

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

April 9, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.T. Williams, Chair
Charlotte Nash
Narender Reddy
John Sibley
James Stephenson
Jeanie Thomas

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Voyles
Livia Whisenhunt
Alton Knight
Jerry Bowman
Brandon Beach

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Byrd
Caric Martin

*A quorum was present.

All notice having been duly given, the Projects and Planning 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 called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2008

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR APRIL 9, 2008

The Agenda for the April 9, 2008 meeting was distributed and approved.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING DISCUSSION

Monthly Project Report

Crew Heimer, Project Manager, reported on the monthly project report for Marvin Woodard. Mr. Heimer highlighted the regional Xpress program. On April 28, a new lot will open in Cumming. The arterial improvement program, administrative adjustments to the TIP, budget reported having 29 adjustments. In the Atlanta smart quarter program, bids have been received, and on March 21, GDOT awarded a contract to a bidder, and the project is reported under way. In May, a full report will be given on the MAP report.

Monthly Planning Report

Brian Borden reported that the ARC is kicking off its regional 50-Forward program focusing on Atlanta's future through the year 2060. Also, the Georgia Planning Association is holding their spring conference on April 17-18.

Air Quality Monthly Report

Kirk Fjelstul committed the monthly air quality report for review. He reported that Rob Goodwin would be updating new standards at the next Board meeting.

Transit Planning Board Report

Cheryl King commented on the details of the public involvement survey, Concept 3 and the Charlotte trip.

MOU Projects Update

Kirk Fjelstul highlighted the MOU and the four related projects. He stated that the Congestion and Mobility is more policy oriented and will be updated at next month's Board meeting. Cyndi Van Dyke of GDOT presented a review of the project prioritization. Measures that were highlighted were GDOT agenda, project prioritization in performance measures as discussed with MARTA, GDOT as well as ARC. She outlined roadway capacity, programs, categories, benefit cost and overall project schedule and task interrelationships.

Managed Lane Study

Terry Slack, COO of SRTA, covered a presentation that was given at Brasstown. Ms. Slack covered the HOT lanes, how they were used, and if they are feasible. The concept being the managing of traffic movement and congestion with varying price schemes. Six cities across the U.S. are now using HOT lanes. There appears to be a general satisfaction in the use of HOT lanes with the public. Potential benefits of the use of HOT lanes in Georgia are being reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.