

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**December 18, 2014**

The Board of Directors Operations & Safety Committee met on December 18, 2014 at 10:05 a.m. in the Board Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Board Members Present**

Harold Buckley, Sr.  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Jim Durrett  
Roderick E. Edmond, *Chair*  
Freda Hardage  
Barbara Babbit Kaufman

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; Chief Operating Officer Richard A. Krisak; Chief Administrative Officer Edward L. Johnson; Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson; Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Eaddy; Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill; AGMs Wanda Dunham, Robin Henry, Reginald Mason and Ryland McClendon; Executive Director Ferdinand Risco; Sr. Directors Rhonda Briggins, LaShanda Dawkins, Joseph Erves, Amanda Rhein and Donald Williams; Directors Knox O'Callaghan, Warren Taylor (Acting), William Taylor (Acting) and Sean Thomas (Acting); Managers Kelly Hayden, Sherma Sobers and Uladia Taylor; Executive Manager to the Board Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Sr. Executive Administrator Brenda L. Williams; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid. Others in attendance Davis Allen, Peris Cannon, Kevin Gotell, Nicholas Gowens, Saba Long, Courtne Middlebrooks, LaTonya Pope, Srinath Remala, Reginald Valentine, Tuan Vo and Nicholas Waters.

Also in attendance Pamela Alexander of LTK Engineering; Jim Schmid of HNTB; Kendra Taylor of AECOM.

**Consent Agenda**

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- a) Approval of the November 20, 2014 Operations & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with 5 members present.

**Individual Agenda**

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**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Non-Revenue Vehicle Tires, CP B32882**

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Mr. William Taylor presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to award a contract for the procurement of non-revenue vehicle tires to Action Tire Company.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 6 to 0, with 6 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Contractual Authorization for Rail Vehicle Consulting Services by LTK Engineering Services**

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Mr. Warren Taylor presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing a \$2,231,510 increase (from \$10,000,000 to \$12,231,510) in the contractual authorization for Rail Vehicle Consulting (RVC) Services being performed by LTK Engineering Services. This resolution would also authorize a change to the contract end date from March 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

*RVC Services Contract Overview*

- Task Order Based Contract
- Contract Term: 5 years (April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2015)
- Contract Amount (Not-To-Exceed): \$10M

*RVC Services Projections*

- RVC Contract - Expires March 31, 2015
  - Contract FY11-FY15 (April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2015) NTE: \$10,000,000
  - Total Anticipated Expenditures for FY 2011- FY 2015 Tasks: - \$9,893,336
  - Estimated Remaining Contract Funding: \$106,664
- Special Projects & Contract Extension
  - Truck Side Frame Investigation and Testing: - \$293,997

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- Estimated RVC Services April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016: - \$2,044,177
- Required Funding: \$2,231,510

### *Scope of Work*

- Technical engineering expertise for rail vehicle system and component modifications
- Re-engineer and optimize maintenance and operations of rail vehicle shops
- Life cycle asset reliability enhancement (LCARE) program engineering oversight
- Industrial engineering services for improved shop efficiency
- Configuration management and material controls support
- Other rail vehicle support services as required

### *Key Projects Supported*

- Rail Car Rehabilitation Closeout
- LCARE Program
- Rail Car Modification Program
- MOW - Rail Work Cars
- CQ312 Enhanced LCARE Program
- New Car Program
- Project Delivery and Controls
- On-Call Technical Services

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Kaufman, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 6 to 0, with 6 members present.

### **Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Parking Lot Sweeping Services, CP B32651**

Mr. Thomas presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to award a contract for the procurement of Parking Lot Sweeping Services to Metro Vac & Broom.

Dr. Edmond asked how often will the services be performed. He also asked what accountability measures will be in place.

Mr. Thomas said dependent upon traffic patterns, the vendor will make 2-4 service visits per month. Additionally, contract inspectors will follow up to ensure the work is done adequately.

Mr. Buckley asked if staff is confident the vendor can effectively perform the work.

Mr. Parker said this firm has done work for MARTA before within this price range and staff is confident they will successfully perform the work.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 6 to 0, with 6 members present.

**Briefing – Public Hearing Results for March 2015 Mark-up**

Ms. Briggins briefed the Committee on the results of the Public Hearings for the March 2015 Mark-up.

*Public Hearing Locations*

- Monday, December 1 at 7:00 PM
  - City of Atlanta
  - College Park Public Safety Complex (South Fulton)
- Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 PM
  - Maloof Auditorium (DeKalb County)
  - MARTA Headquarters
- Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 PM
  - Clayton County Administration Building

*Advertisement*

- AJC
- ACE III/Champion
- Clayton News Daily
- Crossroads & South DeKalb County
- Neighbor Newspapers
- Mundo Hispanico

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- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, website)

*Electronic Notice Distribution*

- Distributed to all 26 Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU) within the City of Atlanta
- Senior Centers (63)
- Email Blast to Outreach Database

*Station Outreach*

- College Park
- East Point
- King Memorial
- North Avenue
- Five Points

*Public Hearing Attendance*

- City of Atlanta
  - Attendance – 4
  - Speakers – 2
  - Media – 0
- College Park Public Safety Complex (South Fulton)
  - Attendance – 6
  - Speakers – 4
  - Media – 0
- Maloof Auditorium (DeKalb County)
  - Attendance – 10
  - Speakers – 8
  - Media – 0
- MARTA Headquarters
  - Attendance – 7
  - Speakers – 6
  - Media – 0
- Clayton County Administration Building
  - Attendance – 60

- Speakers – 25
- Media – 2
- Total
  - Attendance – 87
  - Speakers – 45
  - Media – 2

*Comments During Public Hearing*

- Six (6) speakers were in support of the proposed changes to the Route 74
- Four (4) speakers were opposed to the proposed changes of the Route 74
- Two (2) speakers wanted the Route 36 to return to the original routing
- Two (2) speakers felt MARTA's Ride with Respect policy should be enforced better
- Route 25 runs consistently late
- MARTA needs better signage, more Station Agents or presence at rail stations
- Need bus service between College Park and East Point Stations
- Increase service frequency on bus routes from 20 to 15 minutes because of patrons loading Breeze cards
- Advertising for Public Hearings was not good this time
- Clayton County
  - Staff from Town Center at Riverdale advocating for bus service
  - Speaker wants Clayton residents to get their fair share of services for paying into the system
  - Concerns about the frequency of the proposed routes and the link to the first and last trains from the station
  - Shelters utilized by MARTA; if there will be enough seating
  - President of Omnitech wants MARTA to operate along Phoenix Blvd.
  - Individuals along Highway 314 and Fayetteville Road are currently walking to bus routes 89 and 189, wanted to make sure this area is included in upcoming phases
  - Resident of Riverdale does not want proposed Riverdale flex route service

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- Highway 314 cannot accommodate additional traffic; routing along Church Street is also a concern because of narrow streets; road damage is already terrible in the area – who will be responsible for repairs caused by buses
- Concern about bus shelters and safety; need lighting and surveillance
- Need bus cutouts; need infrastructure improvements; can flex service be expanded to include Old National Highway; wants Routes 191, 193 and 198 to be implemented earlier than proposed; free Breeze cards for Clayton County residents and free ride day for Clayton County
- Representative of GA-AFL CIO wants to know what measures will be implemented to ensure safety at bus stops; “what are the plans to increase economic development”
- "Based on proposed map, there are no routes for secondary roads. They will have to walk. How will people get to these proposed routes from neighborhoods? Route frequency?"
- "Connect Riverdale Road and Old National Highway"
- Resident wants service along Phoenix Blvd.
- Dr. Jordan concerned about Jonesboro and connection to Airport; need service sooner than proposed
- Resident wants Route 192 to be implemented sooner than planned
- Concerned about Safety and crime; "How will MARTA handle high crime areas? Any plans for security cameras at bus stops? Do not put a bus stop at the Get & Go store located at 5995 Riverdale Road. Very high criminal activity at this location"
- Put stop at the Police Precinct as an alternative to the Get & Go
- The proposed Route 195 should be modified to operate along Phoenix Blvd.; this will help development in the area and the first CID for Clayton County
- Representative from Morrow City Council is excited about Morrow services with the proposed Routes 193, 196 and 197; wants expanded services within Morrow especially along Lake Harbin and Morrow Road
- Resident of Bethsaida Road subdivision is concerned about the proposed Riverdale Flex service; not interested in having Flex services within the area and Route 198 could be delayed

- Route 194 needs to be extended to Double Bridge Road and connect with GA 42
- There are seniors in the area that need transit services

*Additional Public Hearing Comments*

- Public Comment Line (Voice Mail): 2
  - Oppose proposed changes to the Route 74
- Emails: 4
  - Oppose the proposed changes to the Route(s) 1, 16 and 74
- Petitions: 2
  - Route 74 with 106 signatures
  - Routes 195 & 196 with 434 signatures
- Letters: 1
  - Oppose the proposed changes to the Route 55
- Public Comments (written): 3
  - Route(s) 16,25,51,55, 91 (broken into two routes 99 and 199), 97(restored), 216 (restored), 273 (restored); start 192 in March

Mrs. Kaufman asked if MARTA will offer a free ride day for Clayton County.

Mr. Parker said MARTA is considering free Breeze cards but is reluctant to offer a free ride day because essentially the other jurisdictions would be paying for that.

**Resolution Authorizing the Service Modifications for March 21, 2015 – Modifications to Routes: (Rt. 1-Centennial Olympic Park/Coronet Way; Rt. 15-South DeKalb/Candler Rd./Forest Parkway; Rt. 55-Jonesboro Rd/Hutchens Rd./Forest Parkway; Rt. 74-Flat Shoals (Revised); Rt. 84-East Point/Camp Creek) Service Additions for March 21, 2015 – Addition of Route: (Rt. 196 - College Park/Church/Upper Riverdale/Mt. Zion)**

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Mr. Hayden presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to implement service route modifications and additions Bus Routes 1, 15, 55, 74 (revised), 84 and 196 including Mobility service.

The general public was provided the opportunity to make comments at five (5) public

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hearings to provide feedback on the proposed service modifications and these comments have been considered and recorded. The public was also encouraged to make comment through other means available to them.

- Route 1 - Centennial Olympic Park/Coronet Way to terminate this route at North Avenue Station rather than Five Points Station
- Route 15 - South DeKalb/Candler Road to extend to Bouldercrest and Forest Parkway (Panola Rd.) in Clayton County
- Route 55 - Jonesboro Road/Hutchens Road to extend to Jonesboro Road and Forest Parkway in Clayton County
- Route 74 - Flat Shoals to be extended to Rainbow Way at Candler Road with alternating trips via Flat Shoals or Whites Mill Roads; frequency of trips may need to be adjusted due to the extension of service; layover in Atlanta will occur at Pryor and Wall Street
- Route 84 - East Point/Camp Creek will operate a short turn service at the Camp Creek Market Place on weekdays and Saturdays until approximately 8:00 p.m.; service will increase between the Camp Creek Marketplace and East Point Station while service to North Camp Creek Parkway and Hogan Rd. will be reduced; Sunday service is unchanged; weekday trips will also be extended to operate past the Social Security office on Centre Parkway
- Route 196 - College Park/Church/Upper Riverdale/Mt. Zion to create this new route which will operate from College Park MARTA Station to Mt. Zion Road (Southlake Mall) in Clayton County
- Mobility - Implement complementary ADA service into Clayton County for the above mentioned routes to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Dr. Edmond asked if MARTA will continue public engagement particularly in Clayton County.

Mr. Hayden said yes.

Ms. Briggins added that MARTA has a robust public outreach campaign planned – the Authority will conduct Public Meetings, webinars and Town Hall Meetings.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 6 to 0, with 6 members present.

**Other Matters**

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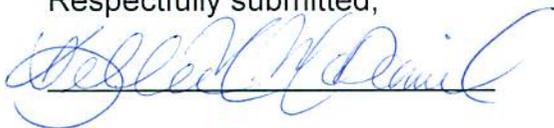
No other matters came before the Committee.

**Adjournment**

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The meeting of the Operations & Safety Committee adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kellee N. McDaniel  
Sr. Executive Administrator to the Board