

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 800
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**Projects & Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2009**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. T. Williams, Chair
Narender Reddy
John Sibley
Sonny Deriso
Dwight Evans
Al Nash

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alton Knight

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lara Hodgson
Jerry Bowman
Charlotte Nash
James Stephenson
Bob Voyles

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.

J. T. Williams called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of September 9, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 10, 2009 MEETING

The agenda for the November 10, 2009 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was accepted as circulated.

Planning Monthly Report

Brian Borden presented the Planning Monthly Report. He said that Senators John Kerry and Barbara Boxer introduced a discussion draft Energy and Climate Change bill. The bill contains provisions relating to MPO's and transportation-related greenhouse gases. Provisions found in the bill are similar to those found in the House's Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade bill, which passed the House on June 26th. Mr. Borden also reported on the Fifty Forward Forum held on September 21. The keynote speaker was US DOT Secretary Ray LaHood. Mr. LaHood's remarks were insightful into the administrations transportation plans. Mr. LaHood indicated that the State of Georgia had a great deal of work to do to catch up with other states in undertaking high-speed rail.

Monthly Air Quality Report

Kai Zuehlke gave the Air Quality Report. Mr. Zuehlke reported that September 30 was the end of the ozone season and stated that his report would cover September and October. During the month of September there were 9 good days and 19 moderate. In a comparison of 2008 data, the air quality was slightly down. There were no orange days in 2008 compared to two days in September of 2009. A ten year comparison was presented and the overall air

quality has improved in Atlanta. The EPA sets air quality standards and March of 2008 the standards were raised. Another review by the EPA will take place and new standardization will be announced in 2010.

Regional Transit Committee Quad Party Amendment

J. T. Williams introduced Cain Williamson from ARC. Mr. Williamson explained that the Quad Party Amendment defines the transportation planning process in the Atlanta region and defines the roles of GDOT, GRTA, MARTA and ARC. Mr. Williamson also explained that the amendment would add a section defining the specific role of GRTA and another section regarding transit committee structure. The recommendation before the board is a resolution to amend the Quad Party Agreement.

COMMITTEE MOTION:

Dwight Evans moved that the committee recommend adoption of the resolution to amend the Quad Party Agreement. The motion was seconded by John Sibley. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

TIP Amendment #7

Kirk Fjelstul introduced Todd Long to provide information for TIP Amendment #7. He stated that projects have been redistributed and the stimulus funding has allowed progression with the TIP. Mr. Long introduced David Haynes from ARC. He discussed the rebalancing of the projects and the provision of information to the sponsors. A set of recommendations were determined and a draft list was released on October 1. The document before the board is the final document showing the projects and the prioritization of the projects. Mr. Haynes concluded by saying that that the addition of stimulus funds and revision of projects assisted in bringing the completion of the projects to final form.

Arterial CID Quarterly Status Report

Roger Henze presented the Quarterly Arterial CID Status Report. Mr. Henze stated there were 51 projects. There were \$6.9M in project costs paid during the first quarter. A total of \$174.5M of the \$264.5M in bond program costs has been authorized, and 45% of the total program has been paid. Mr. Henze reviewed the projects for each jurisdiction and updated the board on progress of the projects and status of the GO bond expenditures. He also gave an update on all the projects that are currently in progress or completed.

J. T. Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.