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

MAY 2, 1967

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on May 2, 1967, at 3:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Glenn Building, Atlanta. Mr. Richard H. Rich, Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. C. Bishop (Fulton County)
Rawson Haverty (City of Atlanta)
K. A. McMillon (Gwinnett County)
W. A. Pulver (Fulton County)
Richard H. Rich (City of Atlanta)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert F. Adamson (City of Atlanta)
Sanford Atwood (DeKalb County)
Edgar Blalock (Clayton County)
Roy A. Blount (DeKalb County)
L. D. Milton (City of Atlanta)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

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

Consultants

J. A. Coil, Resident Manager, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel, Atlanta
Lawrence Greene and Raul Garcia, Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates, Atlanta
W. Stell Huie, Huie and Harland, Legal Counsel for the Authority

Others

J. D. Wingfield, Jr., Planning Director, Atlanta Region
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Mrs. Rachel Champagne, Assistant to the Executive
Director, Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning
Commission
Margaret Hurst, Atlanta Constitution, Reporter
Thomas Nooner, General Railway Signal Company, Rochester,
New York
Frank Scott, Resident Representative, General Railway
Signal Company, Atlanta
Otto Hikade, General Railway Signal Company

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved by the members present. Due to lack of a quorum it was agreed that this action would be ratified by the Board at the June meeting.

Financial Report

The General Manager reported that payments from the local governments, with the exception of Gwinnett County, were on schedule. Gwinnett County remains in arrears for the fourth quarter of 1966 and the first quarter of 1967. Staff costs were running according to budget, and a payment of \$29,939.00 had been made to the Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission in 1967, completing a commitment of \$61,188.00 for 1966 and 1967, as matching funds for 701 Project Ga. P-49. The statement is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Progress Reports

General Manager

Mr. Stuart said studies were continuing on the feasibility of an extension of the West Line to serve Six Flags Over Georgia in Cobb County. It was believed that right-of-way into this area would not be difficult to secure. It had not been determined whether or not the patronage would make this extension economically feasible, in view of the seasonal nature of the recreation facility.

The General Manager said he was selecting a group of five professionals from the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, city planning, and engineering, who would comprise an advisory committee to the Authority for the purpose of reviewing plans as the work moves from preliminary engineering into urban design. Mr. Stuart said the organizational meeting of this committee would be held soon, and he would ask for approval of an amendment to the budget at the next meeting, to cover retainer fees for this committee.

It was announced that Mr. Robert L. Adamson, Treasurer of the Authority, had been appointed a Director to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mills B. Lane, Jr., a City of Atlanta appointee, who had recently resigned.

The General Manager asked for approval of an expenditure of \$2,000.00 for annual membership dues in the Institute for Rapid Transit. He said the annual workshop was helpful and provided an exchange of information with the eleven member operating or emerging transit authorities in the country. After discussion of the program of the Institute and the benefits of such a membership, it was decided that the \$2,000.00 annual dues could not be justified at this time. The annual meeting of the Institute for Rapid Transit, to be held in Atlanta May 24-26, will provide an opportunity for members of the Board to observe its work.

Mr. Stuart showed slides of operating transit systems in Montreal, Toronto and Philadelphia, having recently returned from a trip to observe these systems. He said each system had gotten started without federal aid. A comparison of the systems pointed out continuing improvements in materials, decor, maintenance, and technology.

The General Manager announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development was sponsoring a one-day meeting in Washington on May 22, on design in urban transportation. At the request of HUD, the Authority would provide an exhibit at that meeting, showing plans and progress of the Atlanta system, and Messrs. Stuart, Elliott and Nelson would attend. Mr. Rich said this would be an important meeting, and requested all members who could go to do so. Mr. Stuart had also asked the newly formed Advisory Committee to attend.

Public Information Director

Mr. Elliott reported on his recent trip to San Francisco. He had gathered information from the Bay Area Rapid Transit District to assist in the development of the Authority's public

information program. A tentative outline of his findings would be used in the Authority's planning for a bond referendum. He showed slides of the BARTD rapid transit system now under construction in San Francisco.

Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel

Mr. Coil reported on a recent meeting with the Rapid Transit Committee of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce at which time this Committee was brought up to date on planning and engineering progress. Enlargements of recently acquired aerial photographs were being assembled to support the Authority's display at the Urban Design Conference in Washington on May 22.

Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates

Mr. Greene reported briefly for Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates and stated they were now receiving final cost estimates from Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel covering the entire rapid transit system, broken down into five stages of development. A complete draft copy of HGS's report would soon be presented to the Authority and the Planning Commission for review.

Mr. Bennett stated he had received approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to extend the completion date of 701 Project Ga. P-49 to August 2, 1967. The extension of time had been necessitated because of a delay in receipt of information from the State Highway Department. The approval of the extension would permit all work to be completed according to contracts.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Earl W. Nelson, newly employed Chief Engineer for the Transit Authority, and welcomed him on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Rich reminded the Board of the luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 9, at the Commerce Club, at which time representatives from the supporting governments would be brought up to date on rapid transit progress in the metropolitan area. At this time certain legislation would be discussed which the Authority would seek to have approved in the next session of the General Assembly.

Inquiry was made regarding the recovery of Mr. L. D. Milton from a recent operation, and it was the expressed sentiment of the Board that he would soon be completely recovered and back at his office.

Mr. Rich requested that maps of all areas under discussion be displayed at future meetings of the Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

June Meeting Date

Due to the absence of the Chairman from the City on the next regular meeting date of the Board, June 6, it was suggested that it be postponed until 3:30 P.M., Friday, June 9. Members will be contacted in the interim in order to determine if this date is satisfactory.