

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

***Planning and Projects Committee Meeting
Minutes***

March 12, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dick Anderson
Sonny Deriso
Narender Reddy
John Sibley
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James Stephenson
Bob Voyles
Jeanie Thomas
Livia Whisenhunt

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

J. T. Williams, Chairman
Charlotte Nash
Jerry Bowman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alton Knight
Mike Byrd
Caric Martin
Brandon Beach

*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 FEBRUARY 13, 2008

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR MARCH 12, 2008

The Agenda for the March 12, 2008 meeting was distributed and approved.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING DISCUSSION

Monthly Project Report

Marvin Woodard, Engineering Director, updated the committee on the Northwest Corridor Project along I-75. The towing recovery incentive program is progressing extremely well with fewer accidents than projected.

Monthly Planning Report

Dania Aponte highlighted the update on the Atlanta Regional Freight Mobility Plan and the recommendations of that report.

Air Quality Monthly Report

Rob Goodwin stated the air quality report was positive. The EPA published the final rule making which re-classified the Atlanta ozone non-attainment area from marginal to moderate. This expands the deadline to 2010.

Transit Planning Board Report

Cheryl King discussed the CID funding and the public opinion survey for the entire region should have results back by mid to early April.

MOU Projects Update

Kirk Fjelstul summarized four projects within the MOU which GRTA agreed to undertake with ARC and GDOT. Two GDOT speakers, Cynthia Van Dyke, Assistant Planning Administrator for GDOT and Meg Pirkle Division Director for Administration, GDOT were introduced.

Amendment #1 to 2008-2013 TIP

Dania Aponte discussed the 2008-2013 TIP Amendment and the breakdown sheet. A staff recommendation for approval of the resolution was made to the committee.

Formal Action:

A motion recommending approval of the TIP Amendment was made by Mike Byrd and seconded by Narender Reddy. The motion was approved unanimously.

Project Prioritization Update

Cynthia Van Dyke, Assistant Planning Administrator with GDOT gave a presentation to the committee outlining the work GDOT is doing within the project. Applications, performance measure selection, framework, congestion and mobility as well as improving cost benefit were discussed.

Congressional Balancing

Meg Pirkle, Division Director Administration with GDOT gave a presentation on congressional district balancing. Ms. Pirkle reviewed the history, current laws, membership approval, state and private funding and the status of current expenditures.

Transportation MAP Progress Report

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:43.