



WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Thursday, August 4, 2016

MEETING SUMMARY

A Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors was held on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 12:11 p.m. in the MARTA Board Lounge, 6th Floor, MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324

Board Members Present

Robert L. Ashe III
Robert F. Dallas
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Noni Ellison-Southall
Jerry Griffin
Barbara Babbit Kaufman
Christopher S. Tomlinson

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Approval of the Minutes of the July 14, 2016 Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Griffin, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 7 members present.

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Upcoming Meetings of the Board:

Thursday, August 18, 2016

- Audit Committee – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 25, 2016

- Operations & Safety Committee – 10:00 a.m.
- Business Management Committee – (immediately following)

Thursday, September 1, 2016

- 10:30 a.m. Planning & External Relations Committee
- 12:00 Work Session
- 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting

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MV Mobility Update

Board members received a detailed briefing in response to comments made by an Amalgamated Transit Union representative on July 14, 2016. The briefing focused on the following four areas:

- Health Insurance – incumbent MARTA operators and non-represented staff were offered to retain the previous coverage that MARTA had through the COBRA process while MV and ATU conduct contract negotiations
- Breeze Cards – MARTA will provide contractor Breeze cards to staff.
- Wage Rate Concerns – all incumbent operators are paid the same rate previously paid at MARTA. Seniority stays the same as it pertains to time off and route mark-up. Pay increases moving forward are subject to collective bargaining
- 40-Hour Guarantee – MV is honoring the route schedules based on the mark-up prior to May 21, 2016 for all incumbent operators and are paying drivers for hours worked and not guaranteeing 40 hours per work week

Audio Visual Information System (AVIS)

Due to aging infrastructure and lack of knowledge on back office software, current availability of rail station signs is 32%.

- MARTA formed a team of subject matter experts from Technology, Operations and CBS Outdoor subcontractors
- MARTA hired a dedicated resource to maintain signs with assistance from Technology Telephony team
- All hubs to network switches was upgraded
- By-passed Sign Post system for LCD signs
- All existing signs will be replaced with the exception of the recently installed Buckhead and Lindbergh signs
- Additional signs will be added to the entrances, platforms and concourse
- Approximately 328 signs – typically 4 per platform
- RFP released on June 28
- Construction is expected to begin March 2017

Clayton County High Capacity Transit/Norfolk Southern Update

The briefing to the MARTA Board included:

- Planning Update
- Norfolk Southern Study Overview

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- Study Purpose/Project Status
- Preliminary Findings
- Transit Technology Summary

Next steps include finalizing the report by August 2016, briefing the MARTA Board in the fall of 2016 and incorporating the study into the environmental review as part of the High Capacity Transit Initiative.

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On motion by Mrs. Ellison-Southall seconded by Mrs. Kaufman the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 1:14 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter.

On motion by Mrs. Ellison-Southall seconded by Mr. Durrett, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Executive Session at 1:44 p.m.

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Tax Education Campaign

MARTA entered into a letter of agreement with a contractor to assist the Authority in addressing and educating the public on the ballot measure (Sales Tax Referendum) coming up in November. The contractor will assist with creating messaging, collaborative partnerships with stakeholders, collateral materials, engaging stakeholder meetings, op eds and strategic partnerships.

Adjournment

The Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:49 p.m.