

**Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority  
Regional Transit Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

**July 17, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charlie Sutlive, Chair  
Steve Dickerson  
Russell McMurry  
Howard Mosby  
Charlotte Nash – via teleconference  
Teddy Russell  
Todd Ver Steeg  
Chuck Warbington  
Felicia Franklin Warner  
Tom Weyandt

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Keisha Lance Bottoms  
Earl Ehrhart  
Andy Macke  
Michael Thurmond  
Mark Toro

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am. Mr. Sutlive recognized Sen. Gloria Butler, Rep. Angela Kausch, and MARTA Board member Rod Fryerson, all of whom were in the audience. Chris Tomlinson was also recognized for being named as one of the most admired CEOs in Georgia by the Atlanta Business Chronicle.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Committee Chair called for a motion to add the approval of the minutes to the agenda. Mr. Russell made the motion, Mr. Ver Steeg seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Committee Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2019 meeting. Mr. Weyandt made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Ver Steeg seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE REGION**

Mike Alexander with ARC gave the Committee an overview of the demographics of the region and how it has grown over the years.

## **FIVE PARTY AGREEMENT**

John Orr with ARC gave a presentation on the intergovernmental agreement, previously referred to as the Quad Party Agreement but now known as the Five Party Memorandum of Agreement.

Mr. Orr advised that federal law and regulations require a written agreement among ARC as the MPO and the primary partners involved in transportation in the metropolitan area region, detailing each party's roles and responsibilities. The organizations involved are the Georgia Department of Transportation, ARC, MARTA, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, and now the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority due primarily because the ATL is the designated recipient for the Atlanta UZA.

## **FY19 FTA REGIONAL FORMULA FUNDS SUBALLOCATION**

Jonathan Ravenelle, the ATL Transit Funding Director, gave an overview of the FY19 FTA Regional Formula Funds Suballocation. The ATL is the designated recipient for the Atlanta urbanized area which falls under three formula programs: Section 5307, Section 5337 and Section 5339.

## **REGIONAL POLICY UPDATES**

Jonathan Ravenelle presented a recap of the proposed regional formula fund policy changes, dealing with certain categories of federal transit funds. He explained the rationale behind the proposed changes and outreach efforts related to communicating the proposed changes. The ATL Board is scheduled to consider these policy changes at the August Board meeting, following additional input and feedback from regional operators in the intervening time.

Ms. Warner asked if the Board will be able to see what each jurisdiction spend their allocations on. Mr. Tomlinson confirmed that the ATL has access to see how recipients obligate their funding in FTA grant applications, but that it does not have the ability to look at direct expenses made using the funding. In addition, the Board will be able to see staff recommendations on where to use the set-aside money as part of the budget process.

Mr. Sutlive asked about the outline of events where MARTA's Board Chair presented proposed policies to MARTA's local jurisdictions and the feedback that was received from these engagement opportunities. Mr. Ravenelle explained that they were very informative and productive meetings. Mr. Tomlinson indicated that everyone appreciated the transparency; MARTA acknowledged the .5% increase in the set aside of Section 5307 funding for regional projects.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weyandt made the motion, and Ms. Warner seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Charlie Sutlive, Committee Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Merry Mandus, General Counsel

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jamie Harris, Board Secretary

**DATE MINUTES APPROVED:**

September 20, 2019