



WINNETT COUNTY TRANSIT REVIEW COMMITTEE
Minutes
Saturday, December 7, 2019

Members Present: Laurie McClain, Linnea Miller, John Hollon, Farooq Mughal, Harriet Amofah, Emma Wells, Letha Kelly, Mary Hester, Dave McMullen, Chuck Button, Kelly Kelkenberg

Members Absent: Jordan Shumate

County Staff: Alan Chapman, David Tucker, Karen Winger, Joe Sorenson, Doug Nurse, Kirk Gagnard, Destiny O'Loughlin, Donna Boyle, Joanna Rouse

Facilitator: Leah Vaughan

Consultants: Cristina Pastore, James Baker, Beth Tucker, Jake Hermle

Meeting was held at the One Stop Norcross, 5030 Georgia Belle Court, Norcross, GA 30093, Conference Room D.

- I. Call to Order
Ms. Laurie McClain, Madam Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
- II. Opening Remarks.
There were no opening remarks.
- III. Adoption of Agenda
{Action: Approved. Motion: Button, Second: Hollon. Vote (9-0); McClain – Yes; Miller – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Wells – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; Button – Yes; McMullen – Yes}
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of November 20, 2019
{Action: Approved. Motion: Miller, Second: Hollon. Vote (9-0-1 Abstention); McClain – Yes; Miller – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Amofah – Yes; Wells – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; Button – Yes; McMullen - Abstained}

V. Old Business

Ms. Cristina Pastore with Kimley Horn presented traffic counts of interstates and SR 316 within the County. Mr. Alan Chapman discussed the TRC briefing made to the Board of Commissioners (BOC). He also covered the proposed extension of the TRC final report to January 31, 2019. Ms. Laurie McClain, also covered some points of the briefing to the BOC.

VI. New Business

a. Potential Transit Scenarios

Mr. Jake Hermle, with Kimley Horn, reviewed three scenarios: Heavy Rail Transit to Jimmy Carter, Heavy Rail Transit to Gwinnett Place Mall and no Heavy Rail Transit. TRC Members participated in two discussion groups and gave feedback on each of the three scenarios.

VII. Public Comment

Public comment was held. Four people provided comments.

- Mr. Joe Newton – Stated GDOT is building express lanes and buses can use those, so consider BRT not HRT as rail is just urban renewal and will be subsidy to developers. We have BRT now and that is the way to go. No need for a new tax as transit can be funded from increased revenue from the increase in property values.
- Rev. Harriet Bradley – Thanked the TRC for all their hard work, she provided some suggestion of connecting GCT local to some Marta routes, work on time management and advertise/promote transit so people feel they need it and make it convenient so they want to ride.
- Ms. Julie McBride – As TRC evaluates plan, give priority to inter county connectivity to Fulton and Dekalb not just inside Gwinnett, prioritize what maximizes inter county connectivity.
- Mr. Brian Kim – Understands efficiency and cost returns but beyond that, citizens need mobility/freedom and hear from people with no cars. Take care of public needs of transit now.
- Mr. Michael Roberts – Complimented TRC's efforts, says politics are there regardless, so go in bold, make the tough decisions, provide as much HRT as possible, connect to Fulton and Dekalb.

VIII. Adjournment

{Action: Approved. Motion: Hollon, Second: Hester. Vote (11-0); McClain – Yes; Miller – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Amofah – Yes; Wells – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; McMullen – Yes; Button – Yes; Kelkenberg – Yes}

The meeting adjourned at 12:24pm.