

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SECOND MEETING

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

JULY 1, 1969

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on July 1, 1969 at 3:30 P.M. in the Conference Room, 619 Glenn Building, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Roy A. Blount, Vice Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT

M. C. Bishop (Fulton County)
Roy A. Blount (DeKalb County)
S. Truett Cathy (Clayton County)
Rawson Haverty (City of Atlanta)
K. A. McMillon (Gwinnett County)
L. D. Milton (City of Atlanta)
Richard H. Rich (City of Atlanta)
John C. Wilson (City of Atlanta)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sanford S. Atwood (DeKalb County)
John C. Staton (Fulton County)

OTHERS PRESENT

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

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

Consultants

W. O. Salter, PBQ&D, San Francisco
J. A. Coil and Ray Gustafson, PBTB, Atlanta
W. Stell Huie, Huie and Harland

Others

Jan Richey, George Brown and John Miller, City of Atlanta
Planning Department
Andy Springer, Greater Atlanta Traffic & Safety Council
Donald G. Ingram, Central Atlanta Progress, Inc.
William H. Parr, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
Jerry Coursey, Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning
Commission.

Before taking up the regular agenda, Mr. Blount stated that he was presiding at the request of Mr. Rich. Mr. Blount expressed regret in behalf of the Members over the recent resignation of Mr. Rich as Chairman of the Authority. Mr. Rich had tendered his resignation to Mayor Ivan Allen on June 23rd, advising that due to the press of other essential business he felt that it was necessary that he leave the Board.

The meeting was then called to order by the Vice Chairman.

Minutes

Minutes of the June 3rd meeting had been mailed prior to the meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Haverty, they were unanimously approved.

Financial Report

The Authority's financial report as of June 30, 1969 was before the Board. Mr. Stuart asked for approval of the statement in order that it might be mailed to the Local Governments, as required at the close of each quarter by the MARTA Act. He pointed out that the budget was closing out for the first half with a balance of some \$14,000.00 due to lesser charges to Counsel and PBTB. Financial support from DeKalb County and Gwinnett County had been assured for the balance of the calendar year. Payment from Clayton County had been received for the entire year. Meetings had been held with financial officials of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County concerning their contributions for the second half of 1969. Attention was called to the Bus Lease Account financial statement. Mr. Stuart stated that the apparent deficit reflected in this account was not an "out of pocket" deficit and was due to the differential between interest and depreciation charges and that the two figures would even out within a few years. Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. McMillon, the financial statement was unanimously accepted, and Mr. Blount directed that a copy be forwarded to heads of the Local Governments and financial officers. The financial statement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Report of General Manager

Mr. Stuart stated that at the June meeting the Board had authorized him to proceed with the preparation of an application to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for financial support towards a proposed technical studies work program. He stated this program had been presented to the AATS Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) at their meeting on June 19, 1969 and subsequently the TCC had passed a resolution approving the filing of the application with DOT and recommended its approval by the AATS Policy Committee.

Report of General Manager (cont'd)

After some discussion the Board agreed that before lengthy and expensive engineering and cost studies are made, various transit proposals should be analyzed and taken to public meetings to determine their general acceptance and political feasibility.

The Board instructed its General Manager and Chief Engineer, working with its consulting engineers, Parsons Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel, to analyze the mass transit recommendations of the Voorhees Report and to compare them with the regional rapid transit system proposed earlier by MARTA. They are then to produce a recommendation for a system which will include the best elements of both proposals. The Board asked that this analysis be completed for presentation at the MARTA Board Meeting on August 5th. Following this meeting, it is expected that this analysis will be presented to the AATS Technical Coordinating Committee, the AATS Policy Committee, and at public meetings.

In assigning this work to the engineers, the Board agreed that this approach is in agreement with the resolution of the AATS Policy Committee of May 22, 1969 in which MARTA was asked to develop further specific information in connection with those recommendations of the Voorhees Report involving rapid transit.

Resignation of John C. Staton

Mr. Blount advised the members that Mr. John C. Staton had also resigned from the Board because extensive travel commitments made it impossible for him to attend regular Board meetings. It was with regret that Mr. Staton had found it necessary to take this action since he had contributed tremendously to the rapid transit program.

Mr. Blount advised that if it was agreeable to the Members he would be glad to serve as Acting Chairman of the Authority until an election could be held after the two new directors are appointed. This action was enthusiastically approved by the Members present.

Report of Counsel

Mr. Huie stated that several legislators had asked him if MARTA was planning to seek a new source of local funds for allocation to rapid transit. He suggested that the Board consider a study of possible sources with the view of eventually recommending a specific source being earmarked for rapid transit.

Adjournment

Mr. Blount adjourned the meeting at 4:20 P.M.

Next Meeting

August 5, 1969.

Edmund W. Hughes
Secretary