

## **MINUTES**

### **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**July 11, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on July 11, 2018 at 1:33 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

#### **Board Members Present**

Roberta Abdul-Salaam  
Robert L. Ashe III  
Robert F. Dallas  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Roderick E. Edmond  
William "Bill" Floyd  
Ryan Carter Glover  
Freda B. Hardage  
Alicia M. Ivey  
John "Al" Pond  
W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; Deputy General Manager A. Robert Troup; C-Suite Team Members – Chief Police & Emergency Management Wanda Dunham, Chief Financial Officer Gordon Hutchinson and Chief Legal Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill; AGMs Elayne Berry, John Cochran (Acting), Sherrie Johnson (Acting), Benjamin Limmer, David Springstead, Emil Tzanov and Tom Young (Interim); Executive Director Shelton Goode; Chief Information Security Officer Dean Mallis; Sr. Directors Stephany Fisher (Acting), Kevin Hurley, Amanda Rhein and Donald Williams; Directors Rhonda Allen, John Bayalis, Jonathan Hunt and Richard Slaton; Manager Davis Allen; Sr. Executive Administrator Ashanti Boothe, Sr. Executive Administrator Tonya Gantt (Contract); Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator Keri Lee. Others in attendance Hunter Abel, Adrian Carter, Rae Clifton, Luke Derachera, Satyn Geary, Abebe Girmay, Cedric Griffin, Bryan Hobbs, Courte Middlebrooks, LaTonya Pope, Ryan Sagar.

Also in attendance were Latoya Brisbane of Holland & Knight LLP; C. Anthony of VLF; Lucy Bigham; Eric Burton; Kellen Car and Caitlyn Cooper of Excelsis PC; Gerald Durley; Bill Forrest; Ami Franklin, Ryan Gravel, Rick Hudson, Charles Paine, Ansel Poventuo, Kay Stephenson, Behnoosh Tehrani, Robyn Turner, Lauren Welsh and Cathy Woolard of Beltline Rail Now; Carri Gibbs of 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Jostin Grimes and Tayler Simon – Councilmember Matt Westmoreland; Rodney Johnson of KDG Construction Consulting,

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Inc.; Paul Jones; Kyle Keahey of More MARTA PMO; Sean Keenan of Curbed; Kim Kimyung; Stan King of S.L. King; Maggie Lee; John McCollaugh; Ian McDermott of Council for Quality Growth; Robie Monroe; Eric Morales; Keith Parker of CCAG; Dan Reyenstein of SRTA; Jim Schmid of HNTB; Caleb Scott; Fred Smith; Robert Stein; Brandon Sutton; Scott Trubey of The AJC; William Tucker of ABI; Grace Walker of WABE; Felicia Franklin Warner of Clayton County Commission; C. Ian Wells of ABL; Sherry Williams of Georgia Stand Up; Cain Williamson of City of Atlanta; Betty Willis of Clifton Corridor TMA.

### **Public Comment**

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Mr. Ryan Gravel. The Atlanta Beltline started as my graduate thesis in 1999. He thanked MARTA for being a part of the project since inception. In 2007 the MARTA Board approved the Beltline Project and rail technology. Transit has always been a part of the project and there is also accountability as it is built. Now that there is funding it should be built. We advocate for shifting money in the More MARTA plan toward the Beltline, rethinking the Campbellton Road corridor as a signature BRT project and shifting LRT money to the Beltline in order to build the entire loop.

Ms. Cathy Woolard, Former Atlanta City Council President. From inception of the Beltline, it was envisioned as a transportation project. MARTA was at the table from the very beginning of the project. At a recent forum, we asked for three things: a) a way to connect directly with MARTA, 2) transparency on how decisions were made on the priorities and 3) a public engagement process that was clear and transparent.

Ms. Kay Stephenson. We asked for a way to communicate with MARTA and the Board of Directors. We would like to see bio information on Board members on the MARTA website.

Mr. Charles Paine. Moving back to Atlanta. I thought the Beltline would be complete. It's hard to live in Inman Park without transit.

Mr. Paul Jones. Asked the Board to look at the ByLaws regarding Public Comment. Other jurisdictions allow a longer period for Public Comment. Additionally, it would be nice to see bios on the MARTA Board members. During the MARTA briefing to DeKalb County on June 5, there was no mention of the Capital Budget and the funds that will be spent on 300 new rail cars. He asked the Board to take some of the funds and start purchasing right-of-way for heavy rail extension in DeKalb County.

Ms. Robyn Turner. Volunteer with Beltline Rail Now. It would be helpful to have the Board email address listed under 'Contact' on the website. Also provide bios of the Board. The

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Clifton Corridor is an affluent part of town, but it is time steer economic opportunity toward southwest Atlanta. Transit that is located out of traffic as Beltline light rail would be, would speed up commute times which will increase economic opportunity by making jobs more accessible. Our community embraces this project. Please begin building light rail right away.

Mr. Angel Poventud. I use MARTA weekly. He asked the Board's leadership. The community does not know exactly what is going on. People need to know about cost, ridership and operating cost. It is important not to make decisions without the public's input. The community wants to support MARTA. There needs to be more public process.

Mr. Ian Wells. (Mr. Wells ceded his time to the next speaker).

Commissioner Felicia Franklin Warner. Ms. Abdul-Salaam introduced Clayton County Commissioner Warner; Clayton's newest Commissioner and a huge proponent of efforts in Clayton County. Commissioner Warner said she is excited about future rail going into Clayton County.

Ms. Sherry Williams. Public Policy Coordinator for Georgia Stand Up, handling transit equity initiatives. Georgia Stand Up advocates for those who cannot take off from work, who ride some of the most heavily traveled corridors - get what they need. Specifically, the Campbellton Road BRT, LRT and Greenbriar Transit Centers can be a catalyst in bringing in people from the 285 Corridor along the 166 back to Fulton Industrial and other counties that use this corridor. The Barge Road Park & Ride never took off because a patron would need to ride 40-45 minutes to get to the Oakland City train station.

Rev. Gerald Durley. An original Board member of the Beltline. Concerned that finances are going to other parts of the city. A moral decision must be made by the MARTA Board to determine transportation patterns in that area. It is getting very crowded. He encouraged the Board to consider the south side of town.

Mr. Bill Forrest. Atlanta resident and real estate broker. We were promised that if we voted for the tax, we would have light rail on the Beltline. At the end of the day, my friends, neighbors and colleagues want light rail on the Beltline that would help the city tremendously. So many times the City of Atlanta carries the water for the region – please don't let that happen in this case.

Mr. Brandon Sutton. Lives in Cabbage Town. The only reason he is still in Atlanta today is the promise of the Beltline, which has the potential to radically transform Atlanta. We must build out the complete loop with light rail and the dedicated corridor. He asked the Board to reconsider the priorities and put the Beltline Loop at the top of the list.

Mr. Caleb Scott. There is a lot of diversity in Atlanta. We are at a crossroad in Atlanta. We need to see the whole picture and not prioritize only certain parts of the city.

Mr. Fred Smith. Thanked the Board for the work they do. There are 45 neighborhoods connected by the Beltline. The landscaped is transforming. People that live in these areas are often being forced out. The equity piece must be kept intact. A dedicated BRT on Campbellton Road combined with more transit in southwest and southeast that would connect the entire city would be absolutely transformative.

Ms. Betty Willis. President of Clifton Corridor Transportation Management Association. Clifton Corridor is the largest employment center in the region, with no direct access to MARTA. We are gridlocked. There are thousands of jobs in the Clifton Corridor. By having this transit line will give people access to jobs. Connectivity to the Corridor has been on the ARC's list since 1961. Opening access to the Clifton Corridor is essential.

Mr. Rick Hudson. Land Use and Zoning Chair for Grant Park Neighborhood Association. Development has come to southeast Atlanta and there is serious gridlock. The full Beltline loop at full implementation (in its own corridor) is seriously needed.

Mr. John McCauley. Support Beltline Rail Now. The community did not vote for a rail line to Emory, but rather citizens voted for rail on the Beltline. That's what we voted for and that is what we expect.

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**Minutes of the June 22, 2018 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors**

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Worthy, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present.

**Planning and External Relations Committee Report**

Ms. Abdul-Salaam reported that the Planning and External Relations Committee met on June 22, 2018 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Adopting a Locally Preferred Alternative for Connect 400: Georgia 400 Transit Initiative

Mr. Pond motioned to substitute this resolution. Mr. Glover seconded. The Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present.

On motion by Mrs. Hardage seconded by Ms. Ivey, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt the substitute resolution by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

- b. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement for Professional Government Affairs Services, Request for Proposals Number P40331

On motion by Ms. Abdul-Salaam seconded by Dr. Edmond, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Results of Public Hearings on Proposed Service Modifications for August 2018
- b) Connect 400: GA 400 Transit Initiative Locally Preferred Alternative

#### **Operations & Safety Committee Report**

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Dr. Edmond reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on June 28, 2018 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of MARTA's Utilities Locate Services, IFB B41279
- b. Resolution to Accept the Contract for Project B24418, Coating Rehabilitation of CS115 and CS310 Aerial Structures
- c. Resolution Authorizing Payment of Invoices to A-Action Janitorial Services, Inc. for Station Heavy Cleaning Services, B37014
- d. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Fire Suppression Systems Inspection and Testing Services, IFB B38779
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Funds for General Consulting and Professional Services (GCPS) for the Department of Safety and Quality Assurance in Fiscal Year 2019

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- f. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Diesel Exhaust Fluid, IFB B41200
- g. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Thirty-Foot (30') Diesel Buses, P42019
- h. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Bus, Mobility and Railcar Operator Training Enhancements, RFP P39279

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Worthy, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefing:

- a) Bus Collisions

### **Business Management Committee Report**

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Mr. Daniels reported that the Business Management Committee met on June 28, 2018 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Approving the Disposition of MARTA Parcel D1197 at the Edgewood/Candler Park Station in Atlanta, Georgia
- b. Resolution Authorizing a Modification for Trapeze Master Agreement, Contract No. P34149
- c. Resolution Authorizing a Modification in Contractual Authorization for Renewal of Maintenance Support for Teledriver 8.1.6 Driver Management System, Contract Number L39961

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Ms. Abdul-Salaam, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefing:

- a) FY 2018 April Financials and Performance Indicators

**Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, Execution and Delivery of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority 2018A Refunding Bonds and the 2018B Variable Rate Bonds**

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On motion by Mr. Dallas seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 11 members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

**Public Comment (con't)**

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Ms. Lauren Welsh. In support of the Beltline. This is an opportunity to connect 45 neighborhoods. Beltline rail is for residents, but also to attract people to the community. She asked the Board to recognize how much of an impact MARTA can have on the City.

Mr. Loren Heyns. Works for the Georgia Department of Economic Development and a Ph.D. student in Civil Engineering at Georgia Tech. Since the Beltline rail was proposed in 2005, we have an opportunity to combine safe bike routes with rail and pedestrians. There is a company from Ann Arbor Michigan called May Mobility – each passenger is in a seat with a safety panel in front of them where they have the ability to control the vehicle. It is a dramatic change in technology. When the beltline is approved, we should meet to discuss this.

Ms. Carri Luse. Live in 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. Being a resident, there is a level of unprecedented traffic and congestion. It is important to prioritize the transportation link to the Beltline. [Ms. Luse read her thoughts on the Beltline and connectivity within the city].

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**Adjournment**

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The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:24 p.m.