

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

**Land Development Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
August 13, 2008

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Voyles, Chairman  
Sonny Deriso  
Mike Byrd  
Jerry Bowman  
Caric Martin  
John A. Sibley, III  
Jeanie Thomas

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lara Hodgson  
Dwight Evans  
Alton Knight  
Charlotte Nash  
Narender Reddy

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Sonny Deriso introduced new Board member Lara Hodgson.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2008 MEETING:**

Minutes for the meeting of June 11, 2008 were incomplete. The June 11, 2008 minutes will be reviewed and approved at the meeting September 10, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 13, 2008 MEETING:**

The agenda for the August 13, 2008 committee meeting has been circulated. A motion was made by Jerry Bowman and seconded by Caric Martin that the agenda will stand as submitted. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**DRI Monthly Status Report**

Laura Beall stated that this item is for information purposes only, and there is nothing to report.

## **Land Use Monthly Report**

Laura Beall reported that this is to give an update on some other activities in the land use program. This report will be a regular item on the agenda in the future. There was a discussion among the Committee members regarding the monthly report and the modeling and reporting that will come in the months ahead.

## **DRI APPEAL**

### **DRI #1652 Buckhead Place**

Kirk Fjelstul updated the Committee members regarding the issue of the median. There have been extended discussions between all the parties regarding the proposal that would address the median. As a result there is a new recommendation for this DRI.

Laura Beall announced that John Lundeen and Gary Farmer were present from Coro Realty to give their perspective on the project. Ms. Beall introduced Julie McQueen to give a report on the project.

Ms. McQueen gave a presentation on the resolution and the staff recommendation. The staff recommended that the Committee approved the Revised Notice of Decision to reflect that Site Driveway #3 shall be restricted to a left-in right-in right-out only; Site Driveway #3 shall provide a direct non-gated vehicular connection to Driveway #1 (Maple Drive); Site Driveway #1 (Maple Drive) shall provide a non-gated vehicular connection to Driveway #4 (Tower Place); Maintain the direct vehicular connection from Maple Drive to adjacent property to the north to allow for inter-parcel access between Peachtree Road at Driveway 1 and Piedmont Road at Driveway 4; and provide a raised median on Piedmont Road from Peachtree Street to Site Driveway #4 (Tower Place).

Woody Galloway expressed the thanks of Coro Realty for the cooperation of all the parties involved. Mr. Galloway asked for approval pursuant to the recommendation of the staff.

### **Formal Action:**

A motion revising DRI #1652 consistent with the staff recommendation was made by Caric Martin and seconded by Jerry Bowman. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Access Management**

Laura Beall stated that work is beginning on an access management initiative. The staff is developing a program. Ms. Beall introduced Michael Roberson to give an update on the progress of the program.

Mr. Roberson reiterated the benefits of access management and presented the program components. The Board will be informed of the progress at future Board meetings. A question and answer session was opened, and Mr. Roberson responded to the questions presented by the Board.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Sonny Deriso adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.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**

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**Planning and Projects Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 13, 2008**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

J.T. Williams, Chair  
Jerry Bowman  
Charlotte Nash  
Narender Reddy  
John A. Sibley, III  
Jeanie Thomas  
Bob Voyles

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

James Stephenson

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Caric Martin  
Dwight Evans  
Mike Byrd  
Lara Hodgson  
Sonny Deriso  
Alton Knight

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 10:17 a.m.

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Mr. Williams introduced Todd Long as a new staff member.

**PROJECTS AND PLANNING DISCUSSION**

**Monthly Project Report**

Todd Long presented the Monthly Project Report. GRTA is continuing to look for Park & Ride lots. The focus is centered on Newnan, Cobb County and the Town Center area. The map report is now located on the web site. The TRIP program is proceeding very well. A detailed report of the program will be forthcoming that shows the clearance time for major incidents.

### **Quarterly Arterial and CID Update**

Roger Henze reported that 43% of the projects are either under construction or complete as we move forward. There were \$7,000,000 in costs paid during the quarter, and \$150,000,000 is authorized for expenditure. Eight projects were authorized for construction this quarter. 57% of the entire program fund is now authorized for expenditures.

Continuing progress was made with CID during the quarter, although no new projects were authorized.

### **Monthly Planning Report**

Instead of a usual Monthly Planning Report, the Board was provided with a transportation fact book compiled by ARC. The fact book gives information on growth and development, travel patterns, infrastructure and any transportation issues.

### **Air Quality Monthly Report**

Rob Goodwin reported on the air quality for June and July. In June and July there were no days that fell within the good range where both particulate matter and ozone were in balance. Of the 61 days that were covered by the report, 32 days had temperatures that exceeded 90° which can contribute to the air quality. The Clean Air Interstate Rule was vacated. The Clean Air Interstate Rule was designed to reduce the regional emissions which would help to improve particulate matter and ozone. The court found that this rule was fatally flawed. Rob reported that this could have an impact on Georgia's air quality because neighboring states had not adopted the rule.

### **Transit Planning Board Report**

Cheryl King reported that the committees recommend that the Board adopt concept three as a regional transit vision plan. That recommendation will go to the Board on August 28, 2008. Also a plan for regional government structure will be presented to the Board, and it is hoped that by December 2008 the Board will make its recommendation to the region.

### **MOU Projects Update**

Kirk Fjelstul introduced Donna Canterberry, the new Board secretary. Mr. Fjelstul reported on the MOU Projects. He explained that some of the previous elements of the MOU Projects have been subsumed into the IT<sup>3</sup> program. Next month the report will include a prioritization update. Sonny Deriso also added that the people involved continue to meet and that the work is being done to advance the projects. A discussion followed among the staff and Board members regarding the.

### **Interim TIP Amendment Process**

Dania Aponte reported that the interim TIP Amendment Process has been developed to assist the GRTA Board with the Amendments as they were offered. It presents a set of core questions used for addressing TIP amendments that do not affect conformity.

### **TIP Amendment 3**

Kirk Fjelstul introduced special guests from various agencies. Mr. Fjelstul told the Board that a vote would be forthcoming in September. He said that the amendment would be different than the usual amendments. It is not a capacity amendment. It is a CMAQ special type call for project for particulate matter. Particulate matter is a new regulated pollutant. One of the primary sources of this type of pollutant is diesel engines. The primary sources are

freight engines, particularly in freight yards. One of the ways to deal with the pollutants is with diesel retrofitting. He proceeded to give a presentation of the amendment.

**Strategic Plan/Plan On A Page**

Kirk Fjelstul presented a report on the Strategic Plan for FY 09. GRTA is upgrading the Strategic Plan and the Board will see more in the coming months. Goals and objectives have been set, and the staff has prioritized the strategies to reach the goals.

Plan On A Page was presented by William Mecke. He related that Dick Anderson had asked for a simple overview that could be placed in a pocket. The front of the page presents an overview of GRTA, and the back page gives a quarterly progress report. Formal quarterly reports will be given in the future.

Mr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:30 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**

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**Operations and Finance Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 13, 2008**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alton Knight, Chair  
Dick Anderson  
Sonny Deriso  
Mike Byrd  
Caric Martin  
Charlotte Nash  
Narender Reddy

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lara Hodgson  
Dwight Evans  
Alton Knight  
John Sibley  
Jeanie Thomas  
J. T. Williams  
Dwight Evans  
Bob Voyles  
Jerry Bowman

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 10:32 a.m.

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**OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT**

Jim Ritchey reported that the goal of Xpress is to improve interstate passenger capacity. Ridership continues to increase. There are approximately 3,500 trips per month. Some of the worst overcrowding in buses is from Newnan to Downtown and Douglasville to Downtown. Breeze has been implemented. There were some software problems, but it has been corrected. Jerome Parker said that communications between all the agencies has been superb. Jim Ritchey said that the coaches have been ordered, and delivery will begin in October. He also stated delivery of the new coaches would help ease the number of riders that have to stand.

Jim Ritchey reported on the PTM contract. We are in final contract negotiations and a positive outcome is expected by the end of the month.

### **FINANCIAL MONTHLY REPORT**

Monique Simmons reported that there is no report this month because we are trying to close out the fiscal year. She is waiting for some final information and did not want to provide erroneous figures. Ms. Simmons reported that OPB requested that we submit amended fiscal year FY09 and FY10 with budget cuts of 6%, 8% and 10%. OPB has also given us information on curtailing expenses. There is a State employee hiring suspension. We will not be filling any positions unless it is critical. The budget has to be submitted to OPB by September 2, 2008.

### **Park & Ride Lot Leases**

Jim Ritchey asked to Committee to authorize the Executive Director to negotiation and execute three agreements: Brandsmart, Newnan and Snellville.

### **Formal Action:**

A motion recommending approval for the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the agreements with Brandsmart, Newnan and Snellville was made by Charlotte Nash and was seconded by Caric Martin. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **XPRESS FARE POLICY DISCUSSION**

Jim Ritchey began a discussion of the Xpress fare policy by stating that we had not had a fare increase since June of 2004. GRTA is approaching the fare policy by examining the benefits between the public and private sector. In September of 2008 we will be presenting a comparative analysis of fares across the country. In October focus groups are planned with riders. In November we are planning a full customer survey and then come to the Board in December with a series of recommendations.

### **XPRESS INSURANCE UPDATE**

Jim Ritchey reported that insurance policies have been put in place for this fiscal year. The rate has dropped approximately 8.6%. A new worker's compensation policy has been put in place. AIG is the new carrier. Mr. Ritchey reported on the retentions for the policies. We have no claims above the retention.

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

**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**

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## **GRTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Walter M. Deriso, Jr. [Chair]**  
**Dwight Evans**  
**Mike Byrd**  
**Jerry Bowman**  
**Alton Knight**  
**Caric Martin**  
**Charlotte Nash**  
**Narender Reddy**  
**John A. Sibley**  
**James Stephenson**  
**Jeanie Thomas**  
**Bob Voyles**  
**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 Desiro introduced new Board member Lara Hodgson.

### **APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2008 MEETING:**

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### **APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 13, 2008 MEETING:**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There are no requests for public comment.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dick Anderson welcomed Donna Canterberry as new Board Secretary, and Todd Long was welcomed as the new Chief Engineer. Mr. Anderson complimented the GRTA team for the hard

work they have been doing over the summer. He updated information on IT<sup>3</sup> and introduced Carrie Thompson. Ms. Thompson gave a report regarding the goals and cost effectiveness of transportation.

### **IT<sup>3</sup> UPDATE**

Carrie Thompson stated that McKinsey is working with the GDOT and the other agencies across the state in investing tomorrow's transportation today. She presented models of several cities and compared them to Atlanta. She concluded her report with information about where we are coming from and where we are going to.

### **FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS STUDY REPORT**

Dick Anderson introduced Bob Falls who is the Chair of the Freight and Logistics Task Force for the Governor. The Freight and Logistics Study is going to be very important to the overall strategic planning for the State of Georgia. Mr. Falls stated that the assignment from Governor Perdue was to research and develop all of the data needed to create a map of freight transport in Georgia. Freight is a driving force in Georgia's economy. Page Siplon, Executive Director of Georgia's Logistics Innovation Center, presented recommendations being made by the task force.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Projects and Planning Committee Report**

Bob Voyles reported that there were three items on the agenda. He discussed the Land Use reports and how GRTA is interfacing with MARTA and ARC on the GDOT prioritization projects.

The DRI Appeal with Coro Realty for the Buckhead Place project was resolved satisfactorily.

There was a presentation by Laura Beall and her staff regarding Access Management. We will be working on this in the months to come.

#### **Operations and Finance Committee**

Alton Knight reported that the monthly operations report and the monthly financial report were covered.

#### **Committee Action:**

The Committee recommended that the Executive Director be given the authority to amend an agreement with Brandsmart to add \$1.20 per space to the contract for clean up. The recommendation also included giving the Executive Director authority to negotiate some Park & Rides lots in Newnan and Snellville. As a Committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Knight also reported that a discussion was held on the fare structure, and it would be decided in future Board meetings whether the fare structure would need to be revisited. An

update was also given to the Committee about the insurance policies, and no action is needed on the part of the Board.

**Projects and Planning Committee Report**

J. T. Williams reported that all of the regular monthly reports were given and were normal without significant questions or comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**Recording Secretary**

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**Kirk R. Fjelstul, Chief Counsel**