



April 2013 Board Meeting Documentation

ITS Georgia Monthly Board Meeting
April 25, 2013
10:00 am – 11:15 am
URS Corporation

ITS GEORGIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers / Directors (2012–2013):

Scott Mohler, *President*
URS

Tom Sever, *Vice President*
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Arcadis

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ARC

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Ex-Officio

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FHWA

Andres Ramirez
FTA

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Winter Horbal
Temple, Inc.

Keary Lord
Douglas County

Michael Roberson
GDOT

David Smith
DeKalb County

Prasoon Sinha
Arcadis

✓ *Indicates present at meeting*

Other Attendees Present:

Kenn Fink – Kimley Horn & Associates
Bill Wells

Issues Discussed	Action
<p>Approvals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The March 2013 meeting minutes will be sent out to the Board tomorrow for review and approval. 	
<p>ITS America State Chapter Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITSGA had a very good showing at ITS America. Scott reported we had a good turnout at our ITS America booth and there was good camaraderie between us, GRITS and ITS Florida. This is the largest State Chapter Meeting that has ever been held. IDEAS from ITS America – We could have a session at our annual meeting where each member agency has a 2 to 3 minute discussion about their agency. CA is pushing hard to grow their membership. If you join as a member, they are offering one free registration to the Annual Meeting. Discussion was had on how to increase annual membership by enticing memberships to rejoin by giving them an incentive. Michael discussed that we might want to start targeting new members at monthly meetings instead of the annual meeting. We currently have 54 members have paid and about 18 who have not paid who have been members in the past. 	<p><i>The membership committee to create a list of members to target for new or renewed membership and present list to the Board at the next monthly meeting so we can divide up the list and contact those agencies.</i></p>
<p>2013 Annual Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have 4 diamond level sponsors to the 2014 joint meeting. Callaway Gardens is willing to setup the meeting rooms identical to last year. It was suggested to try and get the meeting set-up room a little closer to the meeting room locations. We are still going to do the vender hunt this year. 	
<p>Monthly Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have confirmed speaks for the May meeting. It will be a 4 hour meeting in Columbia County, GA. Grant made a motion we provide for up to 2 to attend the Columbia County next month if they renew their annual membership. Tom seconded motion and approval was unanimous. We will not have a monthly Board Meeting in May. Sprint will present on 3G and 4G technology in July. We are still looking for a June speaker/topic. Transit and Corridor Management were suggested at future topics. 	<p>Mike to send May meeting agenda to Kristin and Bill.</p> <p>Mike to send Bill a write up of the May Meeting topic.</p> <p>Kristin and Bill to coordinate catering/snacks.</p>

Legislative Committee	
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- **Susie presented the April Legislative Report (See attached).**

ITS Georgia Legislative Report - April 2013

ARC Report - 4/24/13

Over 2,500 bills and resolutions introduced during this session - some were defeated, some passed by both chambers and sent to the Governor; most did not make it through on time or simply stalled.

- Bills that passed:
 - GRТА - received \$560K in the amended FY 2013 budget and \$8.1M in the FY 2014 budget for continuation of the Xpress system
 - GDOT legislative agenda:
 - HB 202, Value Engineering Studies - adjusts the minimum threshold for requiring VE studies from \$10M to \$50M; exempts federal earmarks, interstate projects and freight corridor projects from congressional district balancing.
 - SB 70, Design-Build Changes - expands the selection process to include best value bidder through weighing of requirements defined by the department
 - SR 618, Senate Study Committee on Public Transportation in Metro Atlanta - creates committee of up to 5 Senators selected by President of Senate
- Bills that may come back up in 2014:
 - HB 264, The MARTA Act
 - SB 92, Revenue to Transit - allows sales tax revenue generated from vehicle rentals to be applied to transit
 - HB 99 and HB 153, Fractional Sales Tax for SPLOST
 - SB 73, Changes Penalty in TIA Legislation
 - HB 195, Changes Definition of Special Districts in TIA Legislation
 - SB 196; Motorcycles in Toll Lanes - removes toll fees

GDOT Report - 4/17/13

In addition to GDOT's Legislative Agenda - HB 202 and SB 70, other legislation of interest that passed:

- SB 218 - modifies annual emergency tow permits
- HB 407 - conforms state law to MAP-21 requirements regarding 2nd DUI offenses
- HB 211 - exempts school systems from motor fuel tax for State FYs 2014 and 2015
- HB 371 - subjects on-road liquefied natural gas to motor fuel tax
- HB 142 - imposes \$75 cap on legislative gifts
- Road dedication resolutions (38) - must be paid for by requestor or local government

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GEA Legislative Coalition Meeting, 4/17/13

Michael "Sully" Sullivan, ACEC Executive Director's Report –

HB 549, Professional Licensing Committee - establishes a House Study Committee on Professional Licensing Boards to do a comprehensive review of licensing board structures to determine whether the current structure optimizes efficiencies of scale and provides the appropriate state entity to oversee each particular licensing board, etc.

A good example of a self licensing profession is the State Bar. Self licensing would drive up rates. Right now, Secretary of State's office implements the licensing process and collects around \$24M annually. \$20M goes into the State General Fund. If self-licensing were implemented, the state would have to address this \$20M shortfall in the State General Fund. State budget is currently at \$17B, the same level as in 2001. Dentists and pharmacists licensing has been removed from the Secretary of State; Secretary will be opposed to any other removals. A professional licensing board would probably be more proactive than appointments by the Governor. Need to have the entire profession on board as in opposition could kill the bill. Issue – many/most professions don't pay their own annual professional fees – but GDOT engineers do.

HB 142 and 143, Ethics – institutes a \$75 limit on meals and gifts to legislators from lobbyists – but no limit on how often. There are numerous exceptions, e.g., entertaining an entire committee, subcommittee or delegation is still allowed. Despite the exceptions, the bill represents a significant restriction from the current "no limit" lobbyist gift rules.

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 - Women Transportation Seminar

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