



UNOFFICIAL
GWINNETT COUNTY TRANSIT REVIEW COMMITTEE
Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2019

Members Present: Laurie McClain, Linnea Miller (via call in), John Hollon, Farooq Mughal, Emma Wells, Letha Kelly, Mary Hester, Dave McMullen, Chuck Button, Jordan Shumate (via call in)

Members Absent: Harriet Amofah, Kelly Kelkenberg

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

Facilitator: Jen Price

Consultants: Cristina Pastore, Beth Tucker, Jake Hermle, Andrew Pofahl

Meeting was held at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30046, Conference Center Room C.

- I. Call to Order
Ms. Laurie McClain, Madam Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.
- II. Opening Remarks.
There were no opening remarks.
- III. Adoption of Agenda
{Action: Approved. Motion: Hester, Second: Hollon. Vote (7-0); McClain – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; Button – Yes; McMullen – Yes}
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of December 9, 2019
{Action: Approved. Motion: Button, Second: Kelly. Vote (7-0); McClain – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; Button – Yes; McMullen - Yes}

V. Old Business

Mr. Jake Hermle and Mr. Andrew Pofahl with Kimley Horn presented traffic count information on the I-85/SR316 Corridors as well as counts by hour for I-85 north of Jimmy Carter. They also provided additional Corridor Demand information to the Committee.

VI. New Business

a. Potential Transit Scenarios

Ms. Cristina Pastore with Kimley Horn, provided highlights of the three scenarios being considered #1 Heavy Rail Transit to Jimmy Carter, #2 Heavy Rail Transit to Gwinnett Place Mall and #3 no Heavy Rail Transit. TRC Members participated in discussion on each of the three scenarios.

VII. Public Comment

Public comment was held. Three people provided comments.

- Rev. Harriet Bradley – Thanked the TRC for all their hard work. As a GCT rider, she understands how one can become stuck because of missing connections and that our service is not flexible enough. She has taken Rapid Transit in Cobb and liked the limited stops. She also thinks that it would be a good idea to use to this mode at the transit center or Doraville station. Transit needs to improve their communication by beginning to advertise. In doing so, people will be better informed and get excited about transit.
- Mr. Joe Newton – Questioned how long to get the BRT line up and running. He feels the BRT could provide 60% of people with service quickly. Also, he believes that 14 years to Jimmy Carter or 25 years to Gwinnett Place is too long and if “you (TRC) go with (Senario) #1 or #2 will be hung for being stupid”.
- Mr. Art Sheldon – Feels rail is needed but should select light rail, as that will be an easier sell to the public. He says in 12 years light rail could be constructed to Infinite Energy Center. Bonds could fund light rail, which the County will get back in tax revenue and then use that revenue for additional transit investment.

Ms. Mary Hester expressed that she, nor the Committee, appreciate being yelled at or spoken to disrespectfully. She also stated that all comments should be made with respect.

VI. New Business (continued)

a. Potential Transit Scenarios

Eliminate Scenario#3 No Rail Option from Consideration

{Action: Approved. Motion: Button, Second: Hollon Vote (7-3); McClain – No; Miller – Yes via phone; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Wells – No; Kelly – No; Hester – Yes; Shumate – Yes via phone; Button – Yes; McMullen – Yes}

Approval of Scenario #1 HRT to Jimmy Carter (JCB) or #2 HRT to Gwinnett Place (GP) majority vote selected

{Action: Scenario #1 JCB Selected with extension to GP in Aspirations Plan over Scenario #2 GP Motion: Button, Second: Hester Vote (7 for #1 to 2 for #2 - 1 abstention); McClain – Abstained; Miller - #1 w/ GP in Aspirations Plan via phone; Hollon - #1 w/ GP in Aspirations Plan; Mughal - #1 w/ GP in Aspirations Plan; Wells - #1; Kelly - #1 w/ GP in Aspirations Plan; Hester - #1 w/ GP in Aspirations Plan; Shumate - #2 via phone; Button - #1 w/ Aspirations Plan; McMullen - #2}

Committee discussed next items to accomplish and for each to work on additional recommendations outside of transit service.

VIII. Adjournment

{Action: Approved. Motion: Button, Second: Hollon. Vote (8-0); McClain - Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Wells – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; McMullen – Yes; Button – Yes}

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.