

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

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

**April 9, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sonny Deriso, Chairman  
Mike Byrd  
Caric Martin  
Narender Reddy  
John Sibley  
James Stephenson  
Jeanie Thomas  
Bob Voyles  
J.T. Williams  
Charlotte Nash

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jerry Bowman  
Livia Whisenhunt  
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.

\*A quorum was present.

The Board Chairman, Sonny Deriso, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2008 MEETING**

The minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2008**

Approve matters coming before the Board and vote on any new matters requiring immediate action.

**Public Comment**

No one registered for public comments.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

**ARC Committee Reports**

Dick Anderson pointed to the TAQC reports which were attached for reviewing by the Board. He did not attend the TAQC meeting this month.

Narender Reddy reported on the ELUC committee. ARC presented their regional agenda to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The draft report was approved by the committee.

The staff also reported the implementation of the DRI formula which was approved by GRTA and ARC and are tracing its outcome. A forecasting model was presented which is a key component of the RTP.

**Legislative Report**

William Mecke reported for John Keyes. Mr. Mecke reported to the committee that John Keys and Jim Ritchey traveled to Washington seeking funds for bus and bus facilities. Several items were reported on

including TSPLOS which did not pass. The 1035 and 1019 [State Infrastructure Bank] both passed and are awaiting signature by the Governor.

The SB 410 [State Congestion Relief Fund] under SRTA passed.

### **GRTA Agenda**

Dick Anderson gave an overview of the working draft of the GRTA agenda. The agenda lays out the GRTA main areas of focus.

Also a press release by the AJC regarding the working relationship between the agencies was discussed.

Monique Simmons was introduced as GRTA's new Deputy Director, Administration.

### **Faithful Service Awards**

Gail Anderson was presented with a Faithful Service Award for her 10 years with the State of Georgia.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Land Development Committee**

Sonny Deriso reported for Brandon Beach. The DRI status report is provided each month for review of any possible conflicts.

Brian Borden provided the policy revisions update and steered the committee through the revisions. The workshop and public comments were discussed.

The staff recommended the committee adopt the DRI Policy Revisions effective May 9, 2008.

#### **Committee Motion**

The committee recommended approval of the DRI Policy Revision to the Board. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Access Management Discussion**

GRTA's role with access management and its impact on the region was discussed.

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

##### **Monthly Operations Report**

Sonny Deriso filled in for Alton Knight. It was reported that ridership on Xpress was up in February and exceeding yearly projections. Revenues were up and expenses were reflected as falling below budget. GRTA did not receive the funding for the 28 buses, but other sources of funding are being researched.

##### **Monthly Financial Report**

GRTA's monthly financial report continues to reflect a strong fund balance. Monique Simmons is reviewing GRTA investment earnings to determine if they are being invested in the areas that best suit GRTA interests.

Mention was made that GRTA is seeking to fill three vacancies; Senior Human Resources, Confidential Secretary and Principal Planner.

##### **Customer Survey Results**

The Xpress customer survey was reported on by Rob Alexander. Positive ratings were received in relation to overall service. GRTA, CCT, as well as other routes were also rated positively by the survey. A website was presented that showed how the public can access information on routes, as well as other pertinent information relating to transportation in Atlanta.

##### **Treasury Resolution**

A resolution was presented to the committee for approval which would allow Monique Simmons and Jim Ritchey access to GRTA funds.

#### **Committee Motion:**

The committee recommended approval of the treasury resolution to the Board. As a committee recommendation, no second was required. The motion was approved by the Board unanimously.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

J.T. Williams gave a brief review of the monthly projects report and planning report given by Crew Heimer and Brian Borden. Kirk Fjelstul gave the report on Air Quality.

TPB

Cheryl King gave a brief review of activities within the TPB planning board. TPB will be finished with their work by December 31, with various deadlines that will be met by that time.

MOU Projects Update

Cyndi Van Dyke, COO of GDOT, gave a presentation on the project prioritization which highlighted GDOT's agenda. A review of the project prioritization measures that were discussed with GRTA, MARTA, GDOT and ARC were presented.

In Interim Amendment to the TIP should be presented to the Board by June.

Terry Slack, Chief Operating Officer with SRTA, also gave a presentation on the HOV to HOT implementation measures.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Walter M. Deriso, Chairman

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Date

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Recording Secretary

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Kirk R. Fjelstul