

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

**Projects & Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2009**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

James Stephenson

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mike Byrd  
Alton Knight  
Caric Martin  
Al Nash

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 11:08 a.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 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was accepted as circulated.

**Planning Monthly Report**

No oral presentation was given in the absence of Dania Aponte. The board members were supplied with a copy of the Planning Monthly Report in the board materials.

**Monthly Air Quality Report**

Rob Goodwin reported that February was a good air quality month for Atlanta. A seasonal trend average was given to the board. The report is broken down into PM and ozone so that a comparison can be done on a month-to-month basis.

### **Freight and Logistics**

Todd Long presented a report on freight and logistics in Georgia. It is projected that trucks will double by the year 2035. A website has been created for information on freight and logistics that consumers can view to get up-to-date information for the state. A logistics forum will be held next month and Dick Anderson will be speaking on IT<sup>3</sup>.

### **TIP Update**

Kirk Fjelstul introduced David Haynes from ARC to give an update on the TIP update. Mr. Haynes discussed the stimulus program. The schedule is uncertain, but meetings and conference calls are ongoing. The transit and highway program are the main areas of focus. Discretionary grants will be applied for when the rules for application are announced. Mr. Haynes explained that the TIP must be preserved and that existing projects must be kept on schedule before adding new projects. The process for selecting new projects must be objective and equitable. It must also ensure that Georgia and the metro area use all available funds. A lengthy discussion followed the presentation.

### **Strategic Planning Quarterly Report**

In the absence of Dania Aponte, Kirk Fjelstul reported on strategic planning. He reported on the second quarter of the year. Mr. Fjelstul explained the significance of the "Plan on a Page" on the development of project prioritization and access management policies. Mr. Fjelstul stated that project prioritization may change as IT3 advances. DRI compliance will continue, and park and ride lots will be completed at various locations. The goal will be to increase annual boardings for Xpress to 2.4 million.

J. T. Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.