

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

Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Sutlive, Chair
Earl Ehrhart
Felicia Franklin
Andy Macke
Howard Mosby
Charlotte Nash
Robb Pitts
Paul Radford - virtual
Teddy Russell
Mark Toro
Todd Ver Steeg
Chuck Warbington
Tom Weyandt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Keisha Lance Bottoms
Russell McMurry
Michael Thurmond

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and a quorum was confirmed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting held on July 1, 2021. Ms. Franklin made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Weyandt seconded. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Administrative Committee

Mr. Ehrhart provided the Board with a report summarizing the Administrative Committee meeting held on October 7, 2021. The following resolutions were recommended by the Administrative Committee to the Board for approval:

1. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Project Application for Federal Funding Support for Forsyth County 5307 Funding

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Project Application for Federal Funding Support for Forsyth County 5307 Funding. Mr. Macke made the motion to approve the resolution, and Mr. Russell seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Project Application for Federal Funding Support for Low/No Emission Bus Funding

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Project Application for Federal Funding Support for Low/No Emission Bus Funding. Ms. Franklin made the motion to approve, and Mr. Russell seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

3. Resolution Approving the Subgrant Agreement with Forsyth County for FTA Funding for the Forsyth County Transit Program

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Subgrant Agreement with Forsyth County for FTA Funding for the Forsyth County Transit Program. Mr. Macke made the motion to approve the resolution, and Ms. Nash seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

4. Resolution Approving the Subgrant Agreement with ARC for FTA Funding for the CPACS Vehicle Purchase Funding

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Subgrant Agreement with ARC for FTA Funding for the CPACS Vehicle Purchase Funding. Mr. Russell made the motion to approve the resolution, and Ms. Franklin seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

b. Xpress Operations Committee

Mr. Mosby provided the Board with a report summarizing the Xpress Operations Committee meeting held on September 2, 2021. The following resolution was recommended by the Xpress Operations Committee to the Board for approval:

1. Resolution Authorizing Contract Award for Xpress Park and Ride Lot Construction (Sugarloaf Mills)

Chair Sutlive called for a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Contract Award for Xpress Park and Ride Lot Construction (Sugarloaf Mills). Mr. Russell made the motion to approve, and Ms. Franklin seconded. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

c. Regional Technology Committee

Mr. Macke provided the Board with a report summarizing the Regional Technology Committee meeting held on September 2, 2021. There were no action items.

EXPRESS LANES & EXPRESS LANES TRANSIT UPDATE

Tim Matthews, with GDOT, provided an overview on the major GDOT project updates on the P3 Delivery, SR400 Express Lanes, I-285 Express Lanes, and Express Lanes Transit.

PRELIMINARY ARA FINDINGS

Aileen Daney, Alanna McKeeman, AICP, and Jess Willson, EBP provided an overview on the preliminary annual Report and Audit) findings and provided graphs on the following:

- Regional ridership (unlinked trips) by mode
- Monthly FY 2021 Ridership (unlinked trips)
- Major national trend: flattening of the curve
- Revenue hours of service by mode
- On-time performance by mode

Aileen, Alanna and Jess also discussed the environmental benefits, transit stimulus impacts in the regional economy, accessibility impacts analysis, as well as next steps.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) UPDATE

Jonathan Ravenelle provided an update on the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act relating to COVID-19 Relief Funding which includes CARES, CRRSAA and ARP FTA 5307 Funding. In addition, Jon also discussed some open FTA discretionary funding opportunities, additional ARP assistance programs, and route planning restoration programs.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On behalf of Chris Tomlinson, Cain Williamson provided the Board with an update on the following:

- Low/No Grant
- MARTA public engagement campaign for input on their new train designs

Scott Haggard provided the Board with a legislative update:

- Federal – Congress has not worked out a deal on the infrastructure bill and will continue through October
- State – Special Session is scheduled for November 3rd related to redistricting

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

APPROVED:



Charlie Sutlive, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Merryl Mandus, Chief Legal Officer

ATTEST:



Jamie Harris, Board Liaison

DATE MINUTES APPROVED:

11/4/21