



Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
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GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter M. Deriso, Jr. [Chair]
Mike Byrd
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy
John A. Sibley
James Stephenson
Bob Voyles
Lara Hodgson
Jerry Bowman
Al Nash
Jeanie Thomas
Alton Knight
Dwight Evans

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Caric Martin
J.T. Williams

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 1:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2008 MEETING:

Minutes for the meeting of October 8, 2008 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2008 MEETING:

The agenda for the November 12, 2008 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda was accepted without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There are no requests for public comment.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Approval of 2009 Board Meeting Schedule

The schedule of the 2009 meetings has been changed to reflect the change of date for the November meeting. The normal meeting day falls on a holiday.

Formal Action

Al Nash moved to accept the 2009 meeting schedule as presented. Sonny Deriso seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Faithful Service Award

Dick Anderson presented Darby Mori with a Faithful Service Award for ten years and thanked Mrs. Mori for her service.

Mr. Anderson also stated that GRTA received an award for the TRIP program.

ELUC Report

Narender Reddy reported that there was a proposal to update the 2008 Unified Growth Policy Map. The Henry County Commissioner objected to the update reasoning that it does not accurately reflect existing and planned development patterns in Henry County. The resolution was deferred at this time. There was also a resolution on ARC's Green Communities Program which includes a voluntary certification process that recognizes local governments' achievements in increasing environmental sustainability including energy efficiency, green power, water use reduction and efficiency, transportation and air quality, and recycling and waste reduction education. The resolution was approved. There was also an update on the two DRI's that staff is currently reviewing. Both DRI's have been preliminarily recommended by staff to not be in the best interest of the region. A 30 day extension was requested to revise these projects.

TAQC Report

Charlotte Nash reported that the briefing at TAQC was similar to the briefing presented by Gena Evans at the board meeting in October. Dick Anderson presented an update on IT³. The TIP Amendment schedule will need to be readjusted pursuant to GDOT's reassessment.

Land Development Committee Report

Bob Voyles presented the report. He stated that the DRI Monthly Status report and the Land Use Monthly report were given. A presentation was given on Access Management progress regarding interview times with the private and public sector to get outside interest and participation in some of the issues that have been presented. The time frame to finish working through this is to try to have the plan in place by the end of the second quarter of 2009. The other presentation was on the DRI Tracking and Compliance. The staff is continuing to look at different issues and will come back to the board for further policy discussion.

Operations and Finance Committee Report

Alton Knight reported that the Monthly Operations report was given for August and September. The Monthly Financial report was also given, and the fund remains strong. There was a transfer from the general fund to cover some of the cost for the McKinsey report. The Breeze implementation status report informed the Committee that GRTA was going full speed ahead with the project and that work is ongoing with MARTA to implement the program. A GDOT MOU was reviewed and the Basic Order Agreements. The Committee voted to bring as a recommendation to the Board that the MOU entered into in August of 2007 be approved and that the Executive Director be given the authority to negotiate and enter into agreements with GDOT regarding the Basic Order Agreements.

Formal Action

A motion was made on recommendation of the Committee that the Executive Director be given the authority to negotiate and execute the intergovernmental agreement with GDOT and that the Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the 18 Basic Order Agreements identified in the materials. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

In the absence of J. T. Williams, Sonny Deriso reported that the Monthly Planning report was brief and that there had been a forum wherein there was discussion of the President elect's views on infrastructure and reinvestment.

The Air Quality report indicated that there were 16 days when air quality was good and 16 days when it was moderate and there were no unhealthy days.

The TPB report was given by Cheryl King with visuals that indicate how a station would appear in a particular location. It is being used as part of a survey. There are combined meetings coming up in December and the TPB will phase out in December. There are recommendations as to what the next steps should be and it will be voted on in December. Ms. King also announced she has accepted the Assistant General Manager at MARTA and will begin her new position immediately.

The TRANSIMS report was about applied research and a tool used to quantify congestion impacts for transportation projects that could be used in project prioritization. It is an 18 month project that would be ending in September of next year and involves TRANSIMS and MOVES. The results of these models will be compared with the models currently in use and will determine if these are the models to be used going forward.

Roger Henze gave the Arterial and CID report. After a very favorable report last quarter, Mr. Henze reported for this quarter the number of projects had been scaled back and that the lack of funding from GDOT had slowed progress.

An update was received on project prioritization from Kirk Fjelstul. Mr. Fjelstul reported that there may be a major amendment in June of 2009. In December the board will be looking at a schedule they will be considering for a major amendment.

Carrie Thompson gave a report on IT³ during the lunch hour.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel