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

MARCH 7, 1967

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on March 7, 1967, at 3:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Glenn Building, Atlanta. Mr. Richard H. Rich, Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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)
W. A. Pulver (Fulton County)
Richard H. Rich (City of Atlanta)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edgar Blalock (Clayton County)
Mills B. Lane, Jr. (City of Atlanta)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority:

H. L. Stuart, General Manager
Glenn E. Bennett, Secretary
Robert F. Adamson, Treasurer
King Elliott, Public Information Director
H. N. Johnson, Secretary to General Manager

Consultants:

J. A. Coil, Resident Manager, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel, Atlanta
Lawrence Greene, Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates, Atlanta
Raul Garcia, Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates, Atlanta
Tom Watson Brown and Harry Morgan, Huie and Harland, Legal Counsel for the Authority

Others:

Charles Haar, Assistant Secretary for Metropolitan Development, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Washington

Vincent Hearing, Administrative Assistant, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Washington

Art Davis, Deputy Director of Land and Facilities Development, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Washington

Charlie Sonnebron, Public Relations Director, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Washington

Edward H. Baxter, Regional Administrator, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Atlanta

A. Frederick Smith, Acting Assistant Regional Administrator for Program Coordination and Services, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Atlanta

Thomas J. Armstrong, Acting Assistant Regional Administrator for Metropolitan Development, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Atlanta

Henry Fillmer, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Atlanta

Jack Ingram, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Atlanta

Otis Brumby, Cobb County Observer

J. D. Wingfield, Jr., Planning Director, ARMPC

Rachel Champagne, Assistant to the Executive Director, ARMPC

Junie Hamilton, Atlanta Journal

Alex Coffin, Atlanta Constitution

Earl W. Nelson, Deputy Division Director, State Highway Department of Ohio

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

The financial report was presented by the General Manager. The statement reflected the fact that the counties of Clayton, DeKalb and Gwinnett were in arrears for their 1967 appropriations. The General Manager said he had been in contact with

these governments and expected payments soon. After a brief discussion of the format of the statement, it was accepted by the Board.

The financial statement is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Progress Reports:

1. General Manager:

Mr. Stuart reported on a recent trip to Washington, and mentioned visits with Congressmen Fletcher Thompson and Ben Blackburn. He said he had sent information about MARTA to each of the Congressmen to inform them of the plans for the area and to solicit their help in Congress.

Mr. Stuart had toured the proposed southern line of the system and mentioned possible alternates. The Chairman and others discussed the need for the southern line to serve the stadium if possible.

An application to the State of Georgia for transit funds was being prepared, and Mr. Stuart said it would be submitted at the appropriate time.

2. Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel:

Mr. John Coil, Resident Manager of Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel, reported that his firm had studied alternate southern lines and had developed an alternate which would generally follow the south expressway. In answer to questions by members of the Board, he said access of this proposed alternate southern line to the airport terminal should depend upon plans of the local governments to build a new air terminal. Mr. Coil said coordinated timing of construction of the two proposed facilities would be extremely important. The engineers felt that in the absence of firm plans for relocating the terminal, the proposed transit line should not be designed to serve that particular location.

Detailed design of proposed construction in the gulch area had been reviewed with contractors, who had cooperated in the design and placement of supporting columns of buildings so as not to interfere with the transit system's proposed turn-around in the area.

Mr. Coil said the contractor for aerial photography, MAPCO, Inc., had been given authority to complete photogrammetry on the east, west, and central lines, in that order of priority.

Preliminary cost estimates for the 63.5 mile system had been completed and the engineers were ready to work with the economic consultants toward further refinement of those estimates.

Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel had submitted a plan and profile of the proposed Atlanta system to their San Francisco office. Through the use of computers there, a program could be developed showing most economical speeds and timing between stations.

3. Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates:

Mr. Lawrence Greene of Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates reported that a new set of tentative cost estimates by six breakdowns had been submitted to them by the engineers. More information was to be submitted on estimated patronage and a cost schedule by years.

The Hammer firm was developing final figures on required participation by the local governments. Analyses of costs being developed would include the total system, including the Cobb County portion.

In response to questions of Board members, it was explained further by Mr. Greene and Mr. Coil that cost estimates would be prepared for (1) the initial system; (2) the intermediate system (about 36 miles, with extensions) and (3) the total system of approximately 63.5 miles. These cost estimates would not include any capital improvements other than rolling stock.

Contracts for Corridor Impact Study:

The General Manager asked for authorization to execute a contract between the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority and the Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission, for \$49,000.00 to cover the cost of the corridor impact study, discussed at the February meeting.

Mr. Bishop made a motion that the General Manager be empowered to execute the contract between the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority and the Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning

Commission for \$49,000.00 for the corridor impact study. Mr. Blount seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Mr. Bennett said the Planning Commission had, at its February 27 meeting, passed a similar resolution authorizing the execution of this contract.

Authorization under Retainer Agreement:

The General Manager reviewed an earlier authorization by the Board for an expenditure of \$2,000.00 for study of relocation of tracks in the gulch area to cooperate with proposed construction in the area and also provide for transit lines. This had been used successfully, and Mr. Stuart said he anticipated the Nasher Corporation would soon require similar studies for the area near the State Capitol if MARTA's interests in that area were to be protected. He requested authorization to contract with the engineers for an additional \$5,000.00 if required, for similar studies in the Capitol area.

Mr. Bishop made a motion that the General Manager be empowered to negotiate a contract under the retainer agreement for whatever work was required for studies in the Capitol area gulch in connection with proposed construction in that area, with a limitation on the contract of \$5,000.00, making a total authorization for the studies of the two areas limited to \$7,000.00. Mr. McMillon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Authorization for Opening of a New Bank Account:

Mr. Stuart said a new bank account was needed for funds of the new project recently approved, and after discussion, it was agreed that these funds would be deposited in the Fulton National Bank. It was further agreed that authorization for signing of checks be the same as the account of the 702 project, namely: either the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary, and either the General Manager or Chief Engineer.

Mr. Haverty made a motion that the General Manager be empowered to open a new bank account in the Fulton National Bank, for the deposit of funds of the newly approved project, and that signature authorization for that account be the same as the 702 account. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

Statements by Officials from HUD:

Mr. Charles Haar, Assistant Secretary for Metropolitan Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, had met with elected officials and professional staff of the local governments at a luncheon meeting earlier, and had presented a check for \$40,000.00 to Mr. Rich. This represented the first installment of the newly approved project to the Transit Authority. Mr. Haar commended the Authority for its work and expressed the willingness of officials in the Department to cooperate with local governments whose plans were coordinated for development of needed capital improvements. Mr. Baxter of the Regional Office also expressed confidence in MARTA, and offered the full resources of his office to assure that an appropriate share of federal funds would continue to be made available to metropolitan areas in the Southeast.

The Chairman expressed the need for better communication with the public and said full understanding by the community was necessary to the success of the project.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

NOTE: The next meeting of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4.