

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2007**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee was Convened at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 in Committee Room #2.

The Following Committee Members were Present

**The Honorable Clair Muller, Chair
The Honorable Kwanza Hall
The Honorable C. T. Martin
The Honorable Felicia A. Moore
The Honorable Mary Norwood, Vice-Chair**

Others in attendance were Ben DeCosta, Aviation General Manager; Adam Smith, Chief Procurement Officer; Anita Williams, Executive Management Analyst-Aviation; Megan Middleton, Legislative Counsel-Law Department; Jeffery Norman, Law Department; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Nursef Kedir, Public Works; Jennifer Tetrick, Law Department; Richard McCrillis, General Manager/CEO-MARTA; Leeshu Kennedy, Manager of External Affairs-MARTA; Marvin Toliver, Government Affairs Manager-MARTA; Brian Pilger, Vice President of Transportation Chamber of Commerce; Tom Weyandt, Director of Comprehensive Planning Atlanta Regional Commission; Members of the Press and Council Staff.

The Chair asked to rearrange the Discussion Items to allow MARTA to report last. The Agenda was Adopted as amended, by a vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays. The Minutes for the Transportation Meeting held on February 14, 2007 were approved without objection.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Legislative Update

Megan Middleton, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, provided a written report to each Committee member and to all other Councilmembers, summarizing six House Bills, being discussed in the General Assembly, that will impact transportation projects in the city of Atlanta. A copy is on file with these minutes.

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D. DISCUSSION ITEM(S) (CONT'D)

2. Regional Transportation Funding

Tom Weyandt, Director of Comprehensive Planning with the Atlanta Regional Commission ("ARC"), came before the Committee and briefly discussed ARC's position on specific House Bills, being discussed in the General Assembly, that affect regional transportation funding.

3. MARTA Quarterly Report

Richard McCrillis, MARTA's General Manager/CEO, updated the Committee on MARTA's last quarter standings. He reported that since 1996 MARTA is stronger financially with its first operating surplus. He spoke to mid-year budget adjustments, improving customer service, major projects that are underway and investments in Paratransit services. Mr. McCrillis and Board Chairman Edmund Wall discussed with the Committee the 12th Amendment to the Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement ("RTCAA"), which would approve the levying of the one-cent tax until 2047, extend the RTCAA until 2057 and amend the Engineering Report to proceed with several project priorities. A package of information is on file with these minutes.

D. ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING

07-O-0214 (1) An Ordinance by Transportation Committee amending the 2006-2007 (Airport Renewal & Extension Fund) Budget by transferring to and from appropriations the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of providing adequate funding for the purchase of a Structural Fire Apparatus (Quint Fire Truck) to be utilized by the Airport Fire Division at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

E. RESOLUTION(S)

07-R-0320 (1) A Resolution by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor to execute an Airport Use License Agreement with Skywest Airlines, Inc. for operations at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Moore brought forward a Substitute that changes the initial landing fee rate.

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

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F. PAPER(S) HELD IN COMMITTEE

- 06-O-0186 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmember Natalyn M. Archibong **as amended** by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor or her designee to make Harold Avenue, NE a Three-Way Stop where it intersects with Muriel Avenue, NE; and for other purposes. **(Amended and held 1/11/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study and discussion with author.)**
- 06-O-0189 (2) An Ordinance by Councilmember Natalyn M. Archibong **as amended** by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor or her designee to make the intersection of Indiana Avenue, NE and Connecticut Avenue, NE an All-Way Stop; and for other purposes. **(Amended and held 1/11/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study and discussion with author.)**
- 06-O-0489 (3) An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd authorizing the Mayor or her designee to study vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Metropolitan Parkway to determine the placement of additional traffic calming signage warning of the School Zone for Capitol View Elementary School; and for other purposes. **(Held 2/15/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study.)**
- 06-O-0490 (4) An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd authorizing the Mayor or her designee to install traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on Springdale Road, SW from Perkerson Drive, SW to Cleveland Avenue, SW; and for other purposes. **(Held 2/15/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study.)**
- 06-O-0491 (5) An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd authorizing the Mayor or her designee to install traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on Oak Drive, SE from Empire Boulevard, SE to Brownsmill Road, SE; and for other purposes. **(Held 2/15/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study.)**
- 06-O-0492 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd authorizing the Mayor or her designee to install traffic calming measures to reduce speeding on Bromack Road, SE from Macon Drive, SE to Brownsmill Road, SE; and for other purposes. **(Held 2/15/06 at request of the Department of Public Works pending additional study.)**

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F. PAPER(S) HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

- 06-R-1572 (7) A Resolution by Councilmember Kwanza Hall requesting that the Mayor or her designee remove those Parking meters on Auburn Avenue from Courtland Street to Jackson Street; and for other purposes. **(Held 7/12/06 for additional discussion and consideration by Committee and presentation on the City Parking Meter Program by Public Works.)**
- 06-O-2246 (8) An Ordinance by Councilmember Kwanza Hall authorizing the Mayor or her designee to install Traffic Calming Measures to reduce speed on North Avenue, from Freedom Parkway to Moreland Avenue; and for other purposes. **(Held 10/11/06 at the request of Councilmember Hall so that the Department of Public Works can meet with the neighborhood.)**
- 07-O-0247 (9) An Ordinance by Councilmember Kwanza Hall authorizing the Mayor or her designee to change the west curb face of Centennial Olympic Park Drive between Chapel and Mangum Streets to on-street parking. **(Held 2/14/07 by request of the Department of Public Works to provide opportunity to investigate.)**

Councilmember Muller brought forward a Substitute that states the exact time parking is allowed for on street parking.

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

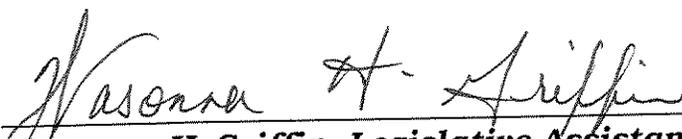
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There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was Adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant



Larry Stokes, Research & Policy Analyst



**The Honorable Clair Muller, Chair
Transportation Committee**