

Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
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GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Walter M. Deriso, Jr. (Chair)
Lara Hodgson
Dwight Evans
Mike Byrd
Jerry Bowman
Alton Knight
Caric Martin
Narender Reddy
John A. Sibley, III
Dick Anderson
Bob Voyles
Al Nash
J.T. Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charlotte Nash
James Stephenson

*A quorum was present

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 1:40 p.m.

Mr. Deriso commented on the pro-transportation that had passed in the recent Georgia legislative session and as a result, additional opportunities have been presented to GRTA. Mr. Deriso also noted how well all the state and local transportation agencies have been working together.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2010 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of May 12, 2010 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 9, 2010 MEETING

The agenda for the June 9, 2010 meeting was approved as circulated.

Public Comment

There was no request for public comment.

Executive Director's Report

Faithful Service Award

Sonny Deriso presented Kirk Fjelstul with the Faithful Service Award for 10 years of outstanding service with GRTA.

Legislative Update

Kirk Fjelstul stated there were no committee meetings to report at ARC. In terms of legislative matters, Kirk stated that an executive meeting is planned for late July, encouraging the entire board to attend, as it will be more of a working session. The session will deal with the funding gap issues with Xpress, the H.B. 277 responsibility, and discussion of transit governance as our responsibilities will be with Human Services transportation coordination. This requires GRTA to develop a strategy for efficient delivery of federal and state resources related to the delivery of Human Services Transportation. GRTA will need to appoint a committee of the GDC (Governor's Development Council) which is required by law. A discussion followed.

Land Development Committee Report

Bob Voyles reported on the DRI monthly status report and commented on the presentation delivered by ARC on the Plan 2040 update for regional assessment findings. ARC looking at 30 years forward, this is required by federal planning mandates. ARC is taking a sustainable approach at various issues that impact the region's economic, environmental and social issues and how they work together. The presentation provided very interesting statistics including limitations on funding. Mr. Voyles commented that the discussion following was very interesting. There were no other items to report.

Operations and Finance Committee Report

Alton Knight reported on the Operations and Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Knight reported that the fund balance increased 4.6 million to 5.5 million. The balance sheet remains very liquid. On the Monthly Operations report, the two things noted were that the price of diesel fuel was down, which should have a positive effect on the recovery ratio, which some added accruals have brought the recovery ratio from 37% to 33% which still leaves it within the normal range.

Mr. Knight also reported on the Xpress Fare Increases, and the recommendations given, with pros and cons of implementing that strategy. A report on the Parking Fee Feasibility study was presented for board review. Mr. Knight noted that the potential revenues versus parking administration and capital expenditures did not indicate a good margin of excess cash flow.

Public comments were also given on the July 6th, Xpress services changes, was given and found many of these changes necessary for budgetary reasons.

Mr. Knight reported on the contract amendment with Veolia. The amendment is required to update the contract rates paid by GRTA to Veolia to keep them consistent. The Xpress route involved is route 408, which is a commuter route, involving nine (9) CNG buses with limited stop service in Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett and DeKalb counties that operate between Johns Creek in Forsyth and the Doraville MARTA station in DeKalb County. The contract negotiated to continue for one year. Mr. Knight reported that Mr. Ritchey requested that the committee recommend to the board that they authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract amendment to GRTA Contract No. 09-24 with Veolia Transportation Services, Inc. for the operation of Xpress Route 408 through June 30, 2011.

Formal Action

A recommendation by the committee was made to authorize the Acting Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract amendment for Veolia Transportation Services, Inc. for the operation of Xpress Route 408 through June 30, 2011. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Intergovernmental Agreement between GSFIC and GRTA for Construction Supervision

Alton Knight reported on the proposed MOU Agreement between GSFIC and GRTA for construction supervision by GSFIC for GRTA construction on Hamilton Mill Xpress Station. Mr. Knight reported that in the past GRTA has entered into governmental agreements with GDOT to help construct and oversee some of their park and ride lots. This agreement is to have GSFIC to assist us in this effort. The committee motioned for a recommendation to approve GRTA Contract No. 10-078 which defines the role of each party for the construction of the Hamilton Mill Xpress Station.

Formal Action

A recommendation by the committee was made to authorize the Acting Executive Director to negotiate and execute GRTA Contract No. 10-78 for the Intergovernmental Agreement between GSFIC and GRTA. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Projects and Planning Report

J. T. Williams reported that the Monthly Planning Newsletter was for information purposes with no discussion required. The Air Quality Report indicated that air quality in Atlanta has improved over other areas such as Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Williams commented that the reality is that our air quality is improving and it is positive information for the public. A brief discussion followed regarding TIP Amendment #10; more information will be available in July and will be discussed at the August board meeting. A thorough update was given on the RTC Retreat with recommendations on future governance given by ARC.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Walter Deriso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

Kitty Farias, Recording Secretary