

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SIXTH MEETING  
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

DECEMBER 2, 1969

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sanford S. Atwood (DeKalb County)  
Roy A. Blount (DeKalb County)  
M. C. Bishop (Fulton County)  
S. Truett Cathy (Clayton County)  
Rawson Haverty (City of Atlanta)  
Allen S. Hardin (Fulton County)  
K. A. McMillon (Gwinnett County)  
L. D. Milton (City of Atlanta)

MEMBERS ABSENT

John C. Wilson (City of Atlanta)

OTHERS PRESENT

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

H. L. Stuart, General Manager  
E. W. Nelson, Chief Engineer  
King Elliott, Public Information Director  
H. N. Johnson, Administrative Assistant and  
Assistant Secretary

Consultants

J. A. Coil, PBTB, Atlanta  
W. Stell Huie, Counsel

Others

Edgar E. Schukraft, Southwest Atlanta Association  
R. E. Andrews, DeKalb County Jurors Association  
Alex Coffin, The Atlanta Constitution  
Raleigh Bryans, The Atlanta Journal  
Newsmen - WSB Radio  
Newsmen - WSB-TV  
Newsmen - WGST Radio

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Blount, Acting Chairman.

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the November 4 meeting had been mailed to the members prior to this meeting, and on motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. McMillon, they were unanimously approved.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Stuart presented the financial report as of November 27, 1969. Staff and administrative expenses remained within the budgeted figures with no significant changes from the October statement. A fund balance of \$24,096.53 was reflected for the period ending November 27. Mr. Bishop said it was encouraging that the Authority had stayed within its budget and would close out the year without a deficit. Mr. Stuart noted that the State of Georgia was a full 10 percent participant in the MARTA budget as of June 30, 1969. The financial statement is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

The General Manager stated that the Finance Committee would meet on December 16 with MARTA's counsel, accountant and auditor in attendance for the purpose of discussing the Authority's financial reporting procedures; to prepare recommendations for the Board's January meeting, and to discuss the State's support for the second half of 1969.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Stuart reported on two transportation seminars that he had attended in Washington during November, one being the Center City Transportation Project Conference sponsored by Urban America, Inc. dealing with transportation in the center city, and the other being the Transportation Demonstration Projects Conference sponsored by the Technical Council on Urban Transportation and the National Capital Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the U. S. Department of Transportation at which various transportation agencies presented their findings as a result of completed demonstration projects. While in Washington Mr. Stuart also visited with officials of HUD and DOT, and with members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation to apprise them of the Transit Authority's present work program and what it proposed during 1970.

A progress report was given by Mr. Stuart concerning rail commuter service. He pointed out that tracks of the Southern Railway from Doraville to Atlanta were the only ones suitable for such service. Other lines leading into the city had too many grade crossings, had single trackage, plus changes that would be required in tracks, signals, parking lots and platforms. Southern's response had not been as enthusiastic as the

Authority had hoped. Cost figures were being prepared by railroad officials and were expected to be available by the end of December in connection with the Doraville to Atlanta line.

#### REPORT ON MR. CARLOS VILLARREAL'S VISIT TO ATLANTA

Mr. Blount stated that Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Administrator, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, had visited Atlanta on November 28 in connection with the inauguration of shuttle-bus service by Atlanta Transit System between the Atlanta Stadium through the Peachtree corridor to the Civic Center parking lot. Mr. Blount advised that Mr. Villarreal was sympathetic to Atlanta's transportation problems and very interested in finding a solution to them. He would like to receive from the Transit Authority an application for additional federal funds if the present Senate bill pending in Congress is passed which would set up a 10-billion dollar federal fund over a 12-year period to be distributed on a two-thirds federal - one-third local matching basis for the purpose of establishing a complete transit system to serve the Atlanta area. Mr. Villarreal felt that this bill would probably pass in lieu of the proposed Transit Trust Fund bill. Mr. Blount said MARTA should be ready to move as soon as federal funds are approved.

#### STATUS OF NEW FEDERAL APPLICATION

MARTA's new federal application had been revised in line with changes agreed on between Alan Voorhees and Associates and Parsons Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel, and it had been forwarded to the Department of Transportation on November 26. It was pointed out that the work program included in the application could not actually commence until DOT had approved the application.

Mr. Haverty inquired about the status of third-party contracts in connection with the application and urged that they be drawn promptly for submittal to DOT for approval. Mr. Huie stated that some of the contracts were being prepared. The General Manager was directed to follow up and have the contracts drawn as rapidly as possible. He pointed out that the work program would require execution of these third-party contracts before work could commence and that these contracts would be presented to the Board for review and approval before being placed in force.

#### ADOPTION OF 1970 BUDGET

Mr. Blount stated that a tentative budget had been presented to the members at the October meeting and that a final

budget of \$827,000 was before them for adoption for 1970 - \$407,000 of which would come from Federal funds. Dr. Atwood advised that the Finance Committee had met to discuss the budget in detail prior to the meeting and recommended its approval. After considerable discussion, upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Dr. Atwood, it was unanimously approved, recognizing that local appropriations had not been made and that following local commitments, review might be necessary. The budget is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As the City of Atlanta had not appointed a member to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Richard Rich, Mr. Blount asked that the election of officers for the year 1970 be deferred until the January meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Haverty, seconded by Mr. Hardin, the members unanimously assented to this action.

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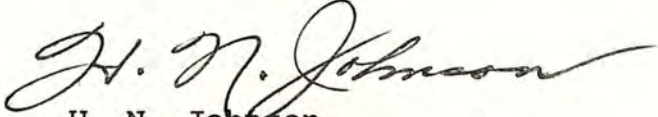
Following the meeting two films were shown by Mr. Coil of the Bay Area Rapid Transit System now under construction in San Francisco.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blount adjourned the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

#### NEXT MEETING

January 6, 1970 - 3:00 P.M.

  
H. N. JOHNSON,  
Assistant Secretary.