

## MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### PLANNING & EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

#### METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

November 28, 2011

The Board of Directors Planning & External Relations Committee met on November 28, 2011 at 10:07 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.  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Jim Durrett  
Roderick E. Edmond  
Barbara Babbit Kaufman, Chair

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/ CEO Beverly A. Scott; Deputy General Manager/COO Dwight A. Ferrell; AGMs Davis Allen, Wanda Dunham, Johnny Dunning, Jr. (Acting), Ben Graham, Georgetta Gregory, Robin Howard, Mary Ann Jackson, Jonnie Keith, Barbara Kirkland (Acting), Rich Krisak, Ryland McClendon and Elizabeth O'Neill; Sr. Director David Springstead; Directors Anton Bryant, Sharon Crenshaw, John Crocker, Lisa DeGrace, Garry Free, Charlotte Harris, Donna Jennings, Jennifer Jinadu-Wright and Knox O'Callaghan; Managers Emmett Crockett, Donna DeJesus, Roosevelt Stripling, Marvin Toliver, Denise Whitfield and Donald Williams. Executive Manager to the Board Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Executive Administrator Renee Willis, Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid; Office Administrator II Tracie Roberson. Others in Olusina Akingbade, Doug Chambers, Cathy Gesick, Kawal Grover, Rod Hembree, Josh Piermarini, Edward Smith, Zaheer Wadhwanian and James Watkins.

Also in attendance Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley of Pursley, Lowery & Meeks; Representative Lynne Riley of MARTOC; Matt Pollack of MATC; Thomas Furmaniak of LTK Engineering; Alice Wiggins; Paul Jones

**Approval of the October 31, 2011 Planning & External Relations Committee Meeting Minutes**

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Buckley, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 4 to 0, with 4 members present.

**Resolution Authorizing \$150,000 in MARTA In-Kind Staff Support for the Regional Transit Committee**

Dr. Crocker presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or her designee to enter into an agreement with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to provide \$150,000 in MARTA staff resources to support the work program of the Regional Transit Committee (RTC).

Mr. Ashe asked about other contributors.

Dr. Crocker said any county within the 20-county region is an eligible member. However, all members who choose to participate in the RTC in a voting capacity are required to financially support the operations of the Committee. RTC has set 2012 dues at \$5,000 for local governments as well as the Metro Atlanta Mayor's Association, \$10,000 for GDOT and \$150,000 in-kind services from MARTA and GRTA.

Dr. Edmond asked how many votes the local governments will receive for their \$5,000 contributions.

Dr. Crocker said one vote.

Dr. Edmond asked what MARTA will receive for their \$150,000 in-kind services.

Dr. Crocker said the Authority will also receive one vote.

Dr. Edmond said it appears to be unbalanced.

Dr. Crocker explained that MARTA is providing in-kind services in lieu of dues.

Mr. Daniels asked for an actual tracking report of all services provided from inception. The Authority needs to be sure not to exceed the agreed upon \$150,000.

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Dr. Crocker said MARTA did not track during 2006-2007. Staff can provide the monthly reports for 2008-2009. Year-to-date, progress has been slow. Going forward more will be needed from the Authority. Staff plans to come before the Board in January for approval of a LPA.

Mr. Daniels asked staff to provide the Board a summary.

Dr. Crocker said staff would be able to provide a brief summary of the support services.

Dr. Edmond said it is believed that MARTA is doing this because they are the grant recipient.

Dr. Crocker said in-kind services are beneficial for MARTA. It tracks what MARTA does for the region and gives the Authority leverage to bring more Federal funds to the region.

Mr. Ashe said he could not imagine MARTA not participating. He thanked staff for the work on getting MARTA the matching dollars.

Dr. Scott said planning dollars come to MARTA, thus it has an obligation – the RTC has provided a structure. There is no way to draw the funds MARTA has received without providing this type of support to the region. MARTA cannot afford not to do this.

Mr. Daniels added that MARTA must find a way to communicate its commitment.

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Dr. Edmond, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 6 to 0, with 6 members present.

### **Request for Board Approval to Conduct Public Hearings for April 2012 Mark-Up**

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Mr. Crockett presented this request for Board approval to conduct Public Hearings as required by the MARTA Act and consistent with MARTA Board Policy to be held in January 2012 for proposed changes to bus service that will be implemented with April 2012 Mark-Up.

The proposed route modifications (1, 12, 32, 86 and 115), in their entirety, will not

increase the miles and/or hours budgeted for bus service in FY 2012. The funding impact from these changes should be negligible.

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

**Other Matters**

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Mrs. McClendon announced the following upcoming event:

- DeKalb County Jurisdictional Briefing – December 6, 2011 – 9:00 am

**Adjournment**

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The Planning & External Relations Committee meeting adjourned at 10:26 am

Respectfully submitted,

Kellee N. Mobley  
Senior Executive Administrator to the Board