

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PLANNING & CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

May 28, 2020

The Board of Directors Planning & Capital Programs Committee met on May 28, 2020 at 9:34 a.m. via WebEx, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Roderick E. Edmond, **Chair**
William (Bill) Floyd
Roderick A. Frierson
Ryan C. Glover
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Russell McMurry, P.E.*
John 'Al' Pond
Rita A. Scott
Christopher S. Tomlinson*
W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/ CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; Chief Administrative Officer Luz Borrero, Chief Bus Operations Collie Greenwood, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hurley (Interim), Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax, Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill, Chief Capital Programs, Expansion & Innovation Franklin Rucker, Chief of Rail Operations David Springstead; AGMs Marsha Bomar Anderson, LaShanda Dawkins and Kirk Talbott; Manager MARTA Board of Directors Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Others in attendance Abebe Girmay, Courtne Middlebrooks and LaTonya Pope.

Approval of the March 26, 2020 Planning & Capital Programs Committee Meeting Minutes

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Pond, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present.

* Russell R. McMurry, P.E. is Commissioner of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT); Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and are therefore non-voting members of the MARTA Board of Directors

Briefing – City of Atlanta Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the More MARTA Expansion Program

Mr. Rucker presented an overview of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Atlanta for More MARTA program implementation.

Background

Atlanta Streetcar (Jan 2018)

- Coordinated knowledge transfer
- Developed transition schedule for Streetcar service

More MARTA (Jan 2018)

- Established the roles/responsibilities of MARTA and City of Atlanta for More MARTA
- Created Program Management Office and City of Atlanta Liaison
- Served as framework for project prioritization and program implementation
- Established advisory committees that developed program and financing scenarios to implement high capacity transit projects

New IGA Purpose

- Moving Program into Project Delivery
- Responsibilities Based on Project Phase and Liability
- MARTA Board has final decision-making
- City of Atlanta Subcommittee (MARTA Board)
- Program Governance Committee
 - Makes Key Project Decisions
 - Oversight at Project Milestones
 - Proactively Flag and Address Programmatic Challenges
 - Provides Resolution for Potential Conflicts

Roles and Responsibilities

- Initiation – Varies by project
- Planning – MARTA Lead / City of Atlanta Support
- Final Design – MARTA Lead / City of Atlanta Support
- Implementation – MARTA Lead / City of Atlanta Support

Roles

- Program Approval – MARTA Board of Directors

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- Program Recommendations – City of Atlanta Subcommittee of MARTA Board of Directors
- Program Governance – Program Governance Committee
- Program Management – Program Management Team
- Programmatic Committees – Communications Working Group
- Project Committees – Project Technical Committee

Next Steps

- Board Adoption June 2020
- City Council Adoption July 2020

Dr. Edmond asked how would the Authority approach any deficiencies and shortfalls by prioritizing plans and programs.

Mr. Rucker said this program have requirements that are physically constrained. The Authority would evaluate the program during the evaluation of sales tax revenue receipts. This would allow the Authority to look through alternative funding.

Mr. Griffin asked if there was a conflict resolution in place between the City and MARTA staff.

Mr. Rucker said yes, Paragraph #4 in the Governance references specific details which indicates the MARTA Board have ultimately responsibility for decisions effecting the transit components of the program.

Mr. Frierson said the Atlanta Beltline Project was mentioned during the presentation. He asked how does the Beltline Project fit in the scope of the IGA.

Mr. Rucker said majority of the proposed expansion projects are within the Beltline Right-of-Way. The agreement requires the Authority to have an Overarching Agreement between the Beltline and MARTA. For each project, staff will execute a project to a specific agreement that deals with the roles and responsibilities. The project would process through a unique nature of construction within the Right-of-Way. The Beltline have different requirements than the Overarching Agreement.

Ms. Abdul-Salaam asked if the Beltline Project is treated as a governmental entity.

Mr. Rucker said the yes, however, the Beltline Project will be included in the Right-of-Way Agreement.

Resolution of the MARTA Board of Directors Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Atlanta for the Development and Implementation of the More MARTA Expansion Program

Mr. Rucker presented a resolution authorizing approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Atlanta for the Development and Implementation of the More MARTA Expansion Program.

The City of Atlanta passed an additional one-half penny tax in 2016 for the expansion of MARTA transit in the City of Atlanta. Previously the City and MARTA entered into an IGA to develop a financially constrained program for the projects contained in the 2016 ballot. In accordance with the More MARTA IGA the MARTA Board of Directors adopted a prioritized program in June 2019.

The parties have now set forth their responsibilities and obligations regarding the planning, program management, designing, permitting, utility coordination, right of way coordination and other construction considerations as well as establishing the protocols and processes for Program implementation. Approval of the IGA is requested to acknowledge this IGA.

On motion by Mr. Pond seconded by Mr. Frierson, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 12* members present.

Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Funds for General Consulting and Professional Services (GCPS) for the Development of Capital Programs delivery in Fiscal Year 2021

Mrs. Anderson Bomar presented a resolution authorizing the General Manager/CEO, or his delegate, to authorize funding in the amount of \$2.5M for the Department of Capital Programs Delivery for professional and specialized vendors holding a valid GSA Schedule 70 to support delivery/execution of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) on an as-needed basis in Fiscal Year 2021.

GCPS contract staff is necessary to implement MARTA's Operations supported projects identified in the Capital Improvement Program and to support operating activities, as needed. These capital projects require highly experienced staff with specialized expertise in the areas of planning, design, implementation, training and documentation.

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The Following Capital Projects will be primarily funded by GCPS:

- 31703 Train Control & SCADA Upgrade (TCSU)
- 31977 Rehab Tunnel Ventilation Systems (TVS)
- 31968 Rail Stabilization
- 31984 Vital Relays

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) have assigned a 35% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal on this contract.

Considering vendors will be identified from GSA schedules, D&I will work closely with the Office of Contracts & Procurement and Materials, the Division of Operations, and the Department of Capital Programs & Development to assist them in identifying GSA qualified DBE firms to meet the DBE goal requirements for this contract.

Ms. Abdul-Salaam said the chart indicates that there is a balance of \$1.2M. She asked would the balance be included in the \$2.5M.

Mrs. Anderson Bomar said there is always a balance between when work is performed, when an invoice is received and when an invoice is paid. The \$2.5M would be new funding.

On motion by Mr. Pond seconded by Mr. Frierson, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 12* members present.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the Planning & Capital Programs Committee adjourned at 10:12 a.m.