



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]
Dwight Evans
Mike Byrd
Jerry Bowman
Caric Martin
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy
John A. Sibley
James Stephenson
Jeanie Thomas
Bob Voyles
J.T. Williams
Lara Hodgson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alton Knight

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 Desiro called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2008 MEETING AND AUGUST 13, 2008 MEETING:

Minutes for the meeting of June 11, 2008 and August 13, 2008 were reviewed and approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING:

The agenda was approved as circulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There are no requests for public comment.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

IT³ UPDATE

Dick Anderson reported on the IT³, and stated the project is going very well. Mr. Anderson introduced Shannon Peloquin and Patrick Viguerie from McKinsey. Ms. Peloquin and Mr. Viguerie presented a summary of the work done to date and gave plans for the future. Goals for Georgia include supporting Georgia's economic growth and competitiveness; ensuring safety and security; maximizing the value of GA's transportation assets; and protecting the environment. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Faithful Service Awards

Mr. Anderson reported that there were no awards to be given at the meeting.

ARC Committee Reports

ELUC Report

Narender Reddy reported that the population increase for the next 10 years was discussed. Also a DRI project in Henry County called Locust Grove Retail Project was discussed. A motion to approve the Locust Grove Retail Project was tabled for 30 days.

TACQ Report

Charlotte Nash reported that the most important item on the last meeting agenda was the TIP Amendment. Ms. Nash also reported the discussions of the importance of coordinating the activities of all the groups.

Kirk Fjelstul asked the Board members to complete a contact information page found in their Board books and to also complete the per diem forms in their entirety.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Development Committee Report

Bob Voyles reported that the DRI and Land Use Monthly Status reports were given. There was also a presentation regarding the customer service program and the DRI tracking annual compliance report. The discussion centered around the issues of compliance and enforcement.

Operations and Finance Committee

Sonny Deriso reported that operations are up about 30%, and the revenue hours are on target. There are several routes that continue to have standing customers. The monthly financial report showed a significant balance, but at the end of the next fiscal year there will be a decrease due to prior commitments. The Xpress fare policy presentation reviewed public and private benefits. VPSI ridership is up and the amount of the contract of the vanpool services agreement should be increased. The Committee recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with VPSI to increase the amount of the contract to \$1,972,800.

Formal Action:

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with VPSI to increase the amount of the contract to \$1,972,800. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Grant Resolutions

A recommendation was made by the Committee that for four grant applications be approved. These grants include GDOT FY 2005 STP Transfer (GA-90-X270) (Resolution 08-09-01); FY 05 5307 (GA-90-X260) (Resolution 08-09-02); FY 2007 / 2008 CMAQ (GA-95-X011) (Resolution 08-09-03); and FY 2006 CMAQ (GA-90-X267) (Resolution 08-09-04). The grants include \$19 million of federal and state funding including funds for nine Xpress coaches and \$13.7 million for operating assistance for new Xpress services.

Formal Action:

A motion was made that Resolutions 08-09-01, 08-09-02, 08-09-03 and 08-09-04 be approved as written. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Park and Ride Agreements

The Committee recommended that Executive Director be given the authority to negotiate and execute a park and ride lease with First Baptist Church in Woodstock to provide more parking spots at the Park and Ride.

Formal Action

A motion was made that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with the First Baptist Church of Woodstock which provides more parking spaces.

Mike Byrd addressed the Board and stated that as a full disclosure he wanted the Board to know that he is a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodstock. Sonny Deriso stated that counsel had previously advised him that that membership in First Baptist Church of Woodstock was not a conflict.

As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously

Projects and Planning Committee Report

J. T. Williams reported that there were two special presentations: the TRIP report and the Project Prioritization Update.

Formal Action:

TIP Amendment #3 was presented to the Board as Resolution 08-09-05 for approval as recommended by the Committee. A motion was made that Resolution 08-09-05 be approved as written. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously

Formal Action:

The Strategic Plan was presented to the Board for approval as recommended by the Committee. A motion was made that the Strategic Plant be accepted. As a Committee recommendation no second was required. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deriso announced that Dwight Evans is going to be serving on the Operations & Finance Committee and the Project and Planning Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel