



**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

A Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 12:24 p.m. in the MARTA Board Lounge, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30324

**Board Members Present**

Roberta Abdul-Salaam  
Juanita Jones Abernathy  
Robert L. Ashe III  
Robert F. Dallas  
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.  
Jim Durrett  
Noni Ellison-Southall  
Jerry Griffin  
Freda B. Hardage  
Barbara Babbit Kaufman

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**Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2016 Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors**

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Dallas, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 7 members present.

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Upcoming Meetings of the Board:

Thursday, May 26, 2016

- Operations & Safety Committee – 10:00 a.m.
- Business Management Committee – (immediately following)

Thursday, June 2, 2016

- 10:30 a.m. Planning & External Relations Committee
- 12:00 Work Session
- 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting

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**Rail Car Procurement Needs**

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The Board received a briefing on the need to replace a portion of the rail fleet.

Investing in MARTA's Future requires:

- Train control system upgrade
- Track replacement program
- Tunnel ventilation
- Traction power
- Escalator/elevators
- Radio
- Rail Cars

Fleet Replacement Needs:

- The fleet is 30+ years old, exceeding useful life
- Extra efforts to maintain fleet are unsustainable resulting in mediocre performance
- Rail car procurement is a lengthy process and requires early action

Cost:

- Financial Assumptions – acquisition cost of \$2.7M per car including 5% contingency. Final delivery completed in late 2025. Interest rate on fixed debt is 5.5%

Recommendation:

- Buy 250 rail cars and perform life extension work on fleet until new cars arrive

**Briefing - City of Atlanta Sales Tax Draft Project List**

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SB 369 provides sales tax for up to .50% is allowed in the City of Atlanta for MARTA. This would significantly expand MARTA transit service and would run concurrent with existing MARTA tax through 2057. The service must serve in whole or in part, the City of Atlanta. Receipts are projected at \$2.5B over life of the tax. The Referendum is in November 2016 or 2017.

Potential High-Capacity Improvements:

- I-20 East Bus Rapid Transit
- I-20 West Heavy Rail Transit
- Northside Drive Bus Rapid Transit
- Atlanta Light Rail Transit

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- Clifton Corridor Light Rail Transit
- Capacity Improvements
- Station Enhancements

**Potential Bus Service Improvements:**

- Five (5) Arterial Rapid Transit Routes
- Two (2) Transit Centers
- Frequent Local Service
- Supporting Local Service
- Community Circulator Service

**Potential Pedestrian Improvements**

- Arterial Rapid Transit Corridors

**Next Steps:**

- Adoption of the Project List by the MARTA Board May 11 2016
- COA City Council Work Session Briefing May 18 2016
- COA Public Meetings May 25 & 26 – June 1 & 2
- Draft List Submitted to COA City Council May 31
- City Ordinance Adoption for November Referendum by June 30 2016
- Final List Presented to COA City Council July 31 2016
- Public Education and Outreach Campaign July – November
- Ads of Notice of Proposed Referendum October 10-October 31
- Referendum Vote November 8 2016
- Amendment to the RTCAA (w/positive referendum vote) November-December

**TOD Quarterly Update**

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The Board received a briefing on the work program for six projects that are currently underway:

<b><u>TOD Project</u></b>	<b><u>Groundbreaking</u></b>
King Memorial	4Q 2016
Avondale	2Q 2016
Edgewood/Candler Park	2Q 2016
Brookhaven/Oglethorpe	2Q 2017
Chamblee	3Q 2016
Arts Center	TBD

**Adjournment**

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The Work Session of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:28 p.m.