

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 800
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1223**

**Projects & Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. T. Williams, Chair
Narender Reddy
John Sibley
Sonny Deriso
Bob Voyles
Lara Hodgson
Al Nash
Jerry Bowman
James Stephenson
Charlotte Nash

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Caric Martin
Alton Knight
Mike Byrd

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dwight Evans

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 11:25 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2009 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of August 12, 2009 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING

The agenda for the September 9, 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 US DOT Secretary Ray LaHood will be speaking at the 50 Forward Forum on September 21. He also noted that the State of the Region breakfast will be held in November and the AMPO will hold its annual conference in Savannah in October.

Monthly Air Quality Report

Kai Zuehlke gave the Air Quality Report. He stated there were no unhealthy days this month. Mr. Zuehlke said that compared to last year we have fewer unhealthy days this year than last year.

2009 Transportation MAP Report

Kirk Fjelstul introduced Valentin Vulov. Mr. Vulov is a project manager with GRTA. Mr. Vulov explained that the GRTA staff developed Transportation System Performance Measures and an annual Transportation MAP Report. The report provides a regional snapshot of progress towards improving mobility, transit accessibility, air quality, safety

and the overall transportation system performance. Senate Bill 57 requires GRTA to formulate measurable targets for air quality improvements and standards within the Atlanta ozone nonattainment area. In addition, the Transportation MAP Report implements the GRTA's strategic direction and mission statement which expands the idea of performance-based regional planning to the area of transportation creating an integrated set of performance measures. The Transportation MAP Report helps refine the collaborative process between the regional partners (ARC, EPD, FHWA, FTA, GDOT, GRTA, and MARTA) and serve as a tool in measuring and improving the effectiveness of transportation investments and systems in the Atlanta region.

FY 2008-2012 TIP Amendment #6

Kirk Fjelstul introduced TIP Amendment #6 for adoption. J. T. Williams stated there were a total of six projects totaling \$53,000,000.

COMMITTEE MOTION:

Caric Martin moved that the committee recommend adoption of TIP Amendment #6. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Nash. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

TIP Amendment #7

Kirk Fjelstul discussed TIP Amendment #7 and stated it would be voted on in December. Issues will be rebalanced and some of the larger issues will be dealt with. More details will be discussed at the meeting in October. Todd Long, Director of Planning, spoke about SB 200. He stated that as Director of Planning he would develop state-wide strategic transportation plan and the state-wide transportation improvement program (STIP); develop annual capital construction project list for budget submission (which must be included in TIPs and STIP); review and make TIP recommendations to Governor(except ARC), negotiate TIP changes with MPOs; and collaborate with GDOT on proposed projects and decide to adopt, remove or otherwise include them in GDOT planning documents; and issue rules and regulations to carry out its duties as needed. Mr. Long's role in P3 (Public-Private Partnerships) requires GDOT to evaluate projects to determine appropriate levels of public & private project funding; prepare a list of potential projects to Board by July 31 of odd-numbered years; adds provisions prohibiting GDOT Board members, GDOT Commissioner, or other Constitutional Officers from going to work for, or lobbying on behalf of, GDOT contractors for one year after leaving GDOT; and prohibits delegating eminent domain to any private entity.

J. T. Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.