

# METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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MEMO TO:           Members of MARTA  
                      Heads of Governments in MARTA  
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FROM:               Glenn E. Bennett, Secretary, MARTA

SUBJECT:           Report on Transit Authority Progress

The Washington meeting was reported to you a week or so ago. Since then progress has been made in implementing agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

1. The 702 loan application has been revised to cover \$125,000 worth of engineering. This will be used for a lump sum contract between the Authority and Parsons, Brinckerhoff - Tudor-Bechtel, to provide preliminary engineering data on the 1962 "Initial System" of 21 miles of rapid transit, roughly between Oglethorpe and Hapeville. This includes studies of existing conditions, preliminary designs, methods of construction, soil conditions, mapping, equipment type, typical structure, and preliminary engineering of routes and stations. Estimated time: July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967.
2. A 701 planning study has been outlined and presented to HUD, amounting to about \$187,500. This involves about \$125,000 in grants from HUD and about \$62,500 in Authority matching funds. A lump sum contract for about \$100,000 will be made by ARMPC with Parsons-Brinckerhoff - Tudor-Bechtel for updating the entire 1962 rapid transit plans, developing new patronage and revenue estimates, operating costs, and for preparing a comprehensive report on the entire project. It will

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include consideration of new and proposed development in all parts of the area as it relates to transit.

A lump sum contract for about \$50,000 will be made between ARMPC and Hammer, Greene & Siler Associates for economic and financial studies. This will include determination of all feasible methods of financing the system in stages, equitable formulas for cost-sharing among participating governments, proper allocations of capital costs, projections of tax digests, and the preparation of a comprehensive financial plan with appropriate reports.

About \$37,000 will be for administration, staff planners, audit, travel, and ARMPC overhead chargeable to the transit project.

This is an eleven-month project, probably beginning in June, 1966.

3. The Authority will make a cost-plus contract with Parsons, Brinckerhoff - Tudor-Bechtel to cover other continuing engineering services required over and above the two federally-assisted programs. The amount of work to be done under this contract within about a year from July 1, 1966, is estimated at \$100,000, although the extent of work required cannot be determined exactly.

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The financial position of the Authority at present is as follows:

Local pledged money for 1966:		\$ 300,000
Fulton County	\$ 91,800	
Atlanta	84,030	
DeKalb County	82,770	
Clayton County	23,190	
Gwinnett County	18,210	
Amount expected from U. S. Government		<u>250,000</u>
		\$ 550,000



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## Actual amounts received as of April 15:

City of Atlanta	\$ 21,007.50	
DeKalb County	<u>20,692.50</u>	
Total		\$ 41,700.00
Amount disbursed for expenses to date		<u>21,084.46</u>
On Hand		\$ <u>20,615.54</u>

## Amount now due from local governments:

City of Atlanta	\$ 21,007.50	
Clayton County	11,595.00	
DeKalb County	20,692.50	
Fulton County	45,900.00	
Gwinnett County	<u>9,105.00</u>	
		\$ <u>108,300.00</u>

## Summary of requirements for the \$300,000 local government funds:

Disbursements to date for expenses of Study Commission		\$ 21,084.46
Matching funds for 701 planning project		62,500.00
Non-federal engineering contract		100,000.00
Authority staff, office overhead, equipment, and items not chargeable to federal projects		<u>116,415.54</u>
Total		\$ <u>300,000.00</u>

On April 14, the Chairman, Mr. Rich, and the Vice Chairman, Mr. Blount, reviewed the program with the Secretary, Mr. Bennett, the Legal Counsel, Mr. Etheridge, and representatives of the two consulting firms: Mr. W. O. Salter of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas; and Mr. Alan Welty of Hammer and Company.

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Meetings have been held with the appropriate federal officials of HUD.

The Chairman has sent letters to the participating governments requesting quarterly payments due on the 1966 pledges.

It has been decided to call a meeting of the Authority for the first week of May. I would like to try May 3rd at 4:00 P. M. in the Glenn Building 6th floor conference room. Will MARTA members please let my office know if this is acceptable?

For your information, I have been asked by Senator Harrison Williams (N. J.) to testify April 28 before the Senate Housing Sub-Committee relative to proposed new mass transit legislation.