

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

April 9, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on April 9, 2012 at 1:43 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Juanita Jones Abernathy
Robert Ashe III
Harold Buckley, Sr.
Wendy Butler
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond
Noni Ellison-Southall
Keith Golden
Barbara Babbit Kaufman
Jannine Miller*
Adam D. Orkin

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Beverly A. Scott, Ph.D.; AGMs Davis Allen, Anton Bryant (Acting), Wanda Dunham, Ben Graham, Rod Hembree (Acting), Robin Howard, Cheryl King, Barbara Kirkland (Acting), Rich Krisak, Ryland McClendon, Elizabeth O'Neill and Gary Pritchett; Sr. Directors Rhonda Briggins and Donald Williams (Acting); Directors Lisa DeGrace, Reginald Diamond, Garry Free, Scott Haggard, Charlotte Harris, Lyle Harris, Connie Krisak and Pat Minnucci; Managers Marvin Tolliver and James Watkins; Executive Administrator to the Board of Directors Kellee Mobley; Sr. Executive Administrator Tyra Wiltz; Executive Administrator Renee Willis. Others in attendance Ashanti Allen, Doug Chambers, Tia Dye, Louis Grisoglio, Allen Jones, William Kalahar, Jason Morgan, Tawna Mullner, Josh Piermarini, Anthony Pines, Srinath Remala, Janide Sidifall, Negesha Stone-Boyd and Tameka Wimberly.

Also in attendance was Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley, Lowery & Meeks; Pam Alexander of LTK; Heather Alhadeff of Perkins Will; Samantha Boyce of Kirkwood; Ashton Carter of Bank of America; Doreen Carter of Stone Mountain Chamber of Commerce; Jonathan Cribbs and Jaclyn Hirsch of Patch.com; Diana Davis and Leah Dunn of WSB-TV; Jim Dexter of C.P.T.; Matthew Faller, Henry Green and Katrina Lawrence of GDOT; Emma

* Jannine Miller is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors

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Foulkes; Gerlinda Grimes; Commissioner Larry Johnson of DeKalb County; Stan King of SL King; Robert Krone of the Sierra Club; Dorian Maras of Univision; Bruce Mason of WXIA-TV; Wayne Miller of donate.net; Ken Mitchell; Ulysses Mitchell; Carla Parker of Crossroads News; Rich Palmieri of Siemens; David Pendered of Saporta Report; Matt Pollack of MATC; Trey Ragsdale and D. Spear of Kaiser; Jim Richie of URS; Tom Sabulis and Steve Visser of The AJC; Pat Smeeton and Grady Smith of Jacobs Engineering Group; Dave Williams of Atlanta Business Chronicle; Michele Worth of WABE.

Public Comment

Mr. Ken Mitchell. Addressed the Board with several concerns: a) the Elderly and Disabled Access Advisory Committee – in the past year, there are people that have not been elected by the majority and there are people that have been taken off the nomination list, which was not in concurrence with the ByLaws. b) stated that MARTA is part of his life and asked Board members to take look at the issues he listed in a letter to MARTA last year.

Ms. Heather Alhadeff. The neighborhood hired my firm, Perkins Will, during public input. The community is better for this process. Commendations to staff for the work on I-20 E and Clifton Corridor. The neighborhood really wants transit and the access it will provide. Please make sure there is safe access.

Mr. Ashton Carter. The community along the I-20 Corridor has been waiting almost 30 years for this. Thanks for realizing the vision and giving the community options. Please include language for future upgrades such as light rail.

Ms. Samantha Boyce. Expressed concern that the Kirkwood District's bus service is inadequate and the Kirkwood neighborhood is isolated. The residents can't go anywhere on weekends. Please consider restoration of Bus Routes #18 and #24.

Ms. Gerlinda Grimes. Represents the Zonolite Business District (where Briarcliff and Johnson Roads meet). Thanked MARTA for getting the public comments out. Our district is very much in support of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

Mr. Samuel Armstrong. Represents the Stonecrest Business Alliance. Expressed support of the LPA. The Alliance's biggest concern is if it is serious or is it political. The Alliance expects heavy growth in the area. The Alliance's only concern regarding heavy rail is safety and security.

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Ms. Doreen Carter. President of the Greater Lithonia Chamber of Commerce. Pleased see the I-20 Corridor as a priority. The community is in support and want rail. We don't want this to be a political reason to pass the one-cent sales tax. The Greater Lithonia Chamber of Commerce offers its support.

Mr. Robert Titus. Addressed the Board with the following comments: a) the LPA does not include any dedicated rights-of-way for the BRT solution within the Perimeter; b) we ask that the Board elevate Glenwood Park to downtown; c) we ask that the BRT solution be replaced by heavy rail as soon as possible as was included in a LPA five to six years ago; d) the City currently lists the Boulevard/Moreland intersection as non-functional during the morning rush hour; e) we hope the Board fully understand the 30% contingency for all the TIA projects where MARTA may have a leading or supporting role. In the case of the MARTA/I-20 East initiative, we suggest the Board seek remaining project funds, in this case \$70M, be dedicated to works within the scope of this specific project. We hope the Board makes a decision during today's meeting on how contingency funds will be spent.

Mr. Lewis Myer. Spoke in support of a) the Clifton Corridor extension to Decatur and Avondale. This will bring employment from the East Line into Emory CDC b) extending heavy rail from East line out to Stonecrest will give individuals in South DeKalb quick access to downtown. He stated that the worst service is in Southeast DeKalb and needs to be filled first.

Ms. Pearletta Graves. Submitted written comments: The restroom at Kensington Station should be opened. Elevator #1 is used too frequently – daily, 18 hours.

Minutes of the March 5, 2012 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present.

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Mr. Orkin reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on March 5, 2012 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Exercise of a One-Year Option for Consulting Services to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., for Safety, Health & Industrial Hygiene, Contract No. 200704651 in the Amount of \$1,000,000

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- b. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Lift Removal at Hamilton Bus Facility, Contract Proposal Number B22613
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of an ECO 60-13 Heavy Lift System, Contract Proposal Number CP B24820
- d. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Removal of Lifts at Brownsmill, Contract Proposal Number B22612

On motion by Mr. Orkin seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mrs. Butler reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on March 26, 2012 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution to Adopt the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Clifton Corridor

On motion by Mrs. Butler seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The following resolution was moved forward without recommendation:

- b. Resolution Adopting a Locally Preferred Alternative for the I-20 East Corridor

Mr. Buckley made a substitute motion to further refine staff's recommendation of the HRT3 Option. Mrs. Butler seconded.

Dr. Scott explained staff's refined recommendation:

- The recommendation of the LPA remains as HRT3 – a twelve mile HRT3 extension from Indian Creek to Wesley Chapel, continuing on to I-20E to the Mall at Stonecrest. For the premium portion of BRT, it will be specified at a higher standard in terms of the minimum features:

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- BRT on HOV/HOT lanes and surface streets that will utilize transit only interchanges at key locations, we will also issue a call-out during the next phase of the study for consideration of a future station at Turner Field
- MARTA has committed to work with DeKalb County and other partners throughout the region for a separate study that will examine a conceptual level to upgrade BRT to a high-capacity fixed-guideway and what would be involved in a future world (outside of this LPA alternative) to take to light rail technology
- Assuming successful passage of Transportation Investment Act (TIA), which includes funding for very major and critical projects; MARTA will ask for ARC to consider support of full funding of the initial minimal operable segment for the I-20 East project as a top priority for New Starts funding

Mrs. Ellison-Southall asked Dr. Scott to explain, from a funding perspective, the possibility that TIA does not pass and MARTA does not get the funding, what would happen at that point. Is there a Plan B?

Dr. Scott noted that New Starts funding is discretionary funding at the Federal level – with this LPA, this gives us the license to begin moving through the Federal process to advance this project.

The resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Business Management Committee Report

Dr. Edmond reported that the Business Management Committee met on March 26, 2012 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Award the Execution of a Federal Transit Administration New Freedom Program Subgrant Agreement With Rockdale County
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Automatic Teller Machines in MARTA Rail Stations

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS**

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The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Debt Program Near Term Transaction
- b) FY2013 Operating Budget Update
- c) January Monthly and January Year-to-Date FY 2012 Budget Variance Analysis and Financial KPIs
- d) January FY 2012 Key Performance Indicators

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Buckley reported that the Audit Committee met on March 26, 2012 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing a Funding Increase for Consulting Services by KPMG, LLP for Annual Audits for Fiscal Years 2011, 2012 and 2013
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for RFP for Annual Financial and Single Audits for Fiscal Years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016

On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Presentation of External Auditors' Annual Financial Reports for FY 11
- b) Internal Auditors' Risk Assessment and FY 13 Audit Work Plans
- c) Audit Activities
- d) Close-Out Audit Process
- e) Briefing – Job Order Contract (JOC) Close-Out

Other Matters

Dr. Edmond stated that he is saddened that no action was taken this Legislative Session as regards HB 1052. It places MARTA in a precarious situation. He stated that it is his hope that MARTA will be fiscally responsible by doing the tough things.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:30 p.m.