

TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD WebEx Meeting
March 28, 2022
MEETING MINUTES

TAB Members Present

Dania Aponte
James Darden
Ed Finnegan
Neil Fusillo
Walter Kolis
Cherie Newton
Mark Riggans
Ron Roberts
Forrest Shealy
Jeff Souther
Matt Stigall

TAB Members Not Present

Allison Bickers
LaSandra Boykin
Ken Marlin
David Persson

Cobb County and Others Present

Drew Raessler, DOT
Karl Von Hagel, DOT
Andrea Foard, DOT
Laura Beall, DOT
Reginald Bryant, DOT
Roderick Cockerham, DOT
Marcia Lankford, DOT
Bernadette Townsend, DOT
Derrick Walker, DOT
Mary Kate Morookian, Kimley-Horn
Derrice Haynes, Kimley-Horn
Laura Bailey, Public
Janice Mayo, Public

I. Call to Order:

Secretary Souther called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TAB: Motion made by **Mr. Kolis** to approve, seconded by **Mr. Roberts**, and all members present voted unanimously to approve the February 28, 2022 TAB meeting minutes.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. MSPLOST Update

Mr. Raessler reported that an agenda item is scheduled for the April 12, 2022 BOC meeting for staff to proceed with actions necessary to prepare for a 2024 Transit Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax ballot referendum in November 2024. **Mr. Raessler** discussed the status of the Marietta, Cumberland, South Cobb Transfer Centers, and Maintenance Facility projects.

B. CobbLinc TNC Feasibility Study Presentation

Ms. Mary Kate Morookian of Kimley-Horn gave a presentation on the CobbLinc Transportation Networking Companies (TNC) Feasibility Study, which include a summary of the existing conditions of the current CobbLinc Flex service and service area and proposed recommended options for CobbLinc to replace the current Flex service.

C. Operations Update

Mr. Walker provided the Fixed Route update, reporting on ridership and route changes. **Mr. Cockerham** provided the Paratransit, Flex Service, and Customer Service updates, reporting on ridership and customer complaints.

D. Agenda Items

Ms. Foard reported on the approval of the FY22 FTA Certifications and Assurances and the Mableton Parkway, Phase 2 agenda items by the BOC on March 8, 2022 and March 22, 2022, respectively. **Ms. Foard** also reported that an agenda item to extend First Transit’s current contract as Option Year 1 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 and is expected to be submitted for an April 2022 or May 2022 BOC agenda meeting.

E. TAB Meetings

After discussion, **Secretary Souther** indicated that TAB would explore future meetings to be a hybrid (virtual and in-person) option.

F. Action Items

Secretary Souther reported that a draft of the TAB Annual Report has been created and anticipate a vote from TAB members in April.

Ms. Foard reported that AAC’s new member, **Ms. Shelly Simmons**, attended the March 21, 2022 AAC meeting.

Mr. Darden recommended the later end time for Routes 30 and 25 for Sunday service action item be pushed to a January 2023 target date.

Mr. Walker reported that a consulting firm is currently conducting a bus shelter assessment and will provide recommendations for removing/retaining/adding bus shelters at bus stops.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, it was moved by **Mr. Shealy** and seconded by **Mr. Fusillo** to adjourn the meeting.

April 25, 2022

Approved