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

AUGUST 1, 1967

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on August 1, 1967, at 3:00 P.M. in the Glenn Building Conference Room, Atlanta. Mr. Richard H. Rich, Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert F. Adamson (City of Atlanta)
Sanford Atwood (DeKalb County)
M. C. Bishop (Fulton County)
Edgar Blalock (Clayton County)
Roy A. Blount (DeKalb County)
Rawson Haverty (City of Atlanta)
K. A. McMillon (Gwinnett County)
Richard H. Rich (City of Atlanta)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

L. D. Milton (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
Joan Eschenbrenner, Secretary

MARTA Advisory Committee

H. Boyer Marx, American Society of Landscape Architects
Roy J. Boston, P.E., Georgia Society of Professional
Engineers

Consultants

W. O. Salter, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel, San Francisco
J. A. Coil, Resident Manager, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel, Atlanta
Raymond O'Neil, Deputy Resident Manager, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel, Atlanta
R. W. Gustafson, Supervising Engineer, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel, Atlanta
Robert P. Barksdale, Project Estimator, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel, Atlanta
David McBrayer, Traffic Engineer, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel, Atlanta
Louis Dismukes, Eric Hill Associates, Atlanta
C. B. Cleveland, Eric Hill Associates, Atlanta
Arden Brey, Eric Hill Associates, Atlanta
W. Stell Huie, Huie & Harland, Atlanta
Tom Watson Brown, Huie & Harland, Atlanta

Others

Joseph Errigo, Urban and Community Development Assistant, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Atlanta
P. A. Springer, Atlanta Traffic and Safety Council
Robert W. Roseveare, Traffic Engineer, DeKalb County
J. B. Cooley, Planning and Research Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads
Norman J. Van Ness, Bureau of Public Roads
George B. Pilkington, Bureau of Public Roads
Gerald L. Smith, Bureau of Public Roads
Joseph E. Lay, Robinson-Humphrey Company, Atlanta
William M. G. Fletcher, White, Weld & Co., New York
Dick Hebert, Atlanta Constitution
David Nordan, Atlanta Journal
Art Schultz, WSB Radio
Ken Goodnight, WSB-TV
Abe Gallman, WSB-TV
Harvey Kramer, Intern, Fulton County Comptroller's Office
Al Barr, Intern, Fulton County Comptroller's Office
Bill Hayes, Intern, Fulton County Comptroller's Office
J. D. Wingfield, Jr., Jerry A. Coursey, Mrs. Margaret C. Breland, Miss Claudette Parrish, Tim Urban, Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Blount, the reading of the minutes of the July meeting was dispensed with and they were unanimously approved.

Financial Report

The General Manager presented the financial report as of July 31, 1967, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. DeKalb County had sent in its second quarterly payment; Gwinnett County was the only one in arrears.

Progress Reports

General Manager

Mr. Stuart reported on the two-week managerial seminar he attended at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, sponsored by Kent University and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The General Manager said Los Angeles, Seattle and Washington, D.C., were to have referenda during 1968 with regard to rapid transit. He pointed out that insufficiency of federal funds may be less important than the competition from these cities. Mr. Rich mentioned the importance of taking steps to hold a referendum in 1968.

Mr. Stuart reported on meetings with Cousins Properties regarding MARTA's requirements. Cousins Properties were about to incur certain construction expenses in the Air Rights area in their efforts to provide for future rapid transit operations; these were costs that could be charged to MARTA under appropriate agreements. Mr. Stuart requested the Board's approval to continue negotiations with Cousins. Costs involved had not been determined; however, Mr. Stuart estimated them to be between \$70,000 and \$90,000. The Chief Engineer was to meet with representatives from Cousins Properties and reach agreement as to exact costs which would be eventually chargeable to MARTA, when funds were available. MARTA would be responsible for accrued interest as well. It was moved by Mr. Bishop and seconded by Mr. Haverty that the General Manager continue negotiations with Cousins Properties with an indication of intent on the part of the Authority, provided all requirements were met.

Mr. Stuart said the proposed subcontract between Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel and Law Engineering Testing Company for test borings had been reviewed and found to be in order. Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. McMillon, approval was given to proceed with the subcontract.

Mr. Rich suggested that in the future the General Manager prepare a brief write-up on each proposed subcontract prior to the Board meeting.

Consultants

Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel

Mr. Coil summarized the report given at the briefing prior to the Board meeting, which included parking layouts, patronage estimates, and parking lot requirements for the 64-mile system; work contemplated in connection with the soils engineer on the central and west lines which Law Engineering Testing Company was to do; as well as the work being done in San Francisco on central line alignments affecting the I-75/I-85 connector on West Peachtree Street.

Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates

In the absence of Mr. Hammer, Mr. Bennett said the report on financial feasibility was completed and that copies would be made available to the Board very soon.

"Rapid Busways" Proposal

As a result of a request from Mayor Ivan Allen, the Board had directed the MARTA staff to review the rapid busways proposal made recently by the Atlanta Transit System. Mr. Stuart read the complete report of this evaluation, the summary of which is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

In response to a question from Mr. Blalock, Mr. Stuart said the rights-of-way for rapid busways and rapid transit were not the same.

The Chairman polled each Director for his reaction to the report. Mr. McMillon was emphatic in hoping that nothing would divert the Board from its efforts to bring rail rapid transit to metropolitan Atlanta. Mr. Bishop said he was concerned with the legal entanglements involved in the busways proposal. Mr. Haverty stated he would be interested in the rebuttal from the Atlanta Transit System with regard to the report. Mr. Adamson felt there were too many problems

and that there would be a delay in rapid transit if the busways proposal were accepted.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Blount, seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously agreed that the Chairman forward to Mayor Allen MARTA's recommendation that the implementation of the "Rapid Busways" concept not be attempted.

Other Business

The Chairman introduced the following interns from the Fulton County Comptroller's Office: Harvey Kramer, Al Barr and Bill Hayes.

Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:50 P.M.

Next Meeting

September 5, 1967.