

## FINAL

### COBB TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) September 22, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

#### TAB Members Present

James Darden  
William Eastin  
John (J. T.) Jackson  
Ken Marlin  
Cherie Newton  
Mark Riggans  
Forrest Shealy  
Jeff Souther  
Matt Stigall

#### TAB Members Not Present

LaSandra Boykin  
Thomas Shibley

#### Cobb County DOT & Others Present

Morgan Simmons-Gibson, DOT Deputy Director/Intermodal  
Theo Letman, DOT Division Manager  
Mark Lambert, DOT Business Manager  
Ayana Pope, Transdev General Manager  
Matt Bristol, Transdev Assistant General Manager

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

**Vice Chair Ken Marlin** called the TAB meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. With a quorum of TAB members present, **Mr. Shealy** made a motion and **Mr. Darden** seconded to approve the TAB meeting minutes from August 25, 2025. All TAB members present voted to accept the minutes as submitted, except **Mr. Stigall** abstained.

#### Committee Reports

##### Standing Committee:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) - no report.
- Nominating Committee – no report.

##### Ad Hoc Committee:

- Operations & Service Committee – This committee held a meeting with **Mrs. Morgan Simmons-Gibson** (DOT) to discuss items, including operations related to budgets, as well as service levels and schedules. **Mr. Stigall** reported that a comprehensive review of service routes to determine service level changes and changing timetables. It was reported that TAB should maintain an action item list.
- Planning, Infrastructure & Innovation Committee – no report. Committee to meet prior to October TAB meeting.

#### Old Business

None.

#### New Business

**Vacancy of TAB Chair Position - Vice Chair Marlin** requested the Nominating Committee to receive nominations for Chair of TAB position in accordance with the TAB Bylaws. **Vice Chair Marlin** requested **Secretary Souther** to provide information/documentation needed for nominations to all TAB members. Nominations to occur prior to next election of TAB officers in February 2026.

**Vision for CobbLinc to Regionally Connect – Vice Chair Marlin** requested Planning, Infrastructure & Innovation Committee to meet with **Secretary Souther** and DOT to prepare a statement for the vision of CobbLinc to regionally connect and present at the TAB October 27, 2025 meeting.

**Vice Chair Marlin** appointed **Mr. William Eastin** to serve on the Planning, Infrastructure & Innovation Committee.

**Motion and Vote to Accept Resignation of Allison Bickers from TAB:** Motion by **Mr. Stigall**, Seconded by **Mr. Eastin**, and a unanimous vote to accept the resignation of **Allison Bickers**.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **DOT Department Update**

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

- Department Focus Items
  - Automated Fare Collection AFC 2.0 (New Breeze Fare Collection System)
  - Bus Stop Amenities Project Update
  - Stuff-A-Bus Planning
- Program and Project Status Update
  - Bus Shelter Upgrade Project
  - Security Camera Upgrade
  - Cumberland Alternative Analysis
  - Paratransit Conference Room Renovation
  - AFC 2.0 Project
  - Marietta Transfer Center
  - Cumberland Transfer Center
  - South Cobb Transfer Center
- Operational Review Update
- Outreach and Communication Update
  - Travel Training – Senior Council Event at MUST Ministries - September 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Hickory Hills Elementary School Career Day - September 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Microtransit Pilot Update to the ATL Regional Technology Committee – October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Future Agenda Items
  - September 9, 2025 - Replacement Paratransit Vehicle (Funding Source Only) with Model 1
  - October 14, 2025 - On-site Support Contract Amendment with Avail Technologies
  - Lease Agreement for Parking at MTC with 6-4-3 DP Athletics

**Vice Chair Marlin** welcomed new TAB member **Mr. William Eastin**. TAB members, DOT staff, and Transdev staff introduced themselves to **Mr. Eastin**.

**NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next TAB meeting is on October 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. With no further discussion, **Mr. Riggans** made a motion and **Mr. Stigall** seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

October 27, 2025

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Approved