

MINUTES

PLANNING & EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

November 21, 2019

The Board of Directors Planning & External Relations Committee met on November 21, 2019 at 9:34 a.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
Roderick E. Edmond
William "Bill" Floyd
Roderick A. Frierson
Ryan C. Glover
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
John "Al" Pond
Rita A. Scott

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/ CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; C-Suite Team Members Chief Administrative Officer Luz Borrero, Chief of System Safety, Security & Emergency Management/Police Wanda Dunham; Chief of Bus Operations Collie Greenwood, Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hurley (Interim), Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill, Chief of Capital Programs, Expansion & Innovation Franklin Rucker and Chief of Rail Operations David Springstead; AGMs Heather Alhadeff, Marsha Anderson Bomar, LaShanda Dawkins, Virgil Fludd, Gena Majors, Dean Mallis Kirk Talbott, Emil Tzanov and Tom Young (Interim); Executive Director Paula Nash; Senior Directors Colleen Kiernan, Don Williams and George Wright; Directors Rhonda Allen, John Cochran, David Emory, Jacqueline Holland (Acting), Jonathan Hunt, Connie Krisak, Pat Minnucci and Remy Saintil; Manager Stephany Fisher; Manager MARTA Board of Directors Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor; Sr. Executive Administrator Kenya Hammond. Others in attendance Adrian Carter, Alfonso Eugene, Abebe Girmay, Courtne Middlebrooks and Eric Petersen.

Also in attendance Pam Alexander of LTK Engineering; Jasper De Lange of Arcadis; Anna Bianca George of CERM; Adam Haplin of Arcadis; Patrick Hill of CERM; Matt McCormack of Reeves Young; Helen McSwain of Rohadfox; Keith Parker of Clayton County Citizen Advisory Group; Jim Schmidt of HNTB; Soji Tinubu of WR&J, Bobbie Unger of Wendel and David Wicket of *The AJC*.

Approval of the October 31, 2019 Planning & External Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

On motion by Mr. Pond seconded by Mr. Frierson, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 5 to 0, with 5 members present.

Briefing – 2020 Legislative Program

Mrs. Kiernan presented an overview of the 2020 Legislative Program.

2019 State Legislative Recap

- Bond transaction flexibility
 - Languished in Senate Transportation
- House Bill 511 Rural Transit Funding
 - Got caught up in issues between House and Senate
- Seven Year Moratorium on Future Gwinnett MARTA Vote
 - Failed – Amendment was removed and then underlying bill died in conference committee

2020 MARTA Legislative Priorities

- Focus on Jurisdictions: DeKalb, Fulton, Clayton Counties and the City of Atlanta
 - 15th Amendment
 - Executing and communicating State of Good Repair Capital Program
 - Executing and communication MARTA 2040 Expansion in Clayton and City of Atlanta
 - Supporting Fulton and DeKalb County in identifying funding for expansion plans

Relationship building at State and Federal Level

- Governor/Lt. Governor/Speaker
- House and Senate Leadership
- Rising stars
- Aligned agencies: ARC, ATL, GDOT

- MARTOC Management Audit required by House Bill 213 (December 2020)

Core Penny Sales Tax – City of Atlanta, DeKalb, Fulton and Clayton Counties

Total: \$461.4M

- divided into System Operations and Capital Program Budget
 - \$239.3M (System Operations)
 - \$222.1M (Capital Program)
 - \$498.4M (farebox, ad valorem taxes, parking / leases / advertising)
 - \$491.6M (vehicles, debit services, facilities, IT)

Mr. Griffin said in reference to the Core Penny Sales Tax Chart, it appears that the Authority is spending more than half of the core penny for operations. He asked if the Authority was spending a majority of the penny.

Mrs. Kiernan said the Core Penny Sales Tax Chart reflects the anticipation of the FY19 Budget.

2020 Legislative Issue Education Strategy

- 2020 Legislative Issues
 - Transit Funding
 - Revenue Opportunities Beyond Sales Tax
 - House Bill – Uber/Lyft fee
 - Future state funding for transit should be local matching tool
 - E-Scooters
- Issues on the Near Horizon
 - Sovereign Immunity
 - Support Regional TDM Policy
- MARTOC Meeting called for December 4th at 11am

Federal Transit Funding Update

- FY20 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations (THUD)
 - The Senate has adopted the four bill mini-bus that includes the FY20 THUD Appropriations bill. The bill now goes to conference. Of the total of \$2,644,960, the monies would be available to the CIG program as follows:

- New Starts: \$1,506,910,000
 - Core Capacity: \$715,700,000
 - Small Starts: \$400,900,000
 - PMO Takedown: \$26,449,600
- Sens. Martha McSally (R-AZ) and Doug Jones (D-AL) amended the bill to block a \$1.2 billion cut in federal formula funds for transit.
 - The current Continuing Resolution (CR) expires on November 21st with the House having passed an extension to December 20, 2019.

Resolution Authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his Delegate to Amend the Current Contract to Add Additional Funds for the Procurement of CPMO Consultant Supplemental Services, RFP P43871

Approval of a Resolution authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to amend the current contract to add additional funds for the Procurement of CPMO Consultant Supplemental Services, RFP P43871 with Jacobs in the amount of \$7,500,000.

MARTA has entered into a contract with Jacobs | Russell MARTA Team to organize a CPMO that will re-align program delivery, organize structure, evaluate and revise processes and procedures, supplement MARTA's internal resources and recommend technology that meets the agency's requirements. As MARTA's expansion program increases and its service area grows, a CPMO is critical to the Authority.

On motion by Mr. Pond seconded by Mr. Floyd, the resolution was approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11 members present.

Mr. Frierson abstained.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the Planning & External Relations Committee adjourned at 10:23 a.m.