



Gwinnett County Transit Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 – 5:00pm

446 West Crogan Street, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

DOT Large Conference Room or Webex Virtual Meeting

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Meeting number/access code: 2330 664 0389 Password: GTAB

Present: John Karnowski, Marsha Bomar, Mark Tapp, Joshua Williams (Virtual), Preston Frazier (virtually but was unable to communicate). Lewis Cooksey, Tom Sever, Natasha Tyler, China Thomas, David Tucker, Katherine Santiago, Michael Rabalais, Loammi Aviles

- I. Call to Order
John Karnowski called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda
{Action: Approved; Motion: Bomar, Second: Tapp. Vote (4-0) Karnowski– Yes; Bomar– Yes; Williams– Yes; Tapp– Yes}
- III. Approval of Minutes: August 2, 2023
{Action: Approved; Motion: Tapp, Second: Bomar. Vote (4-0) Karnowski– Yes; Bomar– Yes; Williams– Yes; Tapp– Yes}
- IV. Old Business
China Thomas, Director Transit Capital Projects gave an overview of the September 5th BOC Briefing on the Transit Development Plan. Lewis Cooksey, Transportation Director thanked the GTAB members who were able to attend and the GTAB for all the support in the TDP development.
- V. New Business
 - a. Approval to Apply for and Accept FTA Grant Formula Funding for FY 2023
Natasha Tyler, Transit Division Director, provided a summary of the annual FTA Formula Funding and took questions from the GTAB.
{Action: Approved; Motion: Bomar, Second: Williams. Vote (4-0) Karnowski– Yes; Bomar– Yes; Williams– Yes; Tapp– Yes}

b. Approval of Ride Gwinnett Policies

Natasha Tyler provided an overview for each of the new Ride Gwinnett Policies and answered questions from GTAB.

{Action: Approved; Motion: Tapp, Second: Bomar. Vote (4-0) Karnowski–Yes; Bomar– Yes; Williams– Yes; Tapp– Yes}

c. Approval for Renewal of Cubic Maintenance Agreement

Natasha Tyler presented the renewal of the annual Cubic Maintenance Agreement for the Ride Gwinnett fare system.

{Action: Approved; Motion: Williams, Second: Tapp. Vote (4-0) Karnowski–Yes; Bomar– Yes; Williams– Yes; Tapp– Yes}

d. Award Purchase of Seven (7) Replacement Paratransit Vans

Natasha Tyler covered the purchase of 7 replacement paratransit vans through the State of Georgia contract

{Action: Approved; Motion: Tapp, Second: Bomar. Vote (4-0) Karnowski–Yes; Bomar– Yes; Williams– Yes; Tapp– Yes}

e. Approval to Apply for and Accept a Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning (TOD) Grant.

China Thomas provided the GTAB some background and a summary of the TOD grant application and answered questions from the GTAB

{Action: Approved; Motion: Tapp, Second: Williams. Vote (4-0) Karnowski–Yes; Bomar– Yes; Williams– Yes; Tapp– Yes}

VI. Transit Operating Division Report

Michael Rabalais; Marketing and Resources Coordinator provided the GTAB a summary of the outreach to date and what is planned through end of the year. Michael also presented a ridership update for the GTAB. Natasha Tyler provided some updates on the new Ride Gwinnett service.

VII. Transit Capital Project Delivery Report

China Thomas, Transit Capital Projects Director discussed a re-cap of the current efforts of the TDP and the upcoming September 19th BOC meeting and its hopeful adoption.

VIII. Director of Transportation/Assistant Director of Transportation Report

Assistant Director of Transportation, Tom Sever discussed Georgia's Mobility and Accessibility Planner (G-Map) and transit's smart corridor, traffic signal priority and what the plans are for the future.

Lewis Cooksey, Director of Transportation reflected on all that has been going on related to transit, especially the last 2 weeks having new transit service started and the TDP going before the BOC in a briefing. He recognized all the efforts needed make that happen and thanked the team for their ongoing efforts during this transit expansion and exciting time.

IX. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

X. Adjournment

{Action: Approved; Motion: Bomar, Second: Tapp. Vote (4-0) Karnowski–Yes; Bomar– Yes; Williams– Yes; Tapp– Yes}

Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.