

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

**GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2010**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sonny Deriso, Chairman
Alton Knight
Al Nash
John Sibley
Narender Reddy
Charlotte Nash
Mike Byrd
Lara Hodgson
Dwight Evans
James Stephenson
Bob Voyles

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Caric Martin
Jerry Bowman
J. T. Williams

All notice having been duly given, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board/Governor's Development Council Board was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 800, Atlanta, Georgia.

Sonny Deriso called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2010 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of February 10, 2010 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 10, 2010 MEETING

The agenda for the March 10, 2010 meeting agenda was reviewed and an item was added for a C-Tran resolution. It was also noted that the RTC MOU is an action item. Otherwise, the agenda was approved as circulated.

Public Comment

There was no request for public comment.

Executive Director's Report

Faithful Service Award

Dick Anderson, Executive Director, presented a five year service award to Laura Beall. He praised Ms. Beall on her service to the organization and thanked her for her continued support.

Mr. Anderson also noted that GRTA was noted by the Association of Government Accounts and given a bronze level award for the MAP report. The award is a national recognition award and was accepted by Valentin Vulov.

Mr. Anderson also recognized that GRTA was awarded the Georgia Engineering Award for transportation. Mr. Anderson presented the award to Sonny Deriso.

Todd Long noted that Dick Anderson was named the Georgia Transportation Professional of the Year.

ARC Committee Report

TAQC

Charlotte Nash presented the TAQC report. Ms. Nash said that most of the information on the TAQC report were not new matters. She referred the Board to the summary in the interest of time.

ELUC

Narender Reddy reported that there was an update of the annual 2009 Unified Growth Policy Map and 2040 Assessment. Continued growth is expected in the Atlanta region, but minimal expansion will adversely impact the regions capacity to meet current and future needs directly related to the availability of water and access to employment opportunities in the region's most developed centers will be critical. The regional snapshot includes a 20 county area as well as cities in the 10 county area. Almost 80 percent of the 20-county areas 2009 population resides in one of the 10 core counties. Overall Gwinnett County has had the largest population. The City of Atlanta had the largest new population gain of any city in the region, adding more than 64,000 new residents since 2000. Other cities experiencing large population growth include Alpharetta, Woodstock, Canton, Stockbridge, and Douglasville.

Land Development Committee Report

Bob Voyles reported on the Land Development Committee meeting. Mr. Voyles stated that the DRI Monthly report was for information purposes only. A presentation on urban housing and major centers with several guest speakers representing the central Atlanta progress of downtown was given. Midtown Alliance speakers spoke regarding the growth of Midtown Atlanta. Mr. Voyles reported that it was a good solid discussion.

Operations and Finance Committee Report

In the absence of Alton Knight, Sonny Deriso reported on the operations and finance. The monthly operations report revealed that ridership was down about 8% this year but up 50% from two years ago. Total operating revenue is down approximately 11%, and expenses are down. The recovery ratio is approximately 36%. In April there will be some recommended service changes. The Board will vote on the changes in May and the changes will become effective in July. The monthly financial report shows a receivable and is an SRTA that has now been paid. Receivables will be about \$3,000 in the February report. A spreadsheet was added to the monthly report that shows how the fund balance has been committed. By the year 2012 the fund balance will be spent.

An update on C-Tran was given. The FTA did not approve the operation of Clayton County C-Tran. A resolution is before the Board to transfer three vehicles from the FTA funded vehicles to the community services authority in Clayton County to do Medicaid transportation.

Formal Action

A recommendation was made to authorize the Executive Director to request the Federal Transit Administration transfer the interest of three para-transit vehicles to Clayton County, Georgia. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

BUC Vehicle Transfer

Buses were purchased with funds under the by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) for the support of the Buc shuttle service. Because the buses are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were acquired and there is no purpose eligible for assistance for which the asset can be used within the program, GRTA and BCID have requested that the 10 buses be transferred to the City of College Park, GA. Because GRTA is the grantee of the federal funds used for the purchase of these buses, the transfer requires GRTA Board approval with concurrence from FTA.

Formal Action

A recommendation was made to authorize the Executive Director to send a letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) transferring the federal interest in 10 CNG buses purchased for the Buc Shuttle to the City of College Park, GA. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Projects Committee Report

Sonny Deriso reported on the Committee meeting in the absence of J. T. Williams. Mr. Deriso reported that Brian Borden gave the Monthly Planning report and Kai Zuehlke gave the Air Quality report.

TIP #8 and 9 were discussed. David Haynes and Todd Long gave presentations regarding the TIP to further explain the amendments. TIP Amendment #8 is dependent on the Jobs on Main Street bill. If no stimulus money is granted, the TIP will be shelved and a future amendment may be needed. Mr. Deriso stated that Mike Byrd owns a piece of property near one of the projects under consideration. According to the rules governing the Board, the Board must vote on recusal of Mr. Byrd.

James Stephenson made a motion that Mike Byrd be allowed to recuse himself. Charlotte Nash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Formal Action

A recommendation was made to approve TIP #8. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Byrd did not vote; Chairman Deriso voted to complete a quorum.

Formal Action

A recommendation was made to approve TIP #9. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

RTC MOU

The purpose of this item is to recommend authorization of the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an MOU with the Atlanta Regional Commission to support the Regional Transit Committee. GRTA will provide \$150,000 in staff time.

Formal Action

A recommendation was made to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an MOU with the ARC to support the Regional Transit Committee. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

There was no new business.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Walter Deriso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary