

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

**GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2010**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sonny Deriso, Chairman
Alton Knight
Al Nash
John Sibley
Mike Byrd
Lara Hodgson
Dwight Evans
Caric Martin
Jerry Bowman
J. T. Williams
Charlotte Nash
Dick Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Stephenson
Bob Voyles
Narender Reddy

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 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2010 MEETING

Minutes for the meeting of April 14, 2010 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA FOR THE MAY 12, 2010 MEETING

The agenda for the May 12, 2010 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Deriso reported that items 11 and 12 under the Project and Planning Committee were not undertaken because of time constraints. Otherwise, the agenda was approved as circulated.

Public Comment

There was no request for public comment.

Executive Director's Report

Faithful Service Award

Kirk Fjelstul gave a ten year Faithful Service award to Crew Heimer. Mr. Fjelstul thanked Crew for his dedication and service to GRTA.

Legislative Update

Mr. Fjelstul reported that the General Assembly ended. The transportation issues have been discussed, and Mr. Fjelstul dispensed with further discussion.

ARC Committee Reports

TAQC

Charlotte Nash reported there was only one action item on the agenda for TAQC and that was adoption of the Regional Human Services Transportation Plan. There were updates on various topics.

ELUC

The ELUC report will be for informational purposes. Due to the absence of Narender Reddy no report will be given.

Land Development Committee Report

In the absence of Bob Voyles, Sonny Deriso reported on the meeting. Chuck Warbington of Gwinnett Village CID and Tom Boland from Cumberland CID were guest speakers. Mr. Warbington discussed Gwinnett County and Tom Boland discussed development in the Cumberland area. The focus in the future is going to be on housing and density near employment centers.

Operations and Finance Committee Report

Alton Knight reported on the Operations and Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Knight stated the fund balance is strong. There are no uncommitted funds. Ridership and revenues are down for monthly operations. April was the first month this year that there is increase this year. Operating expenses are down and the recovery ratio is 37%. Xpress service changes may be possible in the future. Federal funds and arterial road funds are ending. By April of 2011 the funds will be depleted. A proposed contract to engage a private operations service provider to operate the existing Xpress Route 400 and the planned new Xpress Route 411 was discussed.

Formal Action

A recommendation was made to authorize the Acting Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract for transit operation services with American Coach Lines of Atlanta for a maximum 5-year contract term. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

General Obligation Bond Resolutions

Mr. Knight reported that the committee recommended that the Acting Executive Director be authorized to sign a revised commitment letter with GSFIC which would allow GRTA to administer the contracts for park and ride facilities.

Formal Action

A recommendation was made to authorize the Acting Executive Director to sign a revised commitment letter with GSFIC which would allow GRTA to administer the contracts for park and ride facilities. 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 and the Monthly Air Quality Reports were for informational purposes only. The Planning Newsletter indicated there is possible a TIP amendment coming up. The Arterial CID report revealed that the majority of the approved budgets have not been spent. For every one dollar spent by the county there will be a \$12.4 return. Todd Long presented a report on HB 277.

Intergovernmental Agreement

GRTA provides staff to support the Planning Director's work on the Statewide Plan and implementation of H.B. 277. GRTA's staff has played a key role in support of GDOT's work on IT3 and development of the Statewide Strategic Plan. GDOT is interested in taking advantage of that experience as it moves forward with its work. GDOT would pay for the work using federal planning funds (SPR), and GRTA would supply the required 20% match. The intergovernmental agreement will advance GRTA's work on IT3, further align the State's planning efforts, and offset a portion of the budget reductions

Formal Action

A recommendation was made to authorize the Acting Executive Director to negotiate and execute an intergovernmental agreement with GDOT whereby GRTA provides staff to support the Planning Director's work on the Statewide Plan and implementation of H.B. 277. GDOT will use federal planning money for the work and GRTA will supply the 20% match. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deriso announced that Dick Anderson will be serving on all the board committees. The bylaws provide that the Executive Committee can have up to six members. With Mr. Anderson's appointment, the committee now has the full six. Mr. Deriso also announced that financial disclosures and ethics filings are due June 30.

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

APPROVED:

Walter Deriso, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

ATTEST:

Donna Canterbury, Recording Secretary