**Georgia Regional Transportation Authority**
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 900
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# GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
## December 10, 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
Caric Martin
J.T. Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dwight Evans

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 1:55 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2008 MEETING:**

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

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING:**

The agenda for the December 10, 2008 committee meeting has been circulated. There is an additional item to be added regarding the lease of the GRTA office spaces. The agenda was accepted without objection.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There are no requests for public comment.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Community Involvement**

William Mecke reported that the charitable contributions campaign increased. The Can-A-Thon was held at Discover Mills. Boxes were placed on the coaches and approximately 1,500 cans of foods were donated.

**Faithful Service Award**

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

**ELUC Report**

Narender Reddy reported that the unified growth is balancing out for next year. There were some problems with Henry County, and the staff agreed to work with Henry County and the City of Sandy Springs and a resolution was adopted to approve the UGPM for the coming year. The DCA rules were adopted on November 5 and will become effective on July 1, 2009. In the regional snapshot, Atlanta is still leading in the economy. The DRI score sheet was tabled because the checklist is incompatible with the GRTA checklist. Three DRI projects that were not in the best interest of the region were Henderson Farms, Foxhall Village and Summit Jodeco. The developer has taken a 30 deferral to continue to work with the staff to resolve the issues.

**TAQC Report**

Charlotte Nash reported the Freight & Logistics Task Force made recommendations and the recommendations are being considered in conjunction with the IT3 study. The TIP amendment scheduled was also updated. The TPB's Concept 3 was considered and approved.

**IT3 Presentation**

Carrie Thompson reported that Georgia, over the last several decades, has seen a rapid growth in economy and population. The transportation investments have been a key part of that success. Over the last 20 years Georgia has undermanaged and underinvested in those assets. The lack of investment has contributed to performance gaps and put Georgia's quality of life and economic growth at risk. Investing in the future of Georgia's transportation is the only way to bridge the gaps.

**Land Development Committee Report**

Bob Voyles presented the report. He stated that the DRI Monthly Status Report was given and that a representative from GDOT gave a report on access management. There will be informal meetings scheduled in the future to include government people as well as private developers to discuss how access management policies may be modified. Further updates after the first of the year will be heard on DRI Tracking and Compliance.

**Operations and Finance Committee Report**

Alton Knight reported that the monthly operations ridership was down compared to the prior projection, but the fuel cost is expected to be lower. The fund balance had decreased due to payments to McKinsey. There are contracts from two providers for the van pool: VPSI and Enterprise. The committee recommended that the Executive Director negotiate and execute two contracts. One contract would be with VPSI in an amount not to exceed $1,584,000.00 and the other would be with Enterprise in an amount not to exceed $475,200.00.

**Formal Action**

A motion was made that the Executive Director negotiate and execute two contracts. One contract would be with VPSI in an amount not to exceed $1,584,000.00 and the other would be with Enterprise in an amount not to exceed $475,200.00. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously

The committee also recommended that four coaches be moved from Route 408 to Route 412 and that a change in the fare policy be made in ending the reverse commute fare and a change in the ticket book from ten rides for $2.70 instead of 20 rides for $45.00 and to change the monthly pass from $80.00 to $100.00 per month.

**Formal Action**

A motion was made that coaches be moved from Route 408 to Route 412 and that the following changes be made to the fare policy: ticket book from ten rides for $2.70 instead of 20 rides for $45.00 and to change the monthly pass from $80.00 to $100.00 per month. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

**GRTA OFFICE LEASE**

GRTA was approached by the landlord to move the office space because of interest by another party to take over the space on the ninth floor. The committee recommended that the Executive Director to be authorized to negotiate and execute a no cost amendment to the GRTA lease for movement to another floor. The inducement to move would include new office furniture and carpeting.

**Formal Action**

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute a no cost amendment to the GRTA lease for movement to another floor. As a Committee recommendation no second was required.

**Projects and Planning Committee Report**

J. T. Williams reported that Gerald Ross presented a report on HOV/HOT. Mr. Ross reported that only $95,000,000 would be available to each district. Kirk Fjelstul reported on the strategic planning update. The timetable for the future for January through March was given. There was a good air quality report. Cheryl King gave the final TPB report.

**Formal Action**

A motion was made that grant funds be transferred to MARTA. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

**Formal Action**

A motion was made the contract with JJG be extended for one year. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

A report from Todd Long regarding TRIP was also presented today. Approximately three hours of traffic time is being saved by the TRIP teams.

Kirk Fjelstul made a presentation of HOV/HOT.

**Formal Action**

A motion was made that the HOV/HOT MOU be approved. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Recording Secretary**

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**Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel**