

**GWINNETT COUNTY TRANSIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

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

Members Absent: Emma Wells, Jordan Shumate

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

Facilitator: Jen Price

Consultants: Cristina Pastore, James Baker, Beth Tucker, Tu Nguyen

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

I. Call to Order

**Ms. Laurie McClain, Madam Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.**

II. Opening Remarks

**There were no opening remarks.**

III. Adoption of Agenda

**{Action: Approved. Motion to approve amending agenda to have Public Comment prior to Group Session. Motion: Hester, Second: Button. Vote (9-0); McClain – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Amofah – Yes; Kelly – Yes, Hester – Yes; McMullen – Yes; Button – Yes; Kelkenberg – Yes}**

IV. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of November 13, 2019

{Action: Approved. Motion: Hester, Second: Button. Vote (9-0); McClain – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Amofah – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; McMullen – Yes; Button – Yes; Kelkenberg – Yes}

V. Old Business

Mr. Chapman explained the key decisions TRC Members have to make in order to prepare for future meetings and did the members want to extend the final report deadline to January 31, 2020.

{Action: Approved. Motion: Button, Second: Kelkenberg. Vote (10-0); McClain – Yes; Miller – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Amofah – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; McMullen – Yes; Button – Yes; Kelkenberg – Yes}

James Baker presented information requested by the Committee of the existing and proposed transit systems relative to where Gwinnett Workers Live/Where Gwinnett Residents and covered examples of Lift/Uber partnerships with other transit agencies. A summary of public comment was also passed out.

VI. New Business

a. Potential Transit Scenarios

Mr. James Baker and Ms. Cristina Pastore provided a recap of rail and funding options. Alan Chapman explained consultant and staff needed guidance as to considerations of type of rail and limits or no rail option consideration.

Remove further consideration of Light Rail mode

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VII. Public Comment

Public comment was held. Three people provided comments.

- Joe Newton – Stated there is second generation monorail technology that costs far less than heavy rail. Only focusing on heavy rail is not reasonable. Gwinnett Transit should use bus rapid transit to go directly to

downtown Atlanta instead of stopping at Jimmy Carter. Should wait for improvements to I-85.

- Art Sheldon – Should not leave out light rail. Widening I-85 will only last a few years, so people need an alternative. There needs to be a conversation about permanent fixed route transit.
- Justin Walsh – Living in unincorporated Dacula, there are no transit options. Need to be proactive regarding traffic issues instead of reactive. Need to provide an incentive to the public for them to use the system. If connecting to Infinite Energy Center or Mall of Georgia, that is a great incentive.

## VI. New Business Continued

### b. Potential Transit Scenarios

Alan Chapman explained now that Light Rail option was removed the focus was on Heavy Rail and limits or no Rail. Ms. Cristina Pastore provided a recap of the capital costs per section.

Remove consideration of Heavy Rail sections out to Mall of Georgia and to Infinite Energy.

{Action: Approved. Motion: Button, Second: Hollon. Vote (10-0); McClain - Yes; Miller – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Amofah – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; McMullen – Yes; Button – Yes; Kelkenberg – Yes}

Ms. Cristina Pastore and James Baker provided some information on potential plan adjustments to seek the Committee's guidance and presented stylized maps of the existing and proposed systems

## VIII. Adjournment

{Action: Approved. Motion: Button, Second: Kelkenberg. Vote (10-0); McClain - Yes; Miller – Yes; Hollon – Yes; Mughal – Yes; Amofah – Yes; Kelly – Yes; Hester – Yes; McMullen – Yes; Button – Yes; Kelkenberg – Yes}

The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.