

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 800
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**Projects & Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2009**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. T. Williams, Chair (late arrival)
Narender Reddy
John Sibley
Sonny Deriso
Bob Voyles
Lara Hodgson
Al Nash
Dwight Evans
Jerry Bowman
James Stephenson

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Caric Martin
Alton Knight
Mike Byrd

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charlotte 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 800, Atlanta, Georgia.

In the absence of J. T. Williams, Sonny Deriso called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2009 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of June 10, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 12, 2009 MEETING

The agenda for the August 12, 2009 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was accepted as circulated.

Planning Monthly Report

Dania Aponte stated the Planning Monthly Report reported on national issues and in the interest of time the Board could review the report at a later time.

Monthly Air Quality Report

Kai Zuehlke gave the Air Quality Report. He stated here were fewer unhealthy air days this year than last year. He also discussed greenhouse gases and how they trap heat and cause climate changes.

TIB Update

John Crocker gave an update on the TIB. Dr. Crocker stated that the purpose of the TIB is to provide a background of the Transit Governance Discussion at the Transit Implementation Board and its predecessors. The TIB functions

to provide a road map of how to reach the long term transit goals of the Atlanta area. The TIB is a combination of the efforts of GRTA, ARC, GDOT and MARTA.

TIP Update

Dania Aponte discussed TIP Amendment #6 2008-13. A resolution has been drafted and will be before the Board in September for a vote. Ms. Aponte introduced Meg Pirkle from GDOT to discuss the stimulus funds. Ms. Pirkle said that all Phase 1 projects have been certified by the Governor's office. Bids are historically low and many projects will be rolling into Phase 2. For projects to be shovel ready they must meet the federal requirements of being included or amended into STIP/TIPs and be ready to go. Phase 1 had to be authorized for letting no later than June 30, and Phase 2 has to be authorized for letting no later than December 30. Ms. Pirkle also informed the Board that TIGER grant applications are due no later than September 15.

David Haynes from ARC reported on how all of the projects fit together with the TIP schedule. August 14 is the deadline for regular quarterly modifications. The ARC website has been remodeled so that citizens as well as public officials can easily and logically find information regarding the projects in their communities. Key rebalancing issues include re-scoping the Northwest Corridor project, continuing to update the commuter rail status, changes impacting conformity, replacing regional lump sums with STIP lump sums, and consideration of local concerns related to shared costs and the schedule.

Approval of McKinsey Contract

Dick Anderson reported that funding and transportation management has been problems for the State for many years. Georgia now has a 10- and 20-year strategic direction for its transportation investments that can support future economic growth and competitiveness and create economic benefits over the next 30 years. Investing in McKinsey as an independent and objective partner to assist in creating a change in transportation will deliver outstanding value to Georgia, given the scale of the investments and economic impact at stake.

COMMITTEE MOTION:

Caric Martin moved that the committee contract with McKinsey for IT3 work for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. The motion was seconded by Mike Byrd. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Quarterly Arterial CID Report

In the absence of Roger Henze Jim Ritchey gave the arterial report. Mr. Ritchey highlighted progress on projects. Bob Voyles introduced Yvonne Williams, President and CEO of PCID. Ms. Williams highlighted projects that have been funded through the GRTA bond program. She stated that from 1999 to 2009 there were approximately 18 projects that added commercial, retail and space as well as 400 hotels rooms and 3,800 residential units. The perimeter continues to be a premier commercial district and is currently absorbing about 24% of all class A and B office space. Residential space will continue to grow, but the growth is job driven.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.