

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

September 23, 2013

The Board of Directors Operations & Safety Committee met on September 23, 2013 at 10:25 a.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett, *Chair*
Roderick E. Edmond
Jannine Miller*

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; Chief Operating Officer Richard A. Krisak; Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Eaddy; Chief Administrative Officer Edward L. Johnson; Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson; AGMs Deborah Dawson, Joseph Dorsey (Acting), Shyam Dunna (Interim), Rod Hembree (Acting), Jonnie Keith (Acting), Cheryl King; Ryland McClendon and Elizabeth O'Neill; Executive Director Ferdinand Risco; Sr. Directors Rhonda Briggins, Kevin Hurley and Donald Williams; Director John Crocker; Program Manager, Strategic Transformation Initiative Davis Allen; Manager Yolanda King; Executive Manager to the Board Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Sr. Executive Administrator Brenda L. Williams; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid. Others in attendance Carlos Arietta, Abebe Girmay, Daniel Goodridge, Don Lawrence, Anthony Pines and Srinath Remala.

Also in attendance Pam Alexander of LTK Engineering; Peter Bruno of TRA; Clarence Coleman, Wyman Cook, Corrine Dunson, Curtis Howard and Jack Jackson of ATU; Matt Pollack of MATC.

Consent Agenda

a) Approval of the August 26, 2013 Operations and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Daniels, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3* members present.

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

Individual Agenda

Resolution Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operations and Maintenance of the Atlanta Streetcar Project

Mrs. O'Neill presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO to execute and Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Atlanta and the Downtown Atlanta Community Improvement District/Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (DACID/ADID) for the Operations and Maintenance of the Atlanta Streetcar Project.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Dr. Edmond, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3* members present.

Resolution to Approve Disposal of MARTA Parcel D2097 Various Property Rights to the GA DOT for the Purpose of Rebuilding the Spring Street Bridge

Mr. Crocker presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to dispose of MARTA Parcel D2097, various property rights to the GA DOT, for the purpose of rebuilding the Spring Street Viaduct located just west of the MARTA Five Points Station.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Dr. Edmond, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3* members present.

Briefing – Results of Public Hearing for Bus and Rail Service Modifications December 2013 Markup

Ms. Briggins briefed the Committee on Results of the Public Hearing for Bus and Rail Service Modifications held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. at MARTA Headquarters.

Community Outreach

- Five Points Station - September 11th - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - Routes 32 & 74
- H. E. Holmes Station - September 12th - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - Route 153

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- Civic Center Station - September 17th - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - Route 32
- Doraville Station - September 18th - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - Route 124

Flyer Distribution

- Distributed to all 26 Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU) within the City of Atlanta
- Atlanta Fulton-Libraries (34 branches)
- Senior Centers:
 - Emailed flyer to all centers (63)
 - Distributed to the following:
 - Marietta Road
 - Juniper & 10th
 - Magnolia Park Apartments

Advertisement

- AJC
- ACE III/Champion
- Crossroads & So DeKalb County
- Neighbor Newspapers
- Mundo Hispanico
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, website)

Public Hearing Attendance

- Attendance – 15
- Speakers – 5
- Media – 1

Comments Received at Public Hearing

- Three (3) residents of the Doris Drive/Sherlock Drive segment of the Route 74 opposed the proposed change to eliminate service along this segment

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- The issue they stated was hilly topography; they all stated it is a hardship for the residents (elderly and a few with health issues that cannot walk to Flat Shoals to catch the bus)
- A representative from Georgians for Better Transit thanked MARTA for restoring some service and for working with the communities to bring much needed transit to Atlanta
- MARTA received a recommendation for the Route 25 to add frequency and change from service every hour to service every 30 minutes

Additional Public Hearing Comments

- Public Comment Line (Voice Mail) – 2
 - (1) opposing the changes to the Route 74
 - (1) opposing the changes to the Route 153
- Emails – 0
- Petitions – 0
- Letters – 0
- Public Comments (written) – 1
 - Suggested re-routing of the Route 36

Mr. Durrett asked what is the process for considering the comments made about Route 74.

Mr. Williams said Route 74 will not be eliminated but modified based on the comments received.

Mr. Durrett asked if MARTA communicates back to the people that voiced their concern about the route.

Mrs. Briggins said depending on the individuals and/or groups involvement staff will go back to notify them how the comments impacted the proposed modifications and be sure that they agree with it.

Ms. Miller said CIDs and TMAs should be made aware of the increased frequencies.

Mrs. Briggins said they are a part of the Authority's database and therefore have been notified.

Mr. Williams said this is a phased approach; this particular markup is not focused on frequency.

Mr. Parker added that this is the piece to remain in FTA and MARTA Act compliance. MARTA will do a full campaign to advise the public of increased frequency.

Resolution Authorizing Service Modifications for the December 2013 Markup

Mr. Williams presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to implement Service Modifications to Bus Routes 32, 74, 124, 153, Red and Green Rail Lines.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Dr. Edmond, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 3 to 0, with 3* members present.

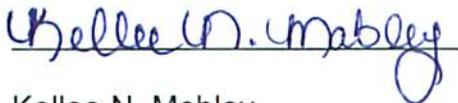
Other Matters

No other matters came before the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting of the Operations & Safety Committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kellee N. Mobley
Sr. Executive Administrator to the Board