

Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 900
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***Operations and Finance Committee Meeting
Minutes***

May 14, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alton Knight [Chair]
Brandon Beach
Mike Byrd
Caric Martin
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sonny Deriso

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.T. Williams
John A. Sibley, III

* A quorum was present.

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.

Alton Knight called the meeting to order at 10:56 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2008 MEETING:

The minutes of the April 9, 2008 committee meeting have been circulated. With no corrections or additions, they stand approved as submitted.

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

The agenda for the May 14, 2008 meeting has been distributed and approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Operations Monthly Report

Jim Ritchey briefed the committee on the operations report, which showed the trip overloads on various Xpress routes.

Financial Monthly Report

The financial report reported that trends are normal. Jim Ritchey stated that expenditures are running behind with continued growth in fund balance. GRTA applied for capital grants for an additional 12

coaches where there will be some draw on the GRTA fund balance. A contract will be presented to the board in June for these additional coaches.

Xpress FY09 Action Plan

Jim Ritchey gave a slide presentation on the FY09 Xpress Action Plan. The goal for the Xpress services is to improve interstate passenger capacity. Xpress service is growing remarkably each year and as services have been added, so has ridership growth, with an average of 8,000 daily boardings. Xpress is planning on 16 additional coaches as well as Xpress stations, using GO bonds. The FY09 Action Plan will include new facilities as well as the recent technology of the "Breeze" card.

Rob Alexander, Customer Development Manager commented on his briefings with Xpress customers. He is meeting with customers and discussing policies regarding Xpress services. This information may also be found on the Xpress website, which also includes up to date information on new routes and additional services.

Xpress Management Contract Update

GRTA is in the process of obtaining a new management contract with a recommendation within the next two weeks. It will be a 3 year contract with (7) 1 year options. The management company will provide operators, training and dispatchers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Knight adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.