. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

J. T. Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.