

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

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

March 12, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonny Deriso, Chairman
Dick Anderson
Brandon Beach
Mike Byrd
Alton Knight
Caric Martin
Narender Reddy
John Sibley
James Stephenson
Jeanie Thomas
Bob Voyles
Livia Whisenhunt

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jerry Bowman
Charlotte Nash
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.

*A quorum was present.

The Board Chairman, Sonny Deriso, called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2008 MEETING

The minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2008

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

Mr. Deriso requested a change to the Board agenda to add two additional action items: The election of the new Executive Director to GRTA and a bank resolution to add the new Executive Director to the GRTA bank account.

Formal Action:

Motion to approve the two additional items to the agenda was made by Bob Voyles and seconded by Narender Reddy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sonny Deriso spoke on the leadership qualities of Dick Anderson, his background and career prior to coming to Atlanta.

Formal Action:

Brandon Beach made a motion to accept the recommendation of Governor Perdue to appoint Dick Anderson as the Executive Director of GRTA. The motion was seconded by John Sibley. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dick Anderson thanked the Board and commented on the challenges ahead. He stated that the GRTA Board and GRTA staff were top level and looked forward with excitement to working with them.

Public Comment

No one registered for public comments.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

ARC Committee Reports

Narender Reddy reported there were no actions items taken at the ELUC committee meeting. It was noted that over 70% of the growth occurring is in the 10 county area of metro Atlanta. GRTA DRI checklist was distributed to the ARC staff and they will begin to test current and previously reviewed DRI's against the checklist.

Dick Anderson reported on the TRIP overview Marvin Woodward presented at the TAQC. The main item was the TIP that will be under consideration for approval in today's Board meeting.

Legislative Report

William Mecke reported for John Keyes who is in Washington. Mr. Mecke stated that H.B. 1035 [motor fuel exemption] passed the crossover.

March Transportation Meeting

Jim Ritchey gave a brief synopsis of the inter-agency transportation meeting on March 28-30. A report will be given at the next board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Development Committee

Brandon Beach reported that the Villa Moore deal had been withdrawn. A DRI Policy revision update was give by Brian Borden. A DRI appeal was heard from Barry Real Estate, DRI #158236 – Perimeter Mixed Use Development. The committee denied the appeal

Operations and Finance Committee

Alton Knight briefed the committee on the Xpress Operations Report. Xpress is growing and providing a needed service. The report showed positive results.

The financial position of GRTA remains sound. The Revenues and Expenditure reports are in line with the budget.

Park and Ride Leases

There was no business to report this month.

Grant Authorizations

Three resolutions for funding from the FTA will be presented to the board for approval. These resolutions are applied for by the Director or Deputy Director once a year.

Committee Motion:

The committee recommended adoption of the three (3) resolutions to the Board. As committee recommendation, no second is required. The motion was approved unanimously.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

Mr. Deriso filled in for J.T. Williams. The project report was given by Marvin Woodward. It was noted that the Parsons Brinkerhoff contract has expired. This contract is being reviewed by GDOT but no further work is being done at this time.

Cheryl King gave a brief review of activities within the TPB planning board.

Kirk Fjelstul reported on the status of the MOU projects.

Cynthia Van Dyke from GDOT presented an overview on project prioritization.

Meg Pirkle from GDOT gave a presentation and spoke on congressional balancing.

Dania Aponte led the committee through a staff recommendation to adopt a resolution for the TIP Amendment. The resolution was adopted for recommendation to the Board.

Committee Action:

The committee recommended adoption of the resolution for the TIP Amendment to the Board. As a committee recommendation, no second was required.

Valentin Vulov, Senior Project Manager gave an update on the annual performance effort published by GRTA in cooperation with other agencies. An outline was presented on the Atlanta Freeway System and TTI.

Formal Action:

A Bank of America resolution adding Dick Anderson as a signatory on the GRTA bank account was presented for approval. A motion to approve was given by Bob Voyles, and seconded by John Sibley. The motion was approved by the Board unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

Walter M. Deriso, Chairman

Date

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R. Fjelstul