

**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 800
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**Projects & Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2010**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alton Knight
Caric Martin
Mike Byrd

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charlotte Nash
James Stephenson

*A quorum was present

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 12 pm.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2010 MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR JUNE 9, 2010 MEETING

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

J.T. commented on the recent legislation regarding federal funds for transit. A discussion by committee members followed regarding GRTA's role in if any, in the makeup of projects, as well as Georgia's transit governance.

Planning Monthly Report

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

Monthly Air Quality Report

Kai Zuehlke discussed the Monthly Air Quality Report. He reported that in May there were no unhealthy days, but that 20 of those days were moderate which is up from last year. May 1st was the start of the Ozone season, our first orange days reported on May 5th and 6th. Mr. Zuehlke also stated the American Lung Association released a report

called "State of the Air," which looks at Ozone and particle pollution. In general, the report states that air quality has improved overall as well as in the Atlanta region. Atlanta was ranked 19th among polluted cities in the U.S. For more information regarding this report, Mr. Zuehlke directed the committee to stateoftheair.org

TIP Amendment #10 Update

Kirk Fjelstul provided a brief update on the upcoming TIP Amendment #10. Information will be available in July. This amendment relates to changes requested by GDOT. A presentation is planned for the August committee and board meetings.

RTC Retreat Update

Kirk Fjelstul introduced Tom Weyandt who provided an update to the committee on the role and development of RTC as well as an overview of the June 2, RTC retreat. RTC has the primary charge of examining transit governance. The Regional Transit Committee was established as a policy committee of the Atlanta Regional Commission in January 2010 to focus on issues of regional transit system planning, funding and governance. The RTC builds upon the work of its predecessors, the Transit Implementation Board (TIB) and Transit Planning Board (TPB). Mr. Weyandt explained in detail how RTC was developed. At the retreat, the members brought in the Executive Director from the Chicago RTA and a Sacramento official. The idea was for them to speak to local governments on where transit governance may go. The principle issues studied at the retreat were on transit governance. The RTC decided that the board of a potential RTA should consist of 44 voting members. Mr. Weyandt discussed the makeup of such a board, and a discussion followed.

J. T. Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.