

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

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

May 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sonny Deriso, Chairman
Brandon Beach
Mike Byrd
Jerry Bowman
Alton Knight
Caric Martin
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy
John A. Sibley, III
James Stephenson
Bob Voyles
J.T. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeanie Thomas
Dwight Evans

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 1:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2008 MEETING

The minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 14, 2008

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

Public Comment

David Allman with Livable Communities Coalition gave a review on a computer modeling study on resolving transportation congestion. It revealed that getting housing closer to jobs is an answer, even with current transportation issues. He stated with greater density, transportation would be more available. With this current information, it is suggested that the land use and transportation links need to be broadened.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

GRTA Agenda

Dick Anderson commented on the GRTA agenda. He noted that the agenda lays out the GRTA main areas of focus which has been further refined and will continue to progress with clearer outcomes. The agenda is being formed by the strategic planning process and will be included each month in the Board agenda.

External Affairs

John Keys briefed the committee on current appropriations. He noted that the HB 1035 passed. The bill extends the motor fuel tax exemption for transit use by two more years. Also noted, was that GRTA's re-authorization period for the authorization to seek funds is approaching,

Faithful Service Awards

Dick Anderson presented an award of excellence to Rob Alexander for his winning picture on the new MAP report. Also given awards for their extra-ordinary supporting roles to GRTA Accounting and Finance, Human Resources, Administrative work and Board preparation, were Denise Uzzell, Roger Henze, Benecia Dennard and Kitty Farias respectively. Dick Anderson, Marvin Woodward, Jim Ritchey and Kirk Fjelstul thanked them for their contributions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Development Committee

Brandon Beach reported that the Buckhead #1652 appeal took no action. The applicant has deferred for thirty days until the June 11, board meeting. The remainder of the committee agenda was deferred until June, due to meeting time constraints.

Monthly Operations and Finance Report

Alton Knight summarized the monthly and planning reports stating that expenditures were good, and the fund balance continues to grow, however, there is an expected capital expenditure for the new coaches. Xpress ridership has increased with new routes, as well as new and planned park and ride lots.

Projects and Planning Committee Report

J.T. Williams reported that Kirk Fjelstul updated the committee on the MOU. The TIP Amendment #2 was reviewed and a presentation given to the committee by Angela Alexander of GDOT. Ms. Alexander discussed the need for an amendment, GDOT's advancement on several projects, the cost increases and financial impacts.

Cheryl King reported that the TPB received a \$25,000 community action grant. Dr. John Crocker, with the TPB, gave a brief presentation on the Metro-Atlanta Survey regarding transportation issues. The survey was conducted March 13 through 24 of 2008. The survey revealed that Atlanta residents more frequently use most public transportation, with MARTA being the most-used public transportation system in the region

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deriso adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Walter M. Deriso, Chairman

Date

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kirk R. Fjelstul