



WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Thursday, March 3, 2016

MEETING SUMMARY

A Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 12:41 p.m. in the MARTA Board Lounge, 6th Floor, MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324

Board Members Present

Robert L. Ashe III
Juanita Jones Abernathy
Robert F. Dallas
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond
Noni Ellison-Southall
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Russell McMurry*
Christopher Tomlinson

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Approval of the Minutes of the February 4, 2015 Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mrs. Ellison-Southall seconded by Dr. Edmond, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present.

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Upcoming Meetings of the Board:

Thursday, March 31, 2016

- Operations & Safety Committee – 10:00 a.m.
- Business Management Committee – (immediately following)

Thursday, April 7, 2016

- 10:30 a.m. Planning & External Relations Committee
- 12:00 Work Session
- 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting

* Russell McMurry is Commissioner Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors

Legislative Briefing

Board members were briefed on Senate Bill 330. The bill passed successfully out of the Senate Transportation Committee, but then died in the Rules Committee. Board and staff members are working to determine if the bill can be broken into pieces (a sentiment held by several jurisdictions). What is being explored is if SB330 would have authorized a referendum in Clayton, Fulton, Atlanta, DeKalb – i.e., pass a bill in Atlanta that authorizes a referendum for Atlanta, pass a bill for DeKalb that would authorized a referendum for DeKalb, etc.; with basically the same conditions, restrictions and provisions that would have been in the big bill. If this is possible, it would provide that the money raised would be spent in the area in which it is raised. Additionally, jurisdictions would be able to partner with each other, if they agreed to.

Brookhaven Development Update

During 2015, the MARTA Board authorized staff to enter into negotiation with joint development partners Integral and Trans Western. Since that time, staff has been:

- Negotiating the terms of the term sheet
- Conducting community engagement in support of the project
 - Five public meetings to date – one city-wide forum and four workshops

It was determined there is a lot of concern about traffic. MARTA is conducting due diligence in the form of a traffic impact analysis. There will be another series of community meetings once the due diligence process is complete.

A project website was created and comprises: general information, milestones, frequently asked questions and community forum. Additionally, residents have left comments on the Brookhaven Post website.

Clayton County High Capacity Briefing

MARTA has an agreement with Clayton County to conduct a high capacity study to explore the feasibility of commuter rail or some other type of high capacity service within that corridor. Currently, MARTA is working with Norfolk Southern in looking at the right-of-way along the Lovejoy line. Norfolk Southern is looking at the second track and future freight capacity along the corridor. To date, they are 50% complete with the preliminary analysis.

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Adjournment

The Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:16 p.m.