



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

Land Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon Beach [Chair]
Walter M. Deriso, Jr.
Mike Byrd
Jerry Bowman
Caric Martin
John A. Sibley
Jeanie Thomas
Bob Voyles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alton Knight
J.T. Williams

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dwight Evans

All notice having been duly given, the Land Development Committee of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia

Brandon Beach called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2008 MEETING:

Motion was made to approve the May 14, 2008 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and a vote taken. The minutes unanimously approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 11, 2008 MEETING:

The agenda for the June 11, 2008 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda will stand as submitted.

DRI Monthly Status Report

DRI Policy Revisions Update

DRI revision 1131 Avenues at Forsyth.

A request came from Cousins Properties. The purpose is to remove some conditions relating to requiring Park & Ride spaces and details in parking lot to allow bus movement. There have been continued discussions between Cousins and GRTA since August 2006. There is a mutual agreement not to have a Park & Ride. It is not exclusively a request from Cousins but by GRTA South as well. A revision would just be to remove the Park & Ride lot. This is an item that would typically be done administratively. The Executive Director has the authority to make this decision. The reason it has come to the committee is that Mr. Anderson has a conflict by sitting on the board of a non-profit by sitting in on negotiations for purchase of the property on the DRI, so he has deferred to this committee to make the decision.

Formal Action: Caric Martin made a motion to remove the parking facilities requirement for DRI. The motion was seconded by John Sibley. Motion carried.

DRI Appeal for Buckhead Place

The applicant, Crowe Realty, has requested a deferral. The deferral is unrelated to the appeal and the issues previously discussed. They may come back in August. There is a meeting set up with GDOT, the City of Atlanta, GRTA and the development team. No action needed at this time.

Dwight Evans was introduced as a new GRTA Board member.

Access Management Discussion

Laura Beall gave a presentation on the access management program. It looks at the broader role GRTA plays in access management. It is statute specific to access management. GRTA has power and control to limit access but has not.

There was a discussion by Sonny Deriso regarding the meaning of the statute. The Board will be hearing about various ways or forms of access management in the exercise of that authority.

Further discussion was by Kirk Fjelstul, Laura Beall and Mike Robinson regarding access management.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandon Beach adjourned the meeting at 10:23.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel



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Planning and Projects Committee
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June 11, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.T. Williams [Chair]
Walter M. Deriso, Jr.
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy
John A. Sibley
James Stephenson
Jeanie Thomas
Bob Voyles

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Caric Martin
Alton Knight
Mike Byrd
Dwight Evans
Brandon Beach

All notice having been duly given, the Planning and Projects Committee of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Williams, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2008 MEETING:

A motion was made by John Sibley to approve the May 14, 2008 meeting minutes with the correction.

Formal Action: A motion was made by and seconded. A vote was taken, and the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 11, 2008 MEETING:

The agenda for the June 11, 2008 committee meeting has been circulated. The agenda will stand as submitted.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING DISCUSSION

Monthly Project Report

Roger Henze presented the monthly project report for Marvin Woodward. Mr. Henze noted that the Park & Ride lot in Hiram has been authorized for construction and the notice to proceed is expected by the end of the month. The design process/project development for Town Center, Douglas Boulevard, Tara Boulevard and Sigmund Road lot expansion are progressing quickly. Work on the Arterial Bond Program with GDOT and the county partners is progressing. Gerald Ross has assisted in finding appropriate financial resources, and a record has been set in the last two months for new projects being authorized for construction. Over the next three months it is expected that construction will be authorized and bids be taken on a number of higher profile projects which include Roswell Road and State 120 Loop interchange in Cobb County as well as Abernathy Road in Fulton County and the McGinnis Ferry Road Bridge placement project.

Monthly Planning Report

The Atlanta Regional Housing Forum took place in June and focused on communities south of the I-20 corridor. The second item is the 2008 supplemental grants that were awarded.

Air Quality Monthly Report

Jim Ritchey stated that the air quality report was acceptable and there were only two unhealthy days in May for sensitive groups

Transit Planning Board Report

Cheryl King reported that most of the MOA's for community improvement has been signed and almost all of them have been invoiced for local matching funds. A meeting with ULI is scheduled for next week to confirm terms and conditions for the grant. The public involvement has been officially closed for concept 3, but there are still meetings with some of the groups. Ms. King stated that she was at the APTA Rail Conference in San Francisco and one of the key issues was providing security for the transit system. Another key issue was customer service.

MOU Projects Update

Kirk Fjelstul discussed the MOU and related projects. Prioritization is for the short term project decisions as GDOT as it reprioritizes projects for the coming year. There is a current set of issues that need to be resolved. The Congestion Mobility Project is a singular strategy that looks at how federal and state transportation resources are going to be used to achieve goals in the long term. Dick Anderson addressed questions the state plan.

Kirk Fjelstul discussed the interim TIP Amendment.

Kirk Fjelstul reported on TIP Amendment 2 and explained why some of the items were moved from long range to TIP. The floor was opened for discussion and comments were made by various Board members regarding the fact that they were pleased with the response of the GDOT and pleased with the information and updates provided.

Formal Action: Motion was made by Jerry Bowman and seconded by Charlotte Nash that TIP Amendment 2 be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kirk Fjelstul also noted that there will probably be amendments on a quarterly basis and the next amendment would probably be during the September Board meeting.

Mr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:10.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Operations and Finance Committee
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alton Knight, Chair
Walter M. Deriso, Jr.
Brandon Beach
Mike Byrd
Caric Martin
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dwight Evans
Jerry Bowman
John A. Sibley
Jeanie Thomas
Bob Voyles
J.T. Williams

All notice having been duly given, the Operations and Finance Committee of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority was held at the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority office, 245 Peachtree Center Avenue, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Knight, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2008 MEETING:

The minutes approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 11, 2008 MEETING:

The agenda for the June 11, 2008 committee meeting has been circulated. One item needs to be added to the agenda: the McDonald Final Settlement.

Formal Action: There were no objections to amending the agenda to reflect the McDonald Final Settlement. A vote was taken, and the agenda is approved as amended.

OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT

Jim Ritchey presented a report on the April 30 operations report. The idea behind the Xpress route is to improve interstate passenger capacity. The ridership goal was met for the month of May. Services were added to accommodate passengers that had to stand while riding. Until new coaches are delivered we are at the maximum amount of service that can be delivered. The 2009 Action Plan was presented, and Mr. Ritchey has asked that 28 coaches be ordered to accommodate ridership. The Governor approved the order last week and funds are available through the Federal Transit Administration or through funds that GDOT has previously authorized. The buses will be delivered in November, December and next spring. Construction for a station in Hiram should begin soon. Negotiations are continuing for stations at Town Center, Jonesboro, Douglas Boulevard, Newnan and Sigmund Road. All should be under construction within the next year. Special attention is being given to expanding the lot in McDonough and the location on Jodico Road. The fare policy will be addressed in August or September.

Mr. Ritchey opened the floor for questions and was asked about fares being raised. He stated that it is not about revenue but about getting the numbers to increase in ridership and getting riders out of private automobiles.

Dick Anderson relayed information from a meeting with the Governor and stated that the Governor is very pleased with the service, with an increase in the number of riders and the results of customer service surveys. The Governor also told Mr. Anderson that he no longer views this program as a pilot but as an operating offering.

FINANCIAL MONTHLY REPORT

Monique Simmons, Deputy Director of Administration, presented the monthly financial report. The fund balance continues to grow and is expected to have a strong balance at the end of the fiscal year. Some of the funding for Xpress operations will likely come from the fund balance. Future plans include replacement of computer equipment. The contractual services are not where they should be, but the funds will carry over to 2009. The 2009 fiscal budget has been submitted to OPB.

TPB Contract Amendment

Cheryl King reported that the TPB received additional funding, and the contract with the consulting firm needs to be amended to enable the TPB to finish work by the end of the year. 100% of the money will come from grant money and matching dollars from the community improvement districts.

Committee Motion: The Committee recommended that the Board authorizes the Board Chair and the Executive Director to execute this Amendment and add the funds to the contract. Motion was made by Mike Byrd and seconded by Martin Caric to accept the Amendment. Vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Convergent Technologies Amendment

Jim Ritchey reported that we are installing security cameras, voice analysis system and emergency call boxes in the park & ride lots. An initial contract was secured with Convergent Technologies, and an additional \$50,000 needs to be added to the contract. The Board is asked to execute an amendment in the amount of \$50,000.

Committee Motion: The Committee recommended that the Board authorize the Board Chair and the Executive Director to execute the amendment to the Convergent Technologies contract to add funds to the. A motion was made by Caric Martin and seconded by Sonny Deriso to accept the Amendment. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Park & Ride Lot Leases

Jim Ritchey reported that we currently have three proposals out for leases and others are likely to occur because the percentage of riders is up and the lots need to be expanded. Mr. Ritchey asked for approval of the lease expansion.

Committee Motion: The Committee recommended that the Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate the three leases. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion was unanimously carried.

Bus Contract

Jim Ritchey requested action to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an agreement for purchase of up to 28 new Xpress buses.

Formal Action: The Committee recommended that that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate the agreement for the purchase of up to 28 new Xpress buses. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion was unanimously carried.

McDonald Final Settlement

Jim Ritchey presented a synopsis of the settlement. The contract expired June 30, 2007. GRTA identified deferred maintenance and liquidated damages in the last six weeks of operation and McDonald Transit disputed the amount of damages. Mr. Ritchey requested action to authorize the Executive Director negotiate and execute the final release including a final payment to McDonald Transit in the amount of \$138,801.52.

Formal Action

The Committee recommended that the Executive Director negotiate and execute the final release including a final payment to McDonald Transit in the amount of \$138,801.52. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Knight adjourned the meeting was adjourned at 11:11.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

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GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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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

Sonny Deriso, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Mr. Deriso opened the meeting with an introduction of new Board member Dwight Evans.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2008 MEETING:

Minutes for the May 14, 2008 were approved as circulated.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 11, 2008 MEETING:

Changes to the Agenda are as follows: Item 5 is not an action item; 13a was added, the McDonald Contract Settlement; item 21 is being covered under the Executive Director's report rather than Projects & Planning; Projects & Planning will follow the Executive Director's report. With those Agenda changes, a Motion was made by John Sibley and seconded by Jeanie

Thomas to accept the Agenda with the noted changes. The agenda was unanimously approved with changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There are no requests for public comment.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Formal Action

Dick Anderson requested that the Board note the proposal to engage McKinsey & Company for a consulting contract. The contract would produce a long term mobility strategy for Georgia.

Formal Action:

A motion was made by Brandon Beach and seconded by Mike Byrd that the Executive Director be authorized to negotiate a contract with McKinsey & Company up to \$2.5 million. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

John Keys introduced Daniel Welch, summer intern. Mr. Keys updated the Board on appropriations for 2008 and 2009. He introduced Kevin Green to report on the Clean Air Campaign. Mr. Green said that the growth of the campaign is due to rising gas prices, ozone restrictions and the global need for oil. Commuters are rethinking their efforts on travel and going green.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Projects and Planning Committee Report

Committee Action:

J. T. Williams briefed the Board on the committee reports. The TIP Amendment 2 was reviewed, and the committee voted unanimously that TIP Amendment be approved. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion was approved unanimously.

ARC Committee Report

Charlotte Nash gave a general update on the committee.

Oglethorpe

William Mecke presented a report on Oglethorpe. He compared it the Baldrige Award. A self-assessment was completed. The second stage is the progress award. The final stage is the Georgia Oglethorpe Award. The Oglethorpe reviewers reviewed material and interviewed staff for a week. A report is due in August.

Land Development Committee

Brandon Beach reported that there were no changes to the DRI Monthly Status report. The committee took action on DRI Revision 1131 which is the Avenues at Forsyth. It dealt with parking spaces and the Board does not need to take any action. DRI 1625 Buckhead Place was supposed to be heard, but it has been deferred until August. Access management was also discussed.

Operations and Finance Committee

Alton Knight reported that the Xpress program is booming. There is a possibility that ridership may exceed the numbers that were projected for 2010, but that will be known when the May figures are in. The Monthly Financial Report is strong and the fund is growing.

Committee Action:

The contract with Jordan, Jones & Goulding was an action item by the committee, and the committee recommends that the Executive Director be given the power to negotiate with Jordan, Jones & Goulding be paid so that the project can be completed. Chair Sonny Deriso asked the Board to approve the recommendation. As a Committee recommendation, no second was needed. The Board approved the recommendation with a unanimous decision.

Committee Action:

Mr. Knight also advised the Board that additional funds were needed to complete a project being worked on by Convergent Technologies, Inc. The committee recommends that the Executive Director be given the power to negotiate with Convergent Technologies so that the park & ride lots can be completed. Chair Sonny Deriso asked the Board to approve the recommendation. As a Committee recommendation, no second was needed. The Board approved the recommendation with a unanimous decision.

Committee Action:

We are in need of additional parking spaces at park & ride lots. The committee recommends that the Executive Director be given the power to negotiate and execute the leases for the park & ride lots in Newnan, Covington and Stockbridge. Chair Sonny Deriso asked the Board to approve the recommendation. As a Committee recommendation, no second was needed. The Board approved the recommendation with a unanimous decision.

Committee Action:

The Operations and Finance Committee voted to authorize the Chairman and the Executive Director to enter into a contract for the acquisition of 28 new coaches. The committee recommends that the Chairman and Executive Director be given the authority to negotiate and execute the contract. Chair Sonny Deriso asked the Board to approve the recommendation. As a Committee recommendation, no second was needed. The Board approved the recommendation with a unanimous decision.

Committee Action:

Mr. Knight also reported that a final settlement with McDonald Transit was reached. The committee recommends that the Chairman and Executive Director be given the authority to negotiate a final release including a final payment to McDonald Transit. Chair Sonny Deriso asked the Board to approve the recommendation. As a Committee recommendation, no second was needed. The Board approved the recommendation with a unanimous decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Deriso reminded everyone that there is a July 1 deadline for financial disclosures.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Recording Secretary

Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel