

Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 900
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1223

GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter M. Deriso, Jr. [Chair]
Mike Byrd
Caric Martin
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy
John A. Sibley
James Stephenson
Bob Voyles
J.T. Williams
Lara Hodgson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alton Knight
Jerry Bowman
Dwight Evans
Jeanie Thomas

All notice having been duly given, the regular meeting of 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 900, Atlanta, Georgia

CHAIR CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Sonny Deriso called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. Mr. Deriso introduced Al Nash, a new Board member. Mr. Desriso also called for a moment of meditation and for special thoughts and prayers for Board member Jeanie Thomas.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING:

Minutes for the meeting of September 10, 2008 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 8, 2008 MEETING:

Note was made that item 10 on the agenda is an action item. Otherwise, the agenda was accepted without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There are no requests for public comment.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

GDOT Audit Report

Dick Anderson introduced Gena Evans to present the report GDOT Audit Report. Mrs. Evans stated that she does not have the final numbers but the report is being finalized. She stated GDOT is doing the following: there is no new advance construction and that GDOT has ceased adding new projects to programs; required certification of funds on the project financial report prior to execution of contracts or supplemental agreements; completed an assessment of PeopleSoft Financial System and began implementation phase to move to project level budgeting; established project

contingencies beginning in April 2008; established a utility phase so utility costs can be funded prior to construction and tracked independently; established a Weekly Fund Status Report to provide real time fund balances for project authorizations; closed stale dated purchase orders (1998 – 2001); all back-log of unrecorded contracts / supplemental agreements entered into PeopleSoft Financial System; corrected financial records due to errors in coding, date entry, fund source, conversions, etc.; sized the program through Project Prioritization to ensure STIP will be financially constrained; reviewed an original list of 9000+ projects to determine what can be closed; and held a June Board Planning Session. She also stated that as GDOT moves through the coming months she will continue to attempt to balance the budget to present to the Legislature in 2009.

Faithful Service Award

Dick Anderson presented Shaun Green with a Faithful Service Award for five years.

ELUC Report

Narender Reddy reported that the Locust Grove Retail Project was deferred rather than turned down. Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem will be closing in 2011. There are plans from the local redevelopment authority to transform the bases into a thriving community.

TAQC Report

Charlotte Nash reported that the GDOT gave the project prioritization process report. Ms. Nash also reported that was a public participation plan presented and approved by the TAQC at the meeting.

Oglethorpe Award

William Mecke reported that the GRTA staff stepped up to the plate and GRTA is a recipient of the Oglethorpe Award.

2009 Board Schedule

Kirk Fjelstul made note to the Board that the meeting in November of 2009 falls on a holiday and the Board should take into consideration at the next meeting how to handle that meeting. Action will need to be taken at the November or December Board meeting.

Land Development Committee Report

Bob Voyles presented the report. He stated that 12 new DRI applications were received last month. He briefly reported that the Livable Community Coalition had a presentation by Chris Leinberger that was informative. A brief presentation by ARC was made regarding Access Management. The DRI Tracking Compliance discussion the GRTA staff continues to work on an approach to be presented in the November meeting.

Operations and Finance Committee Report

Sonny Deriso reported that in Alton Knight's absence he would be reporting. The monthly operations report reflects figures through the end of July. Ridership is continuing to rise on Xpress. Two lots that opened in the last year are now full. Standee ridership continues to increase. The monthly financial report showed no significant changes. August and September figures will be forthcoming.

Park and Ride ITS Agreement

The Park and Ride ITS Agreement is an action item and there was a request for an amendment to the current contract to add an additional \$650,000 for additional park and ride lots. The Committee recommended that the amendment to the contract be approved and that the contract be increased by \$650,000.

Formal Action:

A motion was made that the contract with Convergent Technologies be increased by \$650,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Park and Ride Agreements

The Committee recommended that the parking spaces be increased from 500 to 750 at Discover Mills and to provide for bus stop improvements.

Formal Action:

A motion was made that the parking spaces be increased from 500 to 750 at Discover Mills and that bus stop improvement be made. The motion passed unanimously.

Breeze Implement Status Report

The Breeze report was deferred until the November meeting.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

J. T. Williams reported that an update was given by Dick Anderson and Carrie Thompson on IT³. Todd Long reported on the Monthly Project Report and Dania reported on planning. Ms. Aponte reported that Congress added to the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Rob Goodwin reported significant improvement in the air quality of Atlanta. Cheryl King reported on the TPB. A proposed resolution was presented, and a recommendation was made by the Committee that Resolution 08-10-01 Adopting Modified Version Of Concept 3 As The Consensus Vision For Transit Investment In The Atlanta Region be approved as written.

Formal Action:

A motion was made that Resolution 08-10-01 approved as written. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Commuter Rail Update

A report was given by Mike Thomas from GDOT. The planned commencement of the commuter rail from Griffin to Atlanta is January 2011.

Project Piroritization Update

Kirk Fjelstul gave a brief update to the committee. A TIP amendment will be presented in the next few months and the Board is requested to anticipate a workshop session.

Mr. Derison formally introduced Al Nash. Mr. Nash spoke briefly and his background and expressed an interest in serving his community.

Mr. Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel

