

**Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority
245 Peachtree Center Avenue, NE, Suite 2300
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

**Board Meeting
Minutes**

February 6, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Sutlive, Chair
Keisha Lance Bottoms
Steve Dickerson
Earl Ehrhart
Andy Macke
Russell McMurry
Howard Mosby
Teddy Russell
Michael Thurmond
Mark Toro – via teleconference
Todd Ver Steeg
Chuck Warbington
Felicia Franklin Warner
Tom Weyandt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte Nash

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on December 13, 2020. Mr. Weyandt made the motion, and Ms. Warner seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Warner made the motion, and Mr. Weyandt seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Macke provided the Board with a summary of the last Regional Technology Committee meeting.

VICE CHAIR ELECTION

Mr. Sutlive opened the floor for nominations for the election of ATL Board Vice Chair. Mr. Weyandt nominated Ms. Felicia Franklin Warner to be re-elected as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and the Chair closed the floor. Mr. Russell made the motion to re-elect Ms. Warner, and Mr. Ehrhart seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved to re-elect Ms. Warner as Vice Chair.

REGIONAL SIGNAGE

Chris Tomlinson provided the Board with an overview of the regional bus stop signage project. The project originally initiated in 2012, the purpose of the project is to develop consistent transit bus stop signage for use throughout the region. The project is coordinated through ARC with participation from MARTA, Xpress, GCT, and CobbLinc. The timeline for this project is:

- 2016: \$3.8M GO! Transit Funding Award
- 2018: Funds were allocated to MARTA (\$1.7M) and Cobb (\$2.1M)
- 2018: A joint procurement for sign fabrication and installation was completed (Summer)
- 2019: Xpress and CobbLinc signed the contract with selected vendor for sign fabrications of their individual bus stop signs
- 2020: Xpress installing Xpress-only stop signs, CobbLink installing Cobb-only stop signs, and MARTA installing shared regional stop signs.

AFY 2020-FY 2021 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Monique Simmons provided the Board with an overview on the Governor's budget recommendation for AFY2020 and FY2021. The Governor did not make any recommended changes for AFY 2020. The only recommended change for FY2021 is the transfer of funds from the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority for Xpress operations per HB 930. There was also a note to examine the Xpress fare recovery ratios. Staff will continue to monitor the budget during the legislative Session and present the budgets to the ATL Board for their approval of FY2021 budget in June 2020.

Chris Tomlinson provided an overview of the transition of the Xpress operations to ATL in FY2021 including some statistics on park and ride lots, routes and counties served, and annual passenger boarding. Mr. Tomlinson also gave statistics on the vanpool partnership with Enterprise called Rideshare. In addition, Chris highlighted the previous fleet investments as well as other Xpress-related strategic initiatives that are in process.

There was some discussion regarding moving of Xpress operations to the ATL and the Board agreed that it would need to be discussed in depth in Committee.

2020 ATL ROADMAP

Mr. Tomlinson introduced Adelee Le Grand to the board and discussed her role at the ATL. Ms. Le Grand provided the Board an overview of the ATL Roadmap that will help organize and advance the ATL's plans in 2020.

Mr. Macke expressed concern on the decline of transit usage despite the population growth; he also expressed interest in the continuing development of the transit app as well as the impact marketing can have and discussed related funding items. Mr. Sutlive recommended that these topics be included on the agenda for the next Transit Planning committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Chris Tomlinson asked Scott Haggard to provide the Board with a legislative update. Mr. Haggard summarized the status of the legislative calendar, HB 511, SB 159. He also made the Board aware of other bills that involve a constitutional amendment that would potentially allow motor fuel tax to be used for all transportation purposes. Mr. Tomlinson focused on the Governor's efforts to increase awareness on human trafficking in Georgia.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dickerson distributed a handout and Mr. Sutlive suggested that the board should discuss the handout at a future committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Warner made the motion, and Mr. Russell seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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Charlie Sutlive, Chair

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DATE MINUTES APPROVED:

May 27, 2020
