

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

DECEMBER 5, 1967

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on December 5, 1967, at 3:30 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)
Roy A. Blount (DeKalb County)
Rawson Haverty (City of Atlanta)
K. A. McMillon (Gwinnett County)
L. D. Milton (City of Atlanta)
Richard H. Rich (City of Atlanta)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Edgar Blalock (Clayton County)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

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

Consultants

W. O. Salter, Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas,
San Francisco
J. A. Coil, Resident Manager, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-
Tudor-Bechtel, Atlanta
R. W. Gustafson, Supervising Engineer, Parsons, Brincker-
hoff-Tudor-Bechtel, Atlanta
Jacques Labourer, Eric Hill Associates
Tom Watson Brown, Huie and Harland

Others

Don Ingram, Central Atlanta Progress, Inc.
P. A. Springer, Atlanta Traffic and Safety Council
Mrs. Rachel Champagne, J. D. Wingfield, Jr., Atlanta
Region Metropolitan Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. McMillon, the minutes of the November meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Report

Mr. Stuart presented the November 30th budget report and said most items were as projected. There were no questions and the report was accepted.

Report of General Manager

Mr. Stuart said the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers had passed a resolution endorsing the transit project, and expressing a desire to establish a speakers bureau.

Mr. Stuart reported on a recent trip to Louisville, to contact officials of the L. & N. Railroad and present details of the transit plan. He said the new lease for the A. & W.P. Railroad contained specific reference as to how rapid transit should be routed through the area to the west of Union Station.

The General Manager said meetings had been held with railroads, planning groups, municipal officials, and with Fulton, DeKalb, and Gwinnett County Commissioners. The proposed legislative program had been discussed with members of the House and Senate from the four counties. He planned a trip to Washington to discuss the 1968 legislative program with Representatives Blackburn and Thompson.

Mr. Stuart mentioned a visit on November 28, from Mr. Carl Hill, an assistant to Mr. Charles Haar of HUD in Washington. Mr. Hill had been shown the plans and reviewed progress in the design field.

Mr. Stuart said he and Mr. Bennett would appear before the Fulton County Grand Jury on December 12. (Subsequently, Mr. Haverly was substituted for Mr. Stuart.)

Mr. Rich had testified before the Rainey Sub-Committee of the Georgia House of Representatives on November 30, and requested Mr. Stuart to send a copy of his testimony to the Board members.

Reports by Consultants

Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel

Mr. John Coil reported that the 701 report had been distributed, and the popular summary version would be ready for distribution within one week. He said the engineers were continuing to update the plan and resolve questions with governments. He had been encouraged by responses from the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad and by the L. & N. Railroad.

Corridor Impact Study

Mr. J. D. Wingfield, Jr., Planning Director for ARMPC, commented on the corridor impact study. He said the study was designed to examine potentials. Examples had been looked at, such as outlying stations, but most of the work had been done on developed sections of the lines.

Mr. Wingfield said many of the ideas would depend upon the initiative of the elected officials to do early work so MARTA could take advantage of opportunities. He stressed that this study was not totally a "MARTA study," but pointed up the opportunities for local governments to act.

Contract between Georgia Department of Industry & Trade and MARTA

Copies of a proposed contract between MARTA and the Georgia Department of Industry & Trade were distributed for consideration. The State of Georgia had appropriated \$500,000 per year to MARTA, and the Department of Industry & Trade had been designated the agency who would disburse these funds. The contract provided for appropriations to be paid quarterly in advance, and provided that such funds could be used for direct or indirect costs, including debt service, administration, operating, planning, designing, finishing, right-of-way acquisition, and rolling stock.

The contract provided further that the State could appropriate real estate, in lieu of cash. It also gave the State a reversionary interest in the property of the Authority, in the same proportion as the State's appropriation to MARTA.

The contract required an annual audit of the books of MARTA to be sent to the State.

The contract was for 50 years, and would cover subsequent appropriations as they were made.

After discussion of the contract provisions, the following resolution was presented:

BE IT RESOLVED that Henry L. Stuart, General Manager, and Glenn E. Bennett, Secretary, be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute on behalf of this Authority a contract substantially in the form as presented to this Board, subject to approval of counsel, with the State of Georgia, by and through its Department of Industry & Trade, for the transfer and payment to this Authority of funds appropriated and to be appropriated by the Legislature and Governor of Georgia for the purposes of this Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said General Manager and Secretary be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute any and all further documents as may be reasonably necessary to the transfer and payment of said funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Citizens Trust Company be and hereby is designated as the depository for said funds and that all withdrawals therefrom shall be only over the signatures of either the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of this Authority and either the General Manager or the Chief Engineer of this Authority.

Upon motion by Mr. McMillon, seconded by Dr. Atwood, the above resolution was unanimously adopted.

Appointment of Auditor for 1968

Mr. Stuart had received a proposal from Arthur Andersen Company to continue auditing services as needed for the year ending December 31, 1968, for a fee of \$500. Mr. Bishop made a motion,

seconded by Mr. McMillon, that this contract be renewed. The motion was unanimously passed.

1968 Budget

The 1968 budget estimates were presented by the General Manager, who recommended the proposed budget for adoption. Mr. Stuart said the budget had been reviewed by the Board earlier. The Chairman asked for a breakdown and explanation of an item of \$750,000 for preliminary design of the transit center. The General Manager agreed to provide an explanation of this item, and Mr. Bishop made a motion that the budget for 1968 be adopted, subject to a satisfactory review of the item questioned by the Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adamson and unanimously passed.

A copy of the 1968 budget as adopted is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Authorization under Retainer Agreement

The General Manager requested authorization for \$500 to be expended under the retainer agreement, to pay for copies of the 100-scale plan and profile drawings which are being requested by the State Highway Department, the railroads, and others. Mr. Stuart showed samples of these prints, and said the engineers had been making them available at cost. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. McMillon, that a sum of \$500 be allocated for these prints, from the retainer agreement. The motion was unanimously passed.

January Meeting

It was agreed that the General Manager would poll the members as to a date in January for the regular meeting, which would not conflict with holiday plans. It was tentatively agreed that January 5 would be agreeable. Notice would be sent after the staff had checked with all members.

Adjournment

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