

MARTA

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

NOVEMBER 4, 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. O. Salter, PBTB, San Francisco
W. Stell Huie, Counsel

Others

Jan Richey, City of Atlanta Planning Department
William H. Parr, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
Edgar E. Schukraft, Southwest Atlanta Association, Inc.
Newsmen - WAGA-TV
Newsmen - WSB-Radio
Dick Miles, Atlanta Constitution
Bill Collins, Atlanta Journal

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 7th meeting had been mailed prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Hardin.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report as of October 29, 1969, presented by Mr. Stuart, showed appropriations received from the participating governments for the fourth quarter with the exception of Fulton and Gwinnett Counties. Mr. Stuart pointed out that since preparation of the statement, Fulton County's fourth payment had been received, leaving Gwinnett County in arrears for the third and fourth quarters. Staff and administrative costs continued to run within the budget.

Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Hardin, the financial statement was unanimously approved and is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

Mr. Stuart stated that Mr. Hardin had suggested that the monthly financial statement would be more informative if the budget column were pro-rated and if it included a new column for the same period last year. Mr. Hardin's suggestions had been referred to the Finance Committee, and Mr. Stuart was directed to set up an additional meeting between the Finance Committee, Counsel, Accountant and Auditor for MARTA, sometime during December to discuss the matter further and report back to the Board by the first of the year.

Mr. Blount stated that it would be necessary to approve the proposed 1970 budget during December. It had already been submitted to the Local Governments and favorable comments had been received from them.

Mr. Blount further stated that due to changes in the City government as a result of the recent election that the new budget should be submitted to the newly elected Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Aldermen, and to any others concerned. Upon motion by Mr. Haverty, seconded by Mr. McMillon, it was unanimously agreed that a meeting should be arranged by the General Manager with the new officials to apprise them of the proposed 1970 budget and work program.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Stuart reported on a meeting in Atlanta on October 23rd with Mr. Jerome C. Premo of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, Washington, D. C., at which meeting representatives of

of the Highway Department, Federal Highway Administration, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Atlanta Transit System, Metropolitan Planning Commission, City of Atlanta, Central Atlanta Progress, Inc., Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc., and other transportation and planning agencies were in attendance. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss MARTA's new federal application, as well as applications filed by the City of Atlanta and Central Atlanta Progress, Inc., and by Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc.

It was pointed out that Federal agencies are concerned about overlapping work items in the above applications, as well as that of the TOPICS (Traffic Operations Program to Increase Capacity and Safety) Study that is soon to be initiated by a consultant for the State Highway Department. It was noted that these studies should be coordinated with each other in order to avoid any duplication of work. Work schedules would be submitted to the Federal agencies with an explanation of how these various programs will be coordinated and tied in.

Two charts were presented by Mr. Stuart, the first of which showed the work schedule for conducting an East-West Busway feasibility study. Planning projections for this study would be furnished by ARMPC and the remainder of the work would be undertaken jointly by Parsons Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel and Alan M. Voorhees and Associates. The work would take about nine months but it is hopeful that early conclusions can be reached before that time period. Work items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the MARTA application are involved in this evaluation study.

The second chart presented reflected MARTA's total work program and it showed coordination with the Central Area Study being sponsored by the City of Atlanta and Central Atlanta Progress, and the work of Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. This would be a two-year program with the approximate starting date being January 1, 1970, broken down into two phases with Phase I being the work programmed for 1970 and Phase II the remaining work.

Upon completion of Mr. Stuart's presentation a copy of each chart was furnished the Members with the request that they be studied, followed by any questions the Board might have.

The General Manager stated that a written monthly progress report would be required in order to keep all agencies fully informed of developments throughout the work program. It was pointed out that all work elements reflected on the charts were contained in the new federal application being submitted to DOT with the exception of the planning projections which were being prepared by ARMPC and would be incorporated in the appropriate section of the application when received.

Mr. Stuart expressed hope that a new approach to transit, new amendments that would be required, and a sound financial plan would be ready to present to the General Assembly during 1971.

Mr. Stuart also mentioned that Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. had filed their application directly with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, but HUD preferred to have it filed through MARTA with the Transit Authority being the Administrative Agency and responsible for the work. It would not cost the Transit Authority any funds except for the occasional staff time that would be required to review and administer the work. Mr. Stuart had agreed to this arrangement and planned to meet with EOA officials in the near future.

REPORT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION DIRECTOR

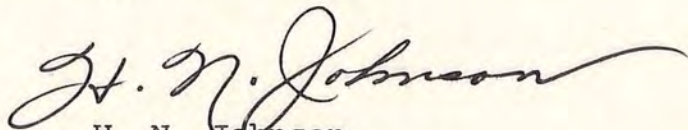
Mr. Elliott reported that public information activities were being accelerated as requested at the October Board Meeting. Contacts had been made with Editors of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, and with News Directors of local radio and television stations. Information had been supplied for a special edition of the Atlanta Journal, and WRNG Radio had agreed to provide a one-hour program when the MARTA program is defined. A re-cap of the MARTA program had been drafted and will be put into final form when the program is firmed up. The re-cap will serve as the framework for more detailed informational efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blount adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

December 2, 1969 - 3:00 P.M.



H. N. Johnson,
Assistant Secretary.