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

JULY 7, 1967

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on July 7, 1967, at 3:30 P.M., in the Glenn Building Conference Room, Atlanta. Mr. Richard H. Rich, Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert F. Adamson (City of Atlanta)
M. C. Bishop (Fulton County)
Roy A. Blount (DeKalb County)
Rawson Haverty (City of Atlanta)
K. A. McMillon (Gwinnett County)
Richard H. Rich (City of Atlanta)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sanford Atwood (DeKalb County)
Edgar Blalock (Clayton 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 Nelson, Chief Engineer
H. N. Johnson, Secretary to General Manager

MARTA Advisory Committee

Howard K. Menhinick, Chairman, Georgia Institute of Technology
H. Boyer Marx, H. Boyer Marx and Associates
Richard L. Aeck, Aeck Associates, Inc.
Richard M. Forbes, Georgia State College
Roy J. Boston, Georgia Department of Public Health

Consultants

Walter Douglas, Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas,
New York
W. O. Salter, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel,
San Francisco
J. A. Coil, Resident Manager, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor,
Bechtel, Atlanta
Raymond O'Neil, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel,
Atlanta
David McBrayer, Traffic Engineer, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor,
Bechtel, Atlanta
R. W. Gustafson, Supervising Engineer, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-
Tudor, Bechtel, Atlanta
Robert P. Barksdale, Project Estimator, Parsons, Brinckerhoff-
Tudor, Bechtel, Atlanta
Peter Vandersloot, Manager of Planning and Scheduling,
Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel, San Francisco
Leon Eplan, Eric Hill Associates, Atlanta
Jacques L. Laboureur, Eric Hill Associates, Atlanta
Lynn Howard, Eric Hill Associates, Atlanta
Arden Brey, Eric Hill Associates, Atlanta
W. Stell Huie, Huie & Harland, Atlanta
Tom Watson Brown, Huie & Harland, Atlanta

Others

Hugh L. McDaniell, Cobb County Representative
Robert W. Roseveare, Traffic Engineer, DeKalb County
Joe Lay, Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc., Atlanta
Maarten Den Hartog, Lord & Den Hartog, New York City
Donald G. Ingram, Central Atlanta Progress, Inc.
P. A. Springer, Atlanta Traffic & Safety Council
Van Redmon, WAIIT-TV
Remer Tyson, Atlanta Constitution

J. D. Wingfield, Jr., Gayle L. Harder, Jerry A. Coursey,
Mrs. Margaret C. Breland, Mrs. Rachel Champagne,
Miss Claudette Parrish, Atlanta Region Metropolitan
Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. McMillon, the reading of the minutes of the June meeting was dispensed with and they were unanimously approved.

Financial Report

The General Manager presented the financial report as of June 30, 1967, which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. DeKalb County had not sent payment for the second quarter; however it was understood this would be received soon.

A bill in the amount of \$4,742.09 had been received from Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates for extra work in connection with a report suggested by Washington officials of HUD. The Chairman had authorized the work subject to Board ratification, because of the timing which was important. Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. McMillon, approval of this expenditure was unanimously given.

Other Business

The Chairman said a managerial seminar sponsored by HUD, would be conducted at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, from July 10 - July 21. Two-thirds of salary and tuition would be reimbursed by HUD, and Mr. Rich recommended approval of the General Manager's attendance at this seminar. Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Blount, unanimous approval was given.

Mr. Bishop reported on a recent trip to Montreal and Toronto, and his observations of the two rapid transit systems.

Progress Reports

General Manager

Mr. Stuart reported on the status of all MARTA consultant contracts. This report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. There is an unused balance of \$42,000 in the retainer agreement with Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor Bechtel, which is expected to be adequate for whatever additional work might be required.

The General Manager had filled seven speaking engagements during the month of June. He reported briefly on a recent trip to

Washington where he visited HUD officials, and Congressman Fletcher Thompson.

Mr. Stuart said a presentation of MARTA's requirements would be made to the State Properties Control Commission on July 10.

The General Manager introduced Professor Howard K. Menhinick of Georgia Tech, Chairman of the Advisory Committee to MARTA, who introduced the other members of this Committee to the Board.

Consultants

Parsons, Brinckerhoff-Tudor, Bechtel

In response to a request of the Board of Directors, Mr. Walter Douglas of Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas, presented a time and action calendar for construction of the 30-mile system. This schedule assumed construction could begin in January, 1968, and Mr. Douglas pointed out that it was only a point of reference, based not upon financial capabilities, but upon length of time required from the point of practical design and construction.

Mr. Salter identified the 30-mile system, and Mr. Coil presented charts showing costs involved, based on a 1968 beginning date. He reminded the Board that additional costs would accrue each year construction had to be delayed.

Mr. Rich suggested removing actual dates from the time and action calendar, so that it would show the construction period in number of years. Mr. Douglas said the 4½ year period was feasible and possible, but very optimistic. Mr. Rich commended Mr. Douglas on the presentation.

Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates

Mr. Bennett reported for Hammer, Greene, Siler Associates on the status of the economic study. He said the final report would be submitted within thirty days. The Hammer firm had reviewed methods of financing proposed in the 1962 study, and had investigated all permanent methods, programs, and sources which might realistically be available to finance capital costs. They had examined all other systems in the country and had explored all possible sources of finance - local, state, and federal. A formula believed to be feasible and equitable for allocating costs, using weighted indexes of population, property tax digests, and employment for 1965 and 1985, had been developed, as follows:

City of Atlanta	56.6 %
Fulton County outside the City of Atlanta	12.0 %
DeKalb County	22.1 %
Clayton County	5.9 %
Gwinnett County	3.4 %

It had been recommended by the consultant and accepted by the MARTA Board that Clayton and Gwinnett Counties would not participate in the financing of the system until lines were constructed in those counties, at which time they would begin paying their appropriate share retroactively from the beginning of the construction period.

Mr. Bennett said the consultants had worked with local governments to evaluate financial capabilities in light of long-range capital demands and forecasts of ad valorem tax digests, plus other sources of income. The next step would be meetings with the major governments to explain the report and seek support of it.

Proposed New Impact Study

Mr. Bennett reported on several recent meetings with HUD officials in Washington, attended by the Chairman, himself, and others. The present policy of the federal government is to help build transit facilities; it also includes the study of the economic and social impact on entire areas affected. HUD hopes to use transit as a tool to guide future growth and reshape blighted areas of cities. Washington officials had recently expressed interest in having MARTA study the economic impact, potentials, and issues of the system on Metropolitan Atlanta. Indication had been given that HUD would favorably entertain an application for funds to support such a study.

Mr. Bennett recommended that MARTA be authorized to conduct such a study, and to prepare an application for federal funds, with local matching funds not to exceed \$40,000. The study was expected to take approximately six months. It was suggested that it be coordinated by ARMPC, with Central Atlanta Progress, Inc., and the City of Atlanta Planning Department participating, as well as outside consultants as needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Haverty and seconded by Mr. Bishop that local funds of \$40,000 for the study be approved, and that the General Manager be authorized to make appropriate application to HUD.

Atlanta Transit System - Busways Proposal

The Chairman reviewed briefly the recently proposed rapid busways concept of the Atlanta Transit System. He said Mayor Ivan Allen had asked the Authority to evaluate the proposal and make a recommendation concerning it. The Chairman had instructed the staff to make an objective evaluation of the rapid busways proposal and report back to the Board. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that this should be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Bennett announced that Messrs. Rich, Stuart, and Coil had taped a program on transit for viewing Sunday, July 9, at 10:30 P.M. on WAGA-TV. Also, the Chairman would address the Atlanta Rotary Club on transit on Monday, July 10, and Board members were invited to attend as Mr. Bennett's guests.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Adamson, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Next Meeting

August 1, 1967.