

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

**January 24, 2011**

The Board of Directors Operations Committee met on January 24, 2011 at 10:11 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**

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

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Beverly A. Scott; Deputy General Manager/COO Dwight A. Ferrell; AGMs Davis Allen, Deborah Dawson, Wanda Dunham, Ben Graham, Mary Ann Jackson, Jonnie Keith, Cheryl King, Rich Krisak, Ryland McClendon, Elizabeth O'Neill, Gary Pritchett and Tim White (Acting); Sr. Director Johnny Dunning, Jr.; Directors Tara Balakrishnan, Rich Boullain (Acting), Anton Bryant, Lisa DeGrace, Reginald Diamond, Garry Free, Lyle Harris, Jennifer Jinadu-Wright, Connie Krisak, Jayant Patel and Carol Smith; Managers Marsha Brooks, Marvin Toliver and Donald Williams; Executive Manager to the Board Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Sr. Executive Administrator Tyra J. Wiltz; Executive Administrator Renee Willis; Office Administrator II Tracie Roberson. Others in attendance, Alphonse Eugene, Don Lawrence, Jason Morgan, Anthony Pines, Sheldon Prescott and Srinath Remala.

Also in attendance Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley, Lowery and Meeks; David Emory of ARC; Pam Alexander of LTK; Matt Pollack of MATC; Commissioner Larry Johnson (DeKalb); Tyson Horne of Horne Brothers Productions.

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### **Approval of November 22, 2010 Operations Committee Meeting Minutes**

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Daniels, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 9 members present.

### **Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Engine Oil, Contract Proposal Number B21010**

Mr. Bryant presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to enter into a contract with Great Lakes Petroleum for the procurement of engine oil.

The proposed contract provides for the support of MARTA's engine oil needs for its entire fleet of diesel, CNG and gasoline engine buses, L-Vans and small buses. All engines need oil for lubrication and to a lesser degree cooling. Engine oils have special additives and viscosities that are tailored to specific engine types and operational conditions. Though base oils can be recycled, the additives are severely diminished after 6,000 miles of use. Bus maintenance consumes large quantities of oil during preventative maintenance, daily engine top off and engine rebuilds. The proposed contract term is three years. The proposed average unit price per gallon of oil is approximately 33.8% less than the average unit price paid under the former engine oil contract.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 9 members present.

### **Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Ten (10) 4-Post Hoists With Support Stands for Browns Mill Heavy Maintenance Facility Under General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule GS-07F-7172B**

Mr. Bryant presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her delegate to enter into a contract with Automotive Resources, Inc. (ARI) for the procurement of ten (10) 4-post hoists with support stands for Browns Mill Heavy Maintenance Facility.

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The proposed contract provides for the replacement of eight antiquated and inoperable bus lifts at the Browns Mill Heavy Maintenance Facility with ten sets of wheel hoists – four hoists per set for a total of 40 hoists – and 40 support stands.

On motion by Mr. Buckley seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 9 members present.

### **Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for Water-Based Fire Protection Systems Inspection Maintenance and Testing Services, Contract Proposal Number B20730**

Mr. Free presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing award of a contract for water-based fire protection systems inspection, maintenance and testing services.

The proposed contract ensures that the current water-based fire protection system is in compliance with the testing and inspection requirements as defined in Federal, State and Local Fire Codes. Compliance with the various fire codes will be maintained by the contractor's testing, inspections and repairs of the fire protection system.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded Mr. Buckley, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 9 members present.

### **DEO Report - Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Engine Oil, Contract Proposal Number B21010**

Mr. Diamond presented a DEO Report on the Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Engine Oil, Contract Proposal Number B21010.

### **Operations Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**

Presentation of the Operations Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) was deferred.

### **Other Matters**

Mr. Ferrell briefed the Committee on MARTA's actions in response to the recent ice storm.

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Inclement weather began in the MARTA service area on the evening of Sunday, January 9, 2011. By the morning of January 10, approximately 20-25 MARTA buses were stuck on the roads and/or interstates. All bus service was immediately suspended and ultimately cancelled. Rail ran continuously throughout the night; if not, rail would have frozen and the Authority would have been facing a bigger problem. Paratransit dialysis patrons' trips were rescheduled for the following Sunday. On Tuesday, MARTA was faced with the same issue. After working with City of Atlanta on which roads had been cleared, bus service was gradually added back. In the future, MARTA will look into ways to better communicate with its regional partners. Social networking (Facebook, Twitter) was very beneficial in getting information out to the public. Many employees worked diligently throughout the ordeal; some employees came in on Sunday and did not leave work until Thursday. Management greatly appreciates the dedication of these employees. The effort that MARTA put forth during the storm was remarkable.

Mr. Buckley commented as Chair of MARTA's Safety and Security Committee, he would like to personally thank staff; MARTA actions were well thought out and warranted.

Mrs. Kaufman added she felt 100% that MARTA had made the right decisions.

Dr. Scott added that she couldn't be more proud of employees; people did extraordinary things. A lot of lessons were learned. At a regional level, more structure is needed – collectively this region's transit providers can do a better job.

Chairman Durrett also expressed gratitude on behalf of the entire Board to the employees' efforts during the ice storm.

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Mrs. Kaufman referenced Tab 7 of the Committee Books – Operations Committee Look Ahead – asking Board Members to review these items.

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**Adjournment**

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The meeting of the Operations Committee adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellee N. Mobley  
Sr. Executive Administrator to the Board