

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2011**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Committee was Convened at 10:39 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2nd, in Committee Room #2.

The Following Committee Members were Present

The Honorable C. T. Martin, Chair
The Honorable Felicia A. Moore
The Honorable Keisha Lance Bottoms, Vice Chair
The Honorable Michael Julian Bond
The Honorable Carla Smith

The Following Committee Member was not Present

The Honorable H. Lamar Willis

Others in attendance were Louis Miller, Aviation; Anita Williams, Aviation; Jim Drinkard, Aviation; Mike Williams, Aviation; Richard Mendoza, Public Works; Nursef Kedir, Public Works; Cotena Carothers, Public Works; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Robert Caput; Law Department; Theo Pace, Law Department; General Public, Members of the Press and Council Staff.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was Adopted without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the Re-scheduled Transportation Committee Meeting held on January 14, 2011 were approved without objection.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

1. 2011 Committee Goals and Objectives

Chairperson Martin asked the Committee to hold off on the approval of the 2011 Committee Goals and Objectives for one more cycle but to submit any issues to be included on the list to his office or Research & Policy Analysis Larry Stokes as soon as possible. He also asked the Committee to use the 2010 Committee Goals and Objectives analysis handout as a guide.

2. MHJIT 4th Quarter Update, Louis Miller, Aviation General Manager

Aviation General Manager, Louis Miller and two members of his staff, Jim Drinkard, Assistant General Manager for Planning and Development and Mike Williams, Assistant Project Director, came before the Committee to give a quarterly update on the Maynard H. Jackson, Jr. International Terminal. They used a PowerPoint presentation to assist them

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

2. **MHJIT 4th Quarter Update, Louis Miller, Aviation General Manager**

with their update. Mr. Drinkard spoke on the overall site plan, the overall cost, the design status, safety status, EBO Status (HMMH Agreement) and EBO Status. Mr. Williams spoke on the Construction Status, focusing on the Exterior of the Terminal Building, the Terminal Building North Elevation, the Terminal Construction Site, the Interior of the Terminal Building, the Ticketing Hall, Airside Court, Departures Concourse, Arrivals Level, Restroom Construction, Baggage Handling System Installation, APM/Connector Penetration to Concourse E, the APM System, Apron Paving and Hydrant Fueling, Terminal Roadways Construction and a few other Key Focus Areas. A copy of the PowerPoint on paper is on file with these minutes.

Note: Chairperson Martin asked that a copy of the comments made by District 9 resident, Mr. George Pilkington, be received and added to these minutes. A copy of the comments are attached and are on file with these minutes.

REGULAR REPORT

E. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

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11-O-0010 (1) An Ordinance by Transportation Committee to make Carroll Street, S.E. between Boulevard, S.E. and Tennelle Street, S.E. a One-Way Street with traffic being directed Northbound, and to make Tennelle Street, S.E. between Carroll Street, S.E. and Savannah Street, S.E. a One-Way Street with traffic being directed Eastbound; and for other purposes.

(Chairperson Martin made a motion to hold at the request of the Department of Public Works for further review.)

HELD (5 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

11-O-0011 (2) An Ordinance by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor or his designee to reclassify Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive, S.E., between Armstrong Street, S.E. and Gilmer Street, S.E. from a transportation and entry plaza for Grady Hospital to a local street; to prohibit parking on both sides of Jesse Hill, Jr. Drive, S.E. between Armstrong Street, S.E. and Gilmer Street, S.E.; to waive Section 138-84 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and for other purposes.

(Chairperson Martin made a motion to hold at the request of the Department of Public Works to prepare a substitute.)

HELD (5 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

REGULAR REPORT

E. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING (CONT'D)

11-O-0012 (3) An Ordinance by Transportation Committee to amend the FY 2011 [Airport Renewal and Extension Fund (5502), the 2004 Airport PFC Bond Fund (5508), the Airport Passenger Facility Charge Fund (5505), and the 2004 Airport Revenue Bond Fund (5509)] Budgets by transferring to and from appropriations a total amount of \$2,534,059.00 for reimbursement of the Renewal and Extension Fund, a total amount of \$1,428,044.00 for reimbursement of the 2004 Airport PFC Bond Fund, a total amount of \$4,674,794.00 for reimbursement of the 2004 Airport Revenue Bond Fund; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE (5 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

11-O-0013 (4) An Ordinance by Transportation Committee to amend the FY 2011 [Airport Renewal and Extension Fund (5502), the Airport Passenger Facility Charge Fund (5505), the 2004 Airport PFC Bond Fund (5511), and the 2006 Airport CONRAC Bond Fund (5518)] Budgets by transferring to and from appropriations a total amount of \$16,998,173.00 for reimbursement of the Renewal and Extension Fund and a total amount of \$43,710.00 for reimbursement of the 2004 Airport PFC Bond Fund; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE (5 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

F. RESOLUTIONS

11-R-0107 (1) A Resolution by Councilmembers Cleta Winslow and Michael Julian Bond authorizing the Mayor or his designee to conduct a Traffic Study of Fair Street, SW from Joseph E. Lowery Boulevard, SW to Lawton Street, SW for the installation of Traffic and Pedestrian Signals; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE (5 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

11-R-0140 (2) A Resolution by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into and execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Hapeville to provide Mutual Aid and Assistance between the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and the City of Hapeville Fire Department; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE (5 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

REGULAR REPORT

F. RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D)

11-R-0141 (3) A Resolution by Transportation Committee authorizing the Mayor to execute a Reimbursable Agreement with Atlanta Airlines Terminal Corporation for the Concourse T and Main Terminal Electrical equipment Renovation Phase II Project for a cost to the City not to exceed \$21,271,735.00, to be charged to and paid from the PTAE0 and FDOA Numbers listed; and for other purposes.

(Chairperson Martin made a motion to approve on the condition EBO Participation information be provided to the Committee members before 9:00 a.m. of the next Full Council meeting 2/7/11.)

FAVORABLE ON CONDITION (5 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

G. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE

10-O-0467 (1) An Ordinance by Transportation Committee to amend Chapter 138 (Entitled "Street, Sidewalks and Other Public Places"), Article IV, Division 2, Sections 138-84 and 138-85 so as to amend the procedures to be followed for the installation of Traffic Calming Devices in the public right-of-way; and for other purposes. **(Held 3/31/10 for the sub-committee to meet and report back to the Committee.)**

10-O-1399 (2) An Ordinance by Transportation Committee amending Chapter 22, Article III, Division 7, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta; to create Code Section 22-206 titled "Off-Airport Parking Operators" on behalf of the Department of Aviation Ground Transportation Division, for the purpose of restructuring the fees the City assesses Off-Airport Parking Operators; and for other purposes. **(Work session held 8/18/10) (Held 9/1/10 at the request of the Department)**

10-O-1400 (3) An Ordinance by Transportation Committee amending Chapter 22, Article III, Division 7, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, on behalf of the Department of Aviation Ground Transportation Division, for the purpose of restructuring and increasing the fees the City assesses the Airport's Commercial Ground Transportation Operators; and for other purposes. **(Work session held 8/18/10) (Held 9/1/10 at the request of the Department)**

10-R-1456 (4) A Resolution by Councilmembers Michael J. Bond, Ivory L. Young, Jr., Kwanza Hall, H. Lamar Willis, Aaron Watson, Cleta Winslow, Yolanda Adrean, Carla Smith, Natalyn Archibong, Keisha Lance Bottoms and Joyce Sheperd to create a Multi-Modal Transportation Commission to study and make recommendations for addressing the City of Atlanta's Transportation and Infrastructure needs; and for other purposes. **(Held 9/1/10 at the request of the author.)**

G. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

- 10-O-1732 (5) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Michael J. Bond, Keisha Lance Bottoms, C. T. Martin, H. Lamar Willis, Cleta Winslow, Aaron Watson, Ivory L. Young, Jr., Yolanda Adrean and Joyce Sheperd authorizing the Mayor or his designee to install a traffic signal at the intersection of County Line Road, SW and Tell and Butner Roads; and for other purposes. **(Held 9/29/10 for further review.)**
- 10-O-2100 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmember Michael Julian Bond to create certain parking benefit districts within the City of Atlanta; to set aside 15% of all parking management revenues received from Contract No. FC-4877, Parking Management Services, for the purpose of implementing streetscape improvements and traffic mitigation measures within current and future Parking Enforcement Zones; and for other purposes. **(Held 12/1/10 at the request of the author.)**
- 10-O-2102 (7) An Ordinance by Councilmember Michael Julian Bond to amend Chapter 150, Article IV, Division 3, Section 150-132 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to provide that residents of Primary Parking Meter Zones created pursuant to the provisions of Subsections 150-132(a) through 150-132(d) may petition the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to provide for a petitioning process for the creation of Sub-zones within previously established Primary Parking Meter Zones; and for other purposes. **(Held 12/1/10 at the request of the author.)**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was Adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Wasonna H.-Griffin, Legislative Assistant


Larry Stokes, Research & Policy Analyst


The Honorable C. T. Martin, Chair
Transportation Committee

COMMENTS TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

11Feb02

Good morning Mr. Chairman and Councilmembers, I'm **George Pilkington** a Senior Advocate and Forensic Expert in Transportation Engineering living in District 9.

I'd like to reiterate the Underwood Hills Neighborhood's opposition to the pending traffic signal at the intersection of Howell Mill Rd., NW, and White St., NW. The reasons for the opposition are:

1. If installed, it would "suck" more cut-through traffic onto White St. White St. is narrow, having no sidewalks forcing residents to walk in the street; thus, there would be an increase in the number of pedestrian-vehicle conflicts. The cut-through traffic is caused because the hideous traffic signal timing of the signal at the Bellemeade Ave., NW, Defoor Ave., NW and Howell Mill Rd., which provides a longer "green cycle" for Howell Mill Rd. which causes eastbound traffic on Defoor Ave. to back-up past Springer St., NW.; thus, vehicles are escaping the back-up by turning left onto Springer St. and then right onto White St. to make a left turn on to Howell Mill to access I-75.
2. At a Meeting of NPU-D, Mr. Richard Mendoza proposed restricting left turns onto Springer St. from Defoor Ave.; however, drivers ain't "short of French fries" so they'll merely make a left turn from Defoor Ave. onto Harper St., NW, then a right onto Springer St., and a left onto White St. Therefore, the increased traffic in the neighborhood, specifically on Harper St., Springer St. and White St. isn't solved. Also, both Harper St. and Springer St. have no sidewalks, so the potential for

pedestrian-vehicle conflicts increases. Further, both Harper St. and Springer St. are popular accesses to the Underwood Hills Park and several families and young children use these streets to get to the park.

3. The work on installing the traffic signal, as noted by the installation of two strain poles, was begun by the Kroger Shopping Center Developer without the benefit of Legislative Approval; the work was stopped when the question was raised by NPU-D. Mr. Mendoza told NPU-D that he'd propose Legislation, which cavalierly dismisses the Neighborhood's opposition because the Kroger Shopping Center Developer might sue the City if the traffic signal wasn't installed. It might be appropriate to point out that;
 - a. The Kroger Shopping Center Developer refused to improve the intersection with the Wal-Mart Driveway for better access into the Kroger Shopping Center.
 - b. The Kroger Shopping Center Developer has been mandated to improve the access onto Bellemeade Ave., but it hasn't been started; thus, it is senseless that the traffic signal is being given priority.
4. Because of the increased traffic on Howell Mill due to the recent widening, the additional traffic signal will further impede traffic on Howell Mill.
5. It is also interesting that every time the Department of Public Works has met with NPU-D they have had a different story about synchronization of the traffic signals between I-75 to Chattahoochee Ave., NW. First, an advantage of the installation of the pending traffic signal will result in the necessary synchronization

will be a stipulation on the Kroger Shopping Center Developer because the synchronization promised prior to installation of the traffic signal for the Wal-Mart Driveway wasn't done. DPW told NPU-D that the synchronization didn't occur because "It was an agreement between the Wal-Mart Developer, Selig, and the Neighborhood, Berkley Park. However, when DPW was shown the Receipt for the synchronization equipment, the story was changed to, "We don't have anyone who understands the wireless synchronization equipment." This is amazing as the synchronization equipment was installed in compliance with the City's Specifications!" Thus, DPW should replace the current traffic signal person who understands how to actuate the delivered synchronization equipment with someone who understands the equipment or engage a Consultant that has the necessary knowledge.

Thus, I recommend that DPW undertake a traffic study of the entire impacted area in the Neighborhood bounded by Harper St. in the north, Howell Mill Rd. in the east, and Defoor Ave. in the south and west instead of merely "buying off on" the traffic study done for the Kroger Shopping Center Developer, which I'm sure began with the premise of recommending and justifying a traffic signal at the Howell Mill Rd. and White St. intersection.

Another concern the Neighborhood has is knowing when Defoor Ave. will be repaved, remarked, and crosswalks marked across Defoor, particularly at Harper St., which is major access for pedestrians going to the Park?

I'm glad to see the mid-block crosswalk is under construction across Arts Center Way from the Memorial Arts Center to MARTA's Art Center Station; however, I don't understand

why it's taking so long to mark the crosswalk or to sign a speed limit for Arts Center Way consistent with pedestrian use of the crosswalk.

I also want to mention that cars are again parking along the Amtrak Station side of Deering Rd., NW. I also wonder what progress has been made in lighting this area to make use of the Amtrak Customer Area behind the Masonic Temple. When meeting with Mr. Mendoza at this area he said he'd work to get better lighting. Or was the Commissioner attempting to placate me? If so, I think another person has been identified as "A few French fries short of a Happy Meal!"

~~Thank you~~ HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY