

## **FINAL**

### **COBB TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**

**April 28, 2025**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **TAB Members Present**

Allison Bickers  
James Darden  
Ken Marlin  
Cherie Newton  
Mark Riggans  
Forrest Shealy  
Thomas Shibley  
Jeff Souther  
Matt Stigall

#### **TAB Members Not Present**

LaSandra Boykin

#### **Cobb County DOT & Others Present**

Drew Raessler, DOT Director  
Morgan Simmons, DOT Deputy Director/Intermodal  
Theo Letman, DOT Division Manager  
Mark Lambert, DOT Business Manager  
Robert Zuco, DOT Customer Service & Safety Manager  
Marcia Lankford, DOT Admin.  
Scott McClellan, Transdev General Manager  
Matt Bristol, Transdev Assistant General Manager/Fixed Route  
Earnesha Scott, Transdev Assistant General Manager/Paratransit Operations  
Misa Green, Transdev (Bus Driver and ATU 732 Union Representative)

#### **CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Chair Allison Bickers** called the TAB meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. With a quorum of TAB members present, **Mr. Shealy** made a motion and **Vice Chair Marlin** seconded to approve the TAB meeting minutes from February 24, 2025. With the vote, the minutes were approved. Mr. Stigall abstained.

#### **Committee Reports**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) reported on the AAC April 21, 2025 meeting where the No-Show and Cancellation Policies and the Appeals Process for any violations as well as the AAC membership recruitment were discussed. **AAC Chair Newton** requested TAB to provide information and/or names of potential AAC candidates or organizations for potential candidates and that an AAC member application can be sent to any potential candidates.

#### **Old Business**

**Chair Bickers** opened the floor for the review of the Action Items List and stated that the Action List would be discussed during the Operations Report. **Chair Bickers** stated that the motion made by **Mr. Shealy** at the February 24, 2025 meeting was sent to the Executive Committee for review and awaiting clarity of the motion.

#### **New Business**

**Chair Bickers** opened the floor for review and discussion of the draft 2025 TAB Goals that **Secretary Souther** had sent to TAB members. It was requested that the Community Engagement include active ridership of CobbLinc from members of TAB and to share actual experience. An explanation of the Standing vs. Ad Hoc Committees was provided. The Standing Committee consists of the AAC, the Bylaws Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Executive Committee. The Ad Hoc committees are flexible. The role of the TAB committees was discussed. A chair should be assigned to each committee. It was recommended that the chair of each committee set a meeting date schedule for its respective committee.

**Mr. Shealy** made a motion and **Mr. Riggans** seconded and the TAB members present voted to accept the 2025-2026 TAB Committees, as submitted. **Mr. Darden** opposed.

It was discussed to amend Goal #3 - Community Engagement of the draft of the 2025 TAB Goals to include “TAB members to intentionally seek opportunities to engage with the community and ride transit.”

**Mr. Shibley** made a motion and **Mr. Stigall** seconded and all TAB members present voted unanimously to accept the 2025 TAB Goals, as amended.

**Chair Bickers** suggested that chairs of each committee to remain after the TAB meeting to discuss and schedule the first meeting date for their respective committees.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **DOT Department Update**

**Ms. Simmons** presented the DOT Department Update:

- Department Focus Items
  - Proposed Service Change – CobbLinc Circulator
  - Proposed Service Change – CobbLinc Commuter
  - Launch of Security Guard Service
- Program and Project Status
- Operational Review
- Outreach and Communication
- Upcoming Agenda Items

**Mr. Stigall** expressed concern for the bus drivers with a left turn from the Hospital Connector onto East-West Connector, stating a need for operational improvements at this location.

**Vice Chair Marlin** requested that DOT provide to TAB within the next couple of TAB meetings an overview of the County’s preparation for CobbLinc for the World Cup in 2026.

### **NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next TAB meeting is on June 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. With no further discussion, **Mr. Shealy** made a motion and **Mr. Souther** seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

June 23, 2025

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Approved