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

SEPTEMBER 5, 1967

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on September 5, 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)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edgar Blalock (Clayton County)
K. A. McMillon (Gwinnett County)
L. D. Milton (City of Atlanta)
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

MARTA Advisory Committee

H. Boyer Marx, American Society of Landscape Architects
Richard Forbes, American Institute of Planners

Consultants

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

Others

Joseph Lay, Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc., Atlanta
William Fletcher, White, Weld & Co., New York City
Thomas J. Pendergrast, Courts & Co.
P. A. Springer, Atlanta Traffic and Safety Council
George B. Pilkington, Bureau of Public Roads
John D. Prien, Jr., Executive Director, Georgia Society
of Professional Engineers
Donald G. Ingram, Central Atlanta Progress, Inc.
J. D. Wingfield, Jr., Mrs. Rachel Champagne, Miss Claudette
Parrish, Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman.

Minutes

The minutes of the August meeting were unanimously approved by the members present. Due to lack of a quorum, it was agreed that this action would be ratified by the Board at the October meeting.

Financial Report

The General Manager presented the financial report as of August 31, 1967, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Costs were running according to the budget. Third quarter appropriations had been received from participating governments with the exception of DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties. The tentative budget for fiscal 1968 would be submitted to the Board members for consideration in October.

Progress Reports

General Manager

Mr. Stuart reported that Mr. Nelson had met with officials of the City of Atlanta, Fulton and DeKalb Counties, and the City of

Decatur, and furnished them with sets of the 701 report materials for their study. He was scheduled to meet with East Point and College Park officials to apprise them of transit plans relative to their areas.

The General Manager stated that the final draft of the financial report prepared by Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates had been received and would be submitted to the Board members.

Public Information Director

Mr. Elliott reported that Mr. M. C. Bishop had made rapid transit presentations during the past month before the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, the College Park Kiwanis Club and the Atlanta Airport Area Rotary Club. At these meetings a film was shown entitled "The Alternate Route"; this was on transportation problems in Los Angeles and its need for a rapid transit system.

Mr. Elliott mentioned a special column that will appear in future issues of Rapid Transit Progress. It will answer various questions about rapid transit and plans; subject matter will consist of "MARTAnswers" by the General Manager.

Chief Engineer

Mr. Nelson reported on his attendance at the Engineering Foundation Research Conference held at Proctor Academy, Andover, New Hampshire, August 14-16, where discussions and presentations on economic and social aspects of urban transportation were stressed. The implementation of new transportation technology was presented by prominent researchers from the federal government and private industry.

Mr. Nelson was instructed to meet with the State Highway Department in connection with the construction of I-485 in order to determine effects this route might have on the transit planning.

Consultants

Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel

Mr. Coil reported on recent soil test borings along the north-south line and exhibited formations of stone taken at various depths. Contractual work for these borings had been completed and was

being analyzed by Law Engineering Testing Company prior to a final report.

Mr. Donald C. Hyde, retired General Manager of the Cleveland Transit System and now an Associated Consultant with Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas, had visited the PBTB offices recently and rendered valuable guidance on patronage and operations studies under way. Mr. Walter Quintin of BART, San Francisco, had also worked in Atlanta recently and furnished information on train controls.

Mr. Coil said PBTB's text for the 701 report was completed and was going to the printer very soon. Mr. Bennett mentioned that additional copies, over and above the 250 copies called for under the 701 contract, might be requested by the Authority. Mr. Bishop suggested that the General Manager be authorized to secure an appropriate number of additional copies at MARTA's expense. This was agreed.

Mr. Coil reported on progress of Lord & Den Hartog, design consultant for PBTB, in the design work for Transit Center and other stations and said a more detailed report would be made during November. Design concepts of the stations had been presented to those in attendance at the briefing session prior to the meeting.

Eric Hill Associates

Mr. Eplan briefly reported on progress of the impact study; discussions had been held with school authorities, fire department officials, and housing authorities to consider rapid transit plans and their relationship to these particular functions. He said work was continuing; studies were approximately two-thirds complete.

Proposed New Impact Study

Mr. Bennett stated that in view of the studies by Eric Hill Associates and the 701 reports, he had felt there might be duplication of work in the previously submitted work program for the first Section 9 Amendment approved by the Authority at the July meeting. This application had been held up until a revised program was determined and clarified.

Mr. Wingfield said consideration was being given to retaining one of the nation's outstanding transportation experts, Alan Voorhees and Associates of Washington, D. C., to evaluate plans and programs. This could be a valuable addition to the final planning of the transit system. Voorhees would be able to render the

Authority excellent advice and evaluations which would be invaluable as input for the pre-referendum campaign next year.

Mr. Ingram of Central Atlanta Progress stated the transportation consultant selected to advise MARTA would be retained by Central Atlanta Progress in connection with its studies on transportation.

Other Business

Mr. Bennett informed the Board members of a meeting to be held on September 12 in the Highway Board Room, co-sponsored by the State Highway Department and the Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission. The purpose was to discuss important points relative to overall transportation planning. At the meeting it was expected that a Policy Committee would be organized to render decisions regarding the Atlanta Area Transportation Study. It was hoped this would strengthen coordination of all agencies involved in the total transportation planning program for metropolitan Atlanta. To date AATS had operated without unified policy direction. Invitations had been sent to heads of local governments, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Bureau of Public Roads, MARTA, and the Atlanta Transit System.

Adjournment

The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

Next Meeting

October 3, 1967.