



**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**PLANNING AND CAPITAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**via WebEx**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Chair Al Pond called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

| <b>Board Members Present</b>       | <b>Staff Members Present</b> |
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| Robert Ashe III                    | Jeffrey Parker               |
| Rita Scott                         | Collie Greenwood             |
| Roberta Abdul-Salaam               | Rhonda Allen                 |
| Stacy Blakley                      | Luz Borrero                  |
| Jim Durrett                        | Melissa Mullinax             |
| William Floyd, <b>Vice Chair</b>   | Elizabeth O’Neill            |
| Roderick Frierson                  | Raj Srinath                  |
| Freda Hardage                      | Franklin Rucker              |
| Al Pond, <b>Chair</b>              |                              |
| Reginald Snyder                    |                              |
| W. Thomas Worthy                   |                              |
| Russell McMurry <sup>1</sup>       |                              |
| Christopher Tomlinson <sup>1</sup> |                              |

Also, in attendance: Board General Counsel Justice Leah Ward Sears of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP; other staff members: Kevin Hurley, Marsha Anderson Bomar, Jonathan Hunt, Debbie Frank, LaShanda Dawkins, George Wright, Jacob Vallo, Kenya Hammond and Tyrene Huff.

**Approval of the November 19, 2020 Planning and Capital Programs Committee Meeting Minutes**

Committee Chair Al Pond called for a motion to approve the November 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Ashe made a motion to approve. Mr. Frierson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by a vote of 11 to 0 with 13<sup>1</sup> members present.

**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Procurement of A/E Consulting Design Services for Capital Avenue Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**

Assistant General Manager of Capital Programs Delivery Marsha Anderson Bomar presented the above resolution for approval.

<sup>1</sup>Russell McMurry is the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation and Christopher Tomlinson is the Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and are therefore, non-voting members of the MARTA Board of Directors.

On a motion by Mr. Durrett, seconded by Mr. Ashe, Committee Chair Pond opened the floor for discussion:

Ms. Abdul-Salaam asked Ms. Bomar to provide the committee with the names of the other teams that submitted bids for the project. Ms. Bomar will follow-up with Ms. Abdul-Salaam with the names of the other bidding teams.

Mr. Tomlinson asked will the Summerhill BRT serve as a design standard for future BRT projects. Ms. Bomar answered yes it will.

Mr. Tomlinson asked will the BRT station design also be similar for the ART design projects as well. Mr. Rucker answered stating that the Planning and Capital Programs team is in the process of standardizing the station designs for BRT and ART projects and will consult with Mr. Tomlinson upon finalizing the design standard.

Ms. Scott asked that Ms. Bomar provide the entire MARTA Board with the names of the other teams that submitted bids as Ms. Abdul requested. Ms. Bomar stated that the team that submitted bids are Kimley-Horn, CDM Smith, KCI Technologies and Parsons.

Ms. Abdul-Salaam asked if the team that partnered with Kimley-Horn was CDM Smith. Mr. Pond answered yes.

Mr. Floyd stated that it seems that a great deal of the work is Department of Transportation (DOT) work and asked will the Authority be able to differential the cost of the DOT work on the project from the Authority's cost. And how will the Authority's design standards fit in with DOT standards. Mr. Rucker answered that once the right-of-way from DOT is obtained the Authority will have to follow DOT standards as well as the jurisdictional standards. The short answer is yes, the Authority will work with all jurisdictions to comply. General Manager Jeffrey Parker commented that several millions of dollars are in a STB Urban Block fund that is administered through ARC. MARTA as an agency has representation on the ARC Board advocating for funds to be allocated to the Authority for these types of projects and this will aid in segmenting the cost. Mr. McMurry concurred.

Ms. Abdul-Salaam asked if the same standard would apply in Clayton County along Hwy 85 and 138. Mr. Rucker answered yes and stated that the Summerhill BRT will not impact GDOT, only the city's right-of-way.

Mr. Ashe commented that he is thrilled to see this project moving forward and hopes that this will encourage other jurisdictions in the region to invest in transit projects.

Committee Chair Pond called for any abstainers and there were none.  
The resolution was approved unanimously by a vote of 11 to 0 with 13<sup>1</sup> members present.

**Briefing – A/E Consultant Procurement for Technical Support for Automated Fare Collection 2.0**

Chief Customer Experience Officer Rhonda Allen provided the Board committee the above briefing highlighting MARTA desires to retain the services of one Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Consultant firm to support planning, procurement, design and construction efforts for the implementation of the next generation of MARTA's fare collection system.

Committee Chair Pond opened the floor for questions and comments:

Mr. Tomlinson asked if the solicitation documents being developed were to identify the consultants to help establish requirements for the AFC 2.0 contract. Ms. Allen answered yes, that is correct.

Ms. Abdul-Salaam asked how will interested vendors be notified of the solicitation and will they have to respond via email. Ms. Allen stated that the Authority has in place a process for advertising locally and receiving proposals from all interested vendors. Ms. O'Neill stated that the Authority will advertise to the metropolitan area in the AJC.

Mr. Tomlinson asked if a representative from Atlanta Transit Link (ATL) could be a part of the selection committee. General Manager Jeffrey Parker stated that he will speak with Mr. Tomlinson offline and discuss how the ATL could be represented on the selection committee.

**Briefing – Transit Oriented Development and Real Estate Annual Update**

Senior Director of Transit Oriented Development, Real Estate and Arts Jacob Vallo and the Director of Transit Oriented Development Debbie Frank provided the Board committee with an update of the operations and strategic direction of the Chief of Staff's Office of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) to include the office's FY 2020 accomplishments and FY2021 projects and objectives.

Committee Chair Pond opened the floor for questions and comments:

Mr. Ashe and Mr. Frierson thanked Jacob Vallo and his team for the update and their TOD efforts.

Ms. Scott asked if TOD projects align affordable housing with senior housing or if the differences are considered. She also asked if there was a timeframe for the completion of the Stonecrest HUB and South DeKalb Transit Center. Ms. Frank stated that a 20% goal of affordable housing for individuals earning 60 – 80% of the area's median income is placed on all TOD projects and it can be either is a multi-family or senior housing, it is all inclusive of affordable housing. Mr. Rucker stated that both the Stonecrest Hub and South DeKalb Transit Center projects are scheduled to be completed in fiscal year 2023.

Ms. Abdul-Salaam asked if the TOD projects were open to public and private partners. Mr. Vallo answered yes the projects are open to anyone.

**Other Matters**

None

**Adjournment**

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tyrene L. Huff  
Assistant Secretary to the Board