

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 800
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**Projects & Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2010**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. T. Williams, Chair
Al Nash
Jerry Bowman
John Sibley
Sonny Deriso
Dick Anderson
Dwight Evans
Charlotte Nash
Lara Hodgson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Narender Reddy
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 11:43 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2010 MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 12, 2010 MEETING

The agenda for the May 12, 2010 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was amended to delete the discussion of the Monthly Planning Newsletter and the Monthly Air Quality Report. H.B. 277 was moved within the agenda to be the first presentation to accommodate time restraints. The agenda was accepted as amended.

Planning Monthly Report

The Planning Monthly Report in the materials was for informational purposes only. No report was given.

Monthly Air Quality Report

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H.B. 277

Todd Long presented an overview of H.B. 277. Mr. Long reported that the bill creates 12 Special tax districts based on RC boundaries. Each District can levy 1% sales tax for 10 years and individual counties cannot opt out. Money raised in District stays in district, and the money is not subject to Congressional District Balancing. There are seven sections to the bill and section one and two assigns the DOT Commissioner the duties and responsibilities for the management of the budget, schedule, execution, and delivery of transportation projects around the State. The Director of Planning is to be approved by the Senate Transportation Committee, in addition to the House Transportation Committee. Section three makes changes to MARTA in that the 50/50 capital and operational

expenditures for three years (newly available funds are restricted from use on salary and wage increases) and changes MARTA Board by reducing from the membership from 18 to 12 members and eliminating three state members. The GDOT Commissioner remains on the MARTA Board as a voting member while the GRTA Executive Director will serve as a non-voting member. MARTA will also be allowed to expand into Cobb, Gwinnett, and Clayton. A referendum will be held to offer their citizens the option of joining MARTA. Counties that join MARTA would agree to pay the MARTA penny tax now paid by residents of Fulton County, DeKalb County, and the City of Atlanta and get two seats on the MARTA board. Mr. Long touched on other highlights of the bill. In conclusion Mr. Long said that GDOT will work with GRTA to sort through the bill in the future.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Services with GDOT

Kirk Fjelstul discussed the 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. 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.

COMMITTEE MOTION:

John Sibley moved that the committee 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. The motion was seconded by Dwight Evans. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

GRTA Arterial/CID Bi-Annual Status Update

Roger Henze presented the Arterial/CID Bi-Annual report. Mr. Henze reported that there are 51 projects. Fifteen projects are in design, three are in right-of-way and 21 are under construction. Eleven projects are complete. During the past two quarters \$16.1M in project costs has been paid. Of the \$264.5M, \$181.1M of total costs are authorized. Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Henry & GRTA have reached full authorization of their entire GRTA Arterial Programs. Buckhead, Downtown, Midtown & Perimeter CIDs have reached full authorization of their entire GRTA CID Programs. More than \$170M of \$315M in total combined State commitment delivered to date. Funding for all Arterial Program project phases not yet authorized has been converted from bonds to Federal/State funding.

J. T. Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m.