

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

MAY 6, 1969

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held its regular meeting on May 6, 1969 at 3:30 P.M. in the Conference Room, 619 Glenn Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Roy A. Blount, Vice Chairman, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard H. Rich (City of Atlanta)
John C. Wilson (City of Atlanta)

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
E. E. Gilcrease, PBQ&D, St. Louis
Don Hyde, PBQ&D, New York
W. Stell Huie, Huie and Harland
Robert Keith, Alan M. Voorhees and Associates, Inc., McLean, Va.

Others

Jan Richey, Planning Dept., City of Atlanta
Edgar E. Schukraft, Southwest Atlanta Association
Andy Springer, Greater Atlanta Traffic & Safety Council
Jeff Wingfield, Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission
Aubrey Couch, Decatur/DeKalb Development Association

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman.

MINUTES

Minutes of the April meeting had been mailed to the members and upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Haverty, they were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Blount stated that the annual audit prepared by Arthur Andersen & Co. for the year ended December 31, 1968 needed to be approved. It had previously been mailed to the members. Upon motion by Mr. Haverty, seconded by Mr. Bishop, it was unanimously accepted and the General Manager was directed to furnish appropriate officials of the Local Governments with a copy.

The Financial Report as of April 30, 1969 was presented by the General Manager. Staff and administrative costs were running within the budget and were expected to remain so through the duration of the current budget (June 30, 1969). No sums had been expended for technical studies during the period and support of the Atlanta Area Transportation Study was continuing.

The C. & S. General Account reflected a balance of some \$40,000 although this amount had been considerably reduced since preparation of the financial statement due to a number of sizable bills having been received. Interest earnings on investment of excess funds was higher than had been projected.

Appropriations from the Local Governments were up to date for the first six months with the exception of Gwinnett County whose second payment was expected shortly. Upon motion by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Cathy, the financial statement was unanimously approved and is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

Mr. Stuart stated that the budget adopted for the first six months of 1969 would have to be adjusted in June following further consideration of the Voorhees report and that the Financial Planning Committee would meet soon to discuss budget requirements covering the Authority's future work program.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Stuart had visited Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Administrator, U. S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D. C., on April 23rd, and other members of DOT, and had discussed an approach to the Voorhees recommendations in view of a new application to be submitted for federal funds to implement certain elements of work necessary to accelerate the work program.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER

Mr. Nelson called on Mr. Coil of PBTB for a report of their work during April. Mr. Coil advised that a written progress report had already been furnished to the Directors. He also introduced Mr. Don Hyde, their transit consultant from New York.

Mr. Nelson stated that Mr. Gilcrease and he had briefed the Board at the previous two Board meetings on the Atlanta Area Transportation Study (AATS), and that on April 10th at a joint meeting of the AATS Policy Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee Messrs. Tom Deen and Bob Keith of Alan M. Voorhees and Associates had presented a recommended transportation plan for the Atlanta area and described their findings and documentation in support of the plan. Because some of the Board members were unable to attend the April 10th meeting held in the offices of the State Highway Department, Mr. Bob Keith of the Voorhees firm was present to make a report on their AATS work and recommendations. Mr. Nelson introduced Mr. Keith who presented their findings with the aid of view-graphs. The recommended transportation plan was identified as Plan D-4 and major features of the plan included:

1. A \$421 million transit program, with construction costs estimated to be \$158 million for rapid rail, \$263 million for busways, and \$54 million for vehicles, for a total cost of \$475 million. The transit system would have 64 miles of private right-of-way routes, of which 10 miles would be for rapid rail and 54 miles for busways, including an expanded local and feeder bus network.
2. A \$1,058 million program of improvement to arterial and collector streets. This would include approximately 732 miles of new and improved arterial streets, 803 miles of new and improved collector streets.
3. A \$508 million program of new and improved freeways, including a second outer loop approximately four to five miles from the present I-285 perimeter route. This would include 91 miles of new freeways and 54 miles of improved existing freeways, in addition to some 176 miles of existing freeways not to be improved. Some 40 miles of additional right of way were recommended for advance acquisition.

Cost estimates were in 1969 levels and did not include inflation, escalation or bond issue costs. A summary report of the highlights of the recommended transportation plan was passed out to the Board members. In closing, Mr. Keith said that work under their present contract was about completed and when finished a bound technical report of their findings and recommendations would be furnished the Authority.

REPORT OF COUNSEL

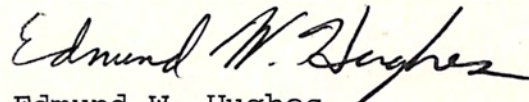
Mr. Huie reported that the Governor had again vetoed the rapid transit technical amendments bill (S. B. 162).

ADJOURNMENT

The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

June 3, 1969.


Edmund W. Hughes,
Secretary.