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

APRIL 4, 1967

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on April 4, 1967 at 3:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Glenn Building, Atlanta. Mr. Roy A. Blount, Vice-Chairman, presided in the absence of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Huie acted as Secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

L. D. Milton (City of Atlanta)  
Mills B. Lane, Jr. (City of Atlanta)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

King Elliott, Public Information Director  
H. N. Johnson, Secretary to General Manager

Consultants

J. A. Coil, Resident Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel, Atlanta  
W. O. Salter, Vice President, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas, Inc., San Francisco  
Raul Garcia, Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates, Atlanta  
W. Stell Huie and Harry Morgan, Huie and Harland, Legal Counsel for the Authority

### Others

J. D. Wingfield, Jr., Planning Director, Atlanta Region  
Metropolitan Planning Commission  
Leon Eplan, Eric Hill Associates, Inc., Atlanta

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman.  
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Secretary.

### Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Blalock, seconded by Mr. McMillon, reading of the minutes of the March 7 meeting was dispensed with and they were unanimously approved. Mr. Huie noted that a correction had been made in the March minutes regarding cost estimates as reflected in the last sentence under the Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates report. A corrigendum had been forwarded to all concerned by the Secretary and was included in the unanimous approval of the March minutes.

### Financial Report

The financial report was presented by the Vice-Chairman in the absence of the General Manager who was in Montreal attending the Rail Transit Group Conference of the American Transit Association. The statement reflected that Gwinnett County was in arrears for the 4th quarter of 1966 and 1st quarter of 1967 and Clayton County for the 1st quarter of 1967. Appropriations for the 1st quarter had been received from the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County. DeKalb County's payment was received after preparation of the Financial Statement where it was entered as an accounts receivable item. Second quarterly payment for 1967 from Fulton County had also been received. The financial statement was accepted by the Board and is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

### Progress Reports

#### Vice-Chairman

Mr. Blount presented the members with a copy of the General Manager's "Quarterly Report of Contract Status, March 31, 1967" to bring them up to date on the present status of the various contracts with MARTA. After some discussion the report was accepted by the Board and is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

### Parsons Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel

Mr. Coil stated the contractor for aerial photography was continuing his work in connection with field measurements in order to provide back-up information for photogrammetry. This work is proceeding on schedule and PBTB expects to receive the first completed work in about 3 or 4 weeks. Patronage studies are being processed in New York utilizing a computer. This data is being incorporated into the patronage study here. Several alternate means for transferring rapid transit cars on the East-West to the North-South Lines has been considered. More study is being given to this before making a recommendation in this area. Mr. Coil said the Technical Coordinating Committee had been briefed concerning the proposed rapid transit system and that Planning Directors of the governments supporting MARTA had been supplied with maps of the proposed system. Initial discussions with the various local governments is scheduled to begin next week. Preparation of text and supporting drawings in connection with the report on the 701 Contract was proceeding and should be completed in approximately 6 weeks. Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates are in the process of preparing certain aspects of this work which will be incorporated in the total plan. He stated that they had met with the City Consultant on plans for construction at the airport and would continue to consult with airport officials from time to time to keep abreast of developments. Mr. Rich inquired as to the possibility of running a spur of the transit line to the airport if the new air terminal is not constructed within a reasonable period of time. Mr. Coil said all possibilities for serving both the airport and the surrounding community would be considered. Mr. Haverty asked that consideration be given to the extension of the West Line from I-285 across the Chattahoochee River into Cobb County to serve the new amusement area, Six Flags Over Georgia, if income derived from such a move would justify it. Mr. Rich asked PBTB to give consideration to such a plan in order to protect future right-of-way through the industrial section in that area. He instructed Mr. Coil to meet with the General Manager and report at the next meeting on the feasibility of a study to extend the West Line to Six Flags Over Georgia. Mr. Blount said the Stone Mountain Authority had asked about the possibility of extending the East Line to Stone Mountain and this should also be considered.

### Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates

Mr. Garcia said they were currently assembling two final reports, the first being a segment of the joint 701 report prepared by PBTB and HGS which will summarize their analysis, consider potential sources of financing, and contain a formula

for distributing the local share of MARTA's costs to the five counties and the City of Atlanta, allowing for the inclusion or exclusion of local areas such as Cobb County. The second report is a comprehensive compilation of HGS work materials produced primarily for the benefit of MARTA and ARMPC staffs. HGS's study of possible new sources of funds reveals that a sales tax would produce the required volume of revenue, is easily implemented and is efficient. He stated there had been some discussion of a statewide sales tax distributed back to local governments on a per capita basis. HGS is currently analyzing the potential revenues from such a tax for the metropolitan area and will include these findings in the final report in addition to their estimates of the revenue from a local option sales tax and other possible sources. Further investigations are being made of the availability of potential federal funds. Mr. Garcia stated their representatives would like to meet with members of MARTA prior to putting together their final analysis and report.

#### MARTA Award

Messrs. Rich and Elliott had returned during the meeting from Jekyll Island where the Chairman had accepted the distinguished meritorious award presented to the Transit Authority by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia at their Annual Convention April 2-4 at the Buccaneer Motel, Jekyll Island, Georgia. Mr. Rich read the text on the Certificate of Appreciation to the Board. It is quoted below:

"Association County Commissioners of Georgia presents to, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Certificate of Appreciation:

For its intergovernmental leadership and for the progress it has made to provide the counties of Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton and Gwinnett, and the City of Atlanta, a fast, economical and comfortable transportation system. As befitting an intergovernmental agency, its leadership is composed of representatives of the involved governments dedicated to the promotion of a common advantage. It is under this kind of leadership, the ultimate goal will be achieved.

Presented April 3, 1967 at 53rd Annual Convention at Jekyll Island.

Signed Bruce Schaefer, President; Hill R. Healan, Executive Director."

### Transit Line Tours

Mr. Blount said all members of the Board had not yet toured the various transit lines and urged that they arrange to do so at their earliest convenience.

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Mr. Rich said it was important to begin planning now for any legislation MARTA may require at the next session of the General Assembly. Mr. Blount stressed the importance of effective liaison between MARTA, county and city officials, and the legislative delegations. He urged all MARTA Directors to be in close and frequent contact with their respective governmental and legislative leaders, discussing the plans and needs of MARTA. A meeting with county and city officials is planned for May 9, 1967.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

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W. Stell Huie  
Counsel and Acting Secretary

NOTE: The next meeting of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, at 3:30 P.M.