



**Minutes - Draft**

**PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee**

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Thursday, October 20, 2022

2:00 PM

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**Special Called Meeting**

*This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available*

*(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,*

*(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV*

Meeting Started At: 2:02PM

Attendees: Commissioners Cochran-Johnson, Patrick, Terry, Bradshaw, Davis Johnson, Rader, Johnson

**Present**      3 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry

**I. DISCUSSION**

Update on the San Diego Transit Trip & Next Steps

*-presentation provided by Shelley Peart of MARTA Director Of Project Development*

*-additional information provided by Colleen Kiernan of MARTA and Michael Hightower of The Collaborative Firm*

*-Question MDJ: it doesn't seem there wasn't much focus on heavy rail during the San Diego trip; it seems the majority of the focus was on bus rapid transit. Could I get feedback on the fact that heavy rail was not included in that trip? Also, it was my understanding that any transit group put together would come before the commission for any vote*

*-response provided by Colleen Kiernan*

*-additional response provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Michael Hightower*

*-comments from Commissioner Terry regarding takeaways from the San Diego transit trip*

*-comments from Commissioner Patrick regarding takeaways from the San Diego transit trip*

*-LCJ: one thing that must be considered is ridership, because the mode must match the demand. Also equity should not dictate mode of transit, but need should dictate mode of transit*

*-MDJ: I would hope that we consider the equity aspect as well as the need, because equity has to be on the forefront of our mind as well as need. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson*

*-TT: it might be good for us to review the annals of DeKalb County history regarding the previous transit plans that were in plans. Let's keep in mind that population growth has changed in DeKalb, and over time the thinking was to go where the people were. That would be an interesting exercise to look at our past comprehensive plans. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*-MDJ: enough people that have lived through the 70's understand MARTA because we lived through that time*

### Transit MOU Revisions/ Finalize MOU

*-information provided by County Attorney Ernstes, Noah Priest-Goodsett on the proposed memorandum of understanding to create a Transit Infrastructure and Services Steering Committee*

*-comments from Commissioner Terry regarding membership requirements*

*-Question LJ: is it total of 11 voting members?*

*N Priest-Goodsett: that's correct. Additional information on each member provided by Mr. Priest-Goodsett*

*-additional comments provided by Commissioner Larry Johnson*

*-Question RP: could we look at the county from a census tract area as another means of representation to group people?*

*Regarding the term length, could we reduce the time frame within 1 year, so that issues identified could be discussed before moving forward? Regarding the number of meetings, would it be more productive for this committee to meet at least 6 times per year or at least a quarterly basis?*

*-responses provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

### Formation of Steering Committee

*-comments provided by Mayor Lynn Deutsch of the City of Dunwoody on the proposed committee structure and attendance requirements*

*-comments from Commissioner Davis Johnson on concerns regarding the proposed committee*

*-comments from Commissioner Terry regarding membership, qualifications of committee*

*-comments from Commissioner Johnson on the mode of transit*

*-Question LJ: how is equity balanced as part of the decision? Additional comments provided by Commissioner Johnson*

*-additional comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson*

*-LCJ: based on the comments today, I will send a second MOU; we will convene next month with a vote on how to move this along if that is the vote*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*-LCJ: if the mayors today would notify us if you believe the formation of a committee would be a good idea*

*-responses provided by mayors in attendance*

*-LCJ: thank you all so much for your availability, and I will be in touch regarding next steps*

Meeting Ended At: 3:46PM

**MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be adjourn the Special Called Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry**

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