

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

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

May 14, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.T. Williams [Chair]
Bob Voyles
James Stephenson
John A. Sibley, III
Narender Reddy
Jerry Bowman
Sonny Deriso
Charlotte Nash

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeanie Thomas

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon Beach
Mike Byrd
Alton Knight
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 11:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2008

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR MAY 14, 2008

The Agenda for the May 14, 2008 meeting was distributed and approved.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING DISCUSSION

Monthly Project Report

Marvin Woodard gave the committee a brief review of the project report. Phase I of the Park & Ride lots has been completed. Phase II is currently being planned and is in the works. The TRIP program has completed nine successful activations; all within permissible time limits. Year 2007 has produced half of the accidents than in the previous year.

Air Quality Monthly Report

Rob Godwin outlined the recent EPD activities, which would affect the Atlanta area. The EPD is considering adopting a regulation that would eliminate excessive idling of heavy-duty vehicles in the state. This could negatively affect Xpress. One proposal being put forward is the reduction of lead levels by fazing them out of gasoline. Mr. Goodwin also briefed the committee on the staff attendance of the Georgia Air Quality and Climate Summit hosted by GA. Tech.

Transit Planning Board Report

Cheryl King reported that the TPB received a \$25,000 community action grant.

Dr. John Crocker, with the Transit Planning Board, gave a presentation on the Metro-Atlanta Survey. The survey interviewed 4,123 respondents reflecting county proportions in Atlanta. Traffic congestion, commuting habits, their most common modes of transportation used, and views of public transportation were included. The survey revealed that Atlanta residents more frequently use most public transportation, with MARTA being the most-used public transportation system in the region.

Arterials/CID Quarterly Status Report

Roger Henze briefed the committee on the FY08 arterial program and highlights for the third quarter. Also included in the presentation were CID program changes. The most recent completed project was the Peachtree Road corridor, which outlined improvements along Peachtree Road from Maple Drive through Piedmont Road intersection ending at Georgia 400.

MOU Projects Update

Kirk Fjelstul gave an overview of the Project Prioritization Study within the MOU. The projects are being ranked and scored with benefit-cost, congestion, land use, access management, project liability and project explanations. A brief discussion with comments and questions from the board members followed.

Interim TIP Amendment Process

Kirk Fjelstul reviewed the Amendment #2 TIP process and stated that GRTA is in an interim process commenting that the Board should expect a TIP amendment quarterly.

TIP Amendment #2 Information Update

Angela Alexander, Planning Administrator for GDOT, briefed the committee on the TIP program. She discussed the need for an amendment, outlined the amendment schedules, advancement on two projects, cost increases, and financial impacts. The TIP amendment would allow GDOT to authorize funds that are presently available. The Committee members requested more specifics about the various projects, including benefit/cost data, years to payback, funding source, etc. The staff agreed to provide that information to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40.