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MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE  
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

OCTOBER 3, 1967

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on October 3, 1967, at 3:30 P.M. in the Glenn Building Conference Room, Atlanta. Mr. Roy A. Blount, Vice Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert F. Adamson (City of Atlanta)  
Sanford Atwood (DeKalb County)  
M. C. Bishop (Fulton County)  
Roy A. Blount (DeKalb County)  
Rawson Haverty (City of Atlanta)  
K. A. McMillon (Gwinnett County)  
L. D. Milton (City of Atlanta)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edgar Blalock (Clayton County)  
Richard H. Rich (City of Atlanta)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

H. L. Stuart, General Manager  
Glenn E. Bennett, Secretary  
King Elliott, Public Information Director  
Earl Nelson, Chief Engineer  
H. N. Johnson, Secretary to General Manager

Consultants

Walter Douglas, Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas,  
New York  
Gerald M. Sturman, Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas,  
New York  
W. O. Salter, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel,  
San Francisco

Consultants (Cont'd.)

J. A. Coil, Resident Manager, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor,  
Bechtel, Atlanta  
Leon Eplan, Eric Hill Associates, Atlanta  
W. Stell Huie, Huie & Harland, Atlanta  
Tom Watson Brown, Huie & Harland, Atlanta

Others

Paul Muldawer, Muldawer & Patterson, Atlanta  
Maartin Den Hartog, Lord & Den Hartog, New York  
Stan Lorch, Lord & Den Hartog, New York  
H. Boyer Marx, American Society of Landscape Architects  
and MARTA Advisory Committee  
P. A. Springer, Atlanta Traffic and Safety Council  
William Fletcher, White, Weld & Co., New York City  
George B. Pilkington, Bureau of Public Roads  
Roger D. Lewis, Bureau of Public Roads  
John D. Prien, Jr., Executive Director, Georgia Society  
of Professional Engineers  
Bill Schemmel, Marietta Daily Journal  
Dick Hebert, Atlanta Constitution  
Dave Donaldson, Securities News  
Leroy Powell, WAGA-TV  
Don Bridges, WAGA-TV

Mrs. Margaret C. Breland, Jerry A. Coursey, Mrs. Rachel  
Champagne, Miss Claudette Parrish, Atlanta Region  
Metropolitan Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman.

Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Adamson, the minutes of the September meeting were unanimously approved and the actions of the August meeting were ratified.

Financial Report

The General Manager presented the financial report as of September 30, 1967, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Gwinnett County was in arrears for one-half of its 1967 commitment. Mr. McMillon reported on a meeting held with Gwinnett

County Commissioners and stated payment would be forthcoming. Cash balance would be in line once the recent bill from Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel was audited and paid.

#### Section 9 Amendment

The General Manager recommended approval of a resolution authorizing an application to HUD for an amendment to the current Section 9 project and a contract between MARTA and the Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission for a three-month study to meet statutory requirements for a coordinated transportation and transit plan required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This work would be performed by Alan M. Voorhees and Associates, the cost of which would not exceed \$30,000--\$10,000 local money and \$20,000 from HUD. The following resolution was unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, local funds in the amount of \$10,000 are available as matching funds for additional work necessary to expand the scope of HUD Contract No. H-771 as set forth in the Amendment request presented to this Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Authority request \$20,000 additional funds to expand the scope of the technical studies, Section 9 Grant (HUD Contract No. H-771) and approve the Amendment request; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that H. L. Stuart, General Manager of this Authority, be and hereby is authorized and directed to take any and all further actions and to execute for this Authority any and all documents as may be reasonably necessary to make and obtain such request.

#### Huie and Harland

Mr. Huie stated that there was now a need for bond counsel to assist in preparation of bond issues. There were only two firms in Atlanta specializing in this area and they both were interested in doing this work. He suggested the firm of King & Spalding be retained as bond counsel, with Gambrell & Mobley as associate bond counsel. This would not involve any commitment of money this year. Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Atwood, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED, that the recommendations of General Counsel with regard to Bond Counsel are approved and that King & Spalding be named Bond Counsel and that Gambrell & Mobley

be named Associate Bond Counsel to the Authority with the understanding that Bond Counsel will report to the Authority through General Counsel.

### Report of Secretary

Mr. Bennett reported on recent meetings held with Mr. Robert Sommerville, President of the Atlanta Transit System, and stated he thought any misunderstanding had now been removed. Mr. Sommerville had said he would study MARTA's 701 report before making any further statements. He also expressed an interest in meeting with MARTA's consultants for briefings. Mr. Haverty commended this effort.

### General Manager

Mr. Stuart recommended appointment of a committee made up of members of the Board to approve the procedures under which public hearings and meetings were to be conducted as well as to conduct such hearings and meetings. A design review committee should also be formed and the Finance Committee reactivated. Mr. Bishop suggested the formation of a public relations committee. Upon motion by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mr. Adamson, it was agreed that Messrs. Rich, Blount and Stuart should appoint these committees and that Mr. Huie prepare bylaws.

Mr. Stuart stated that in the past Mr. McBrayer of Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel had represented MARTA at meetings of the Technical Coordinating Committee and the consultants were reimbursed under the retainer agreement. He requested approval of the Board to make adjustments under the retainer agreement now that the Chief Engineer of MARTA would replace Mr. McBrayer. He also requested authorization for \$2,000 for graphics under the retainer agreement. Upon motion by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mr. Adamson, those two requests were approved.

### Consultants

#### Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel

Mr. Coil reported that the design firm of Lord and Den Hartog had completed final drawings for the stations. He stated the 701 report was at the printer and copies should be available for the next Board meeting. Mr. Haverty urged that steps be taken to expedite completion of the report.

At the briefing prior to the Board meeting, a table had been presented showing costs of the system for the metropolitan area as it related to the 65-mile system.

The report from Law Engineering Company on soil samples would be ready within the next month; however, PBTB had been using the information developed by that firm on a daily basis. Liaison was being continued with the State Highway Department, municipalities, cities and counties. Meetings had been held with the railroads. In response to a question from Mr. Haverty, Mr. Coil said that his firm was getting excellent cooperation from the Highway Department and the railroads.

It was mentioned that the General Manager had had at least ten conferences with the railroads, all of which were most satisfactory.

#### Eric Hill Associates

Mr. Eplan stated work was almost finished on the impact of the system on certain facilities such as schools and fire stations. The report on the impact on the poor and disadvantaged was being written. The firm's current effort was giving line-by-line reviews to the General Manager and engineers on recommendations as to possible changes, conflicts and opportunities for development. Reviews had been submitted on the east and west lines. He commented that relationships with the engineers had been very good.

Mr. Muldawer, whose firm is assisting Eric Hill Associates in its work, made a presentation showing potential development around the Cultural Center as it related to rapid transit. The firm will prepare such information regarding ten or twelve key stations.

#### 1968 Proposed Budget

Mr. Stuart presented the proposed budget for 1968. This required only Board review; approval of the budget would be requested at the December meeting. The proposed budget showed a carry-over from 1967 of \$230,000 with income for 1968 estimated to be about \$1.5 million. Income was based on continuing participation of local governments, money appropriated by the State, money authorized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as anticipated federal funds for applications to be submitted by the first of the year. Operating expenses amounted to approximately \$1.6 million. Mr. Stuart was instructed to forward the proposed budget to the governments after preparing a more detailed explanation for each item.

### Rail Equipment

Mr. Douglas discussed the various kinds of rail equipment and pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of each. He recommended to the Board that it consider steel wheels on steel rails. If any other system developed more potential, it should be considered only if it demonstrated substantial savings. Mr. Douglas pointed out that 70-foot cars seating 72 passengers would cost approximately \$200,000 per car.

### Adjournment

The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:50 P.M.

### Next Meeting

November 7, 1967.