



**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

A Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 12:09 p.m. in the MARTA Board Lounge, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324

**Board Members Present**

Roberta Abdul-Salaam  
Juanita Jones Abernathy  
Robert L. Ashe III  
Robert F. Dallas  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Roderick E. Edmond  
Jerry Griffin  
Freda B. Hardage  
Christopher Tomlinson

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**Approval of the Minutes of the December 10, 2015 Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors**

On motion by Mr. Dallas seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9 to 0, with 9 members present.

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Upcoming Meetings of the Board:

Thursday, January 28, 2016

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

Thursday, February 4, 2016

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

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### **Expansion Funding Update**

Chairman Ashe led the Board in a discussion on the Expansion Funding bill. The bill will be introduced at the end of the week and will call for a Referendum for local jurisdictions. For those jurisdictions that do not opt-out, the funds will be spent with the cooperating jurisdictions. The bill will run until 2057.

### **Water Intrusion Issues During the Holidays**

Board members received a briefing on the McDaniel portal flooding that occurred on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Approximately four (4) inches of rain fell in a 3-hour period. With a previous rainfall of 8.6 inches during the month of December, the ground was already extremely saturated (this being the second wettest December on record). Due to this area never experiencing flood before, MARTA had to call for a vacuum truck and the water was pumped out of the tunnel. Nineteen (19) buses were utilized during the peak of the bus bridge. There were 125 off loads and 95 unscheduled trips. All procedures were followed. Going forward, MARTA is planning to have its own vacuum truck.

### **Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application for State of Georgia Go! Transit Capital Program Funding**

Board members were reminded this resolution would come up for vote today during the Board meeting. It will bring in \$75M in State bond funds. MARTA has earmarked an upgrade for the AVIS project.

### **Sustainability Update**

In 2008, the MARTA Board passed a resolution for sustainability. Since that time:

- MARTA partnered with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) on sustainability
- MARTA Clean Sweep Initiative was started
- MARTA hired a representative in Grant Capital Management to look at opportunities
- MARTA received the Bronze rating from APTA
- MARTA joined the All Better Building Challenge
- Solar canopies were installed at Laredo in 2009
- Approximately 80-90% of MARTA's bus fleet is CNG
- MARTA installed energy saving lights, water stations and recycles water bottles
- Hand dryers were installed in restrooms

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- Energy saving lights were installed throughout stations
- MARTA is pursuing LEED Certification
- MARTA's water recycling program allows reuse of water to wash bus and trains

### **Office of TOD & Real Estate Update**

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Board members received a briefing on the status of MARTA real estate and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) efforts.

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On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mrs. Hardage the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 1:58 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Daniels, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Executive Session at 2:11 p.m.

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### **Adjournment**

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The Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:11 p.m.