



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Jennifer Ide called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

**Board Members**

**Present:**

James Durrett  
Roderick Frierson  
Freda Hardage  
Al Pond  
Kathryn Powers  
Rita Scott  
Thomas Worthy  
Valencia Williamson  
Jennifer Ide  
Sagirah Jones

**Board Members**

**Absent:**

Russell McMurry  
Jacob Tzegaegbe  
Jannine Miller

**Staff Members Present:**

Collie Greenwood  
Steven Parker  
Ralph McKinney  
Rhonda Allen  
Carrie Rocha  
Jonathan Hunt  
George Wright  
Kevin Hurley  
Michael Kreher

**Also in Attendance:** Justice Leah Ward Sears  
Paula Nash  
Jacqueline Holland  
Tyrene Huff  
Kenya Hammond  
Phyllis Bryant

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (SUBMITTALS VIA TELEPHONE, U.S. MAIL AND IN PERSON)**

Lindsay Davenport [via email]  
Stephen Wehunt [via email]  
Luke Martin [via email]  
Panos Menelaou [via email]  
Natasha Ramos [in person]  
Britt Dunams [in person]  
David Ward [in person]  
Yolanda King Adams [in person]  
Chioke Perry [in person]  
Natasha Taylor [in person]  
James Bodley [in person]  
Harrison Crawford [in person]  
Gary Norman, Jr. [in person]  
Antoinette Whitlock [in person]  
Shaunty Locklear [in person]  
Morgan Simpkins [in person]  
Ed Barlow [in person]  
Monica Harris [in person]  
Terrence Gipson [in person]

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Approval of the December 5, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Board Member Durrett, seconded by Board Member Worthy, the motion passed by a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

**2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION IN CONTRACTUAL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR RADIO ANTENNA SITES, L40123**

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Modification in Contractual Authorization for the Payment of Lease Agreements for Radio Antenna Sites, L40123. On a motion by Board Member Worthy, seconded by Board Member Hardage, the resolution passed by a vote of 10 – 0 with 10 members present.

**3. OTHER MATTERS**

**LITIGATION**

Settlement – \$250,000 – Cathy Lemons v. MARTA and Stafford McIntosh. On a motion by Board Member Hardage, seconded by Board Member Pond, the motion passed with a vote of 10 to 0 with 10 members present.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

None

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyrene L. Huff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Tyrene L. Huff  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/1w1jt0t9mso?feature=shared>

GA Pacific  
Rooftop  
Microwave Dish  
Installation



# Resolution Authorizing a Modification in Contractual Authorization for the Payment of Lease Agreements for Radio Antenna Sites, L40123

MARTA Board of Directors

January 09, 2025

**Jax Colgan**  
Senior Project Manager  
Capital Programs Delivery

## Background

- Radio Tower Leases enable MARTA to place radio infrastructure on privately owned towers that will provide radio communications for MARTA's Police Services, Bus Operations and Rail Operations.
- MARTA entered the first lease agreements in 2002 with Crown Castle (Pinnacle Towers, LLC) at Stone Mountain and with American Towers at Union City and Alpharetta on Fulton Industrial.
- In 2003, MARTA added its fourth lease agreement with Georgia Pacific located at 133 Peachtree.
- In April 2023, we went to the board and received approval for all current location leases and are now adding a new location for safety and reliability to our Radio System.

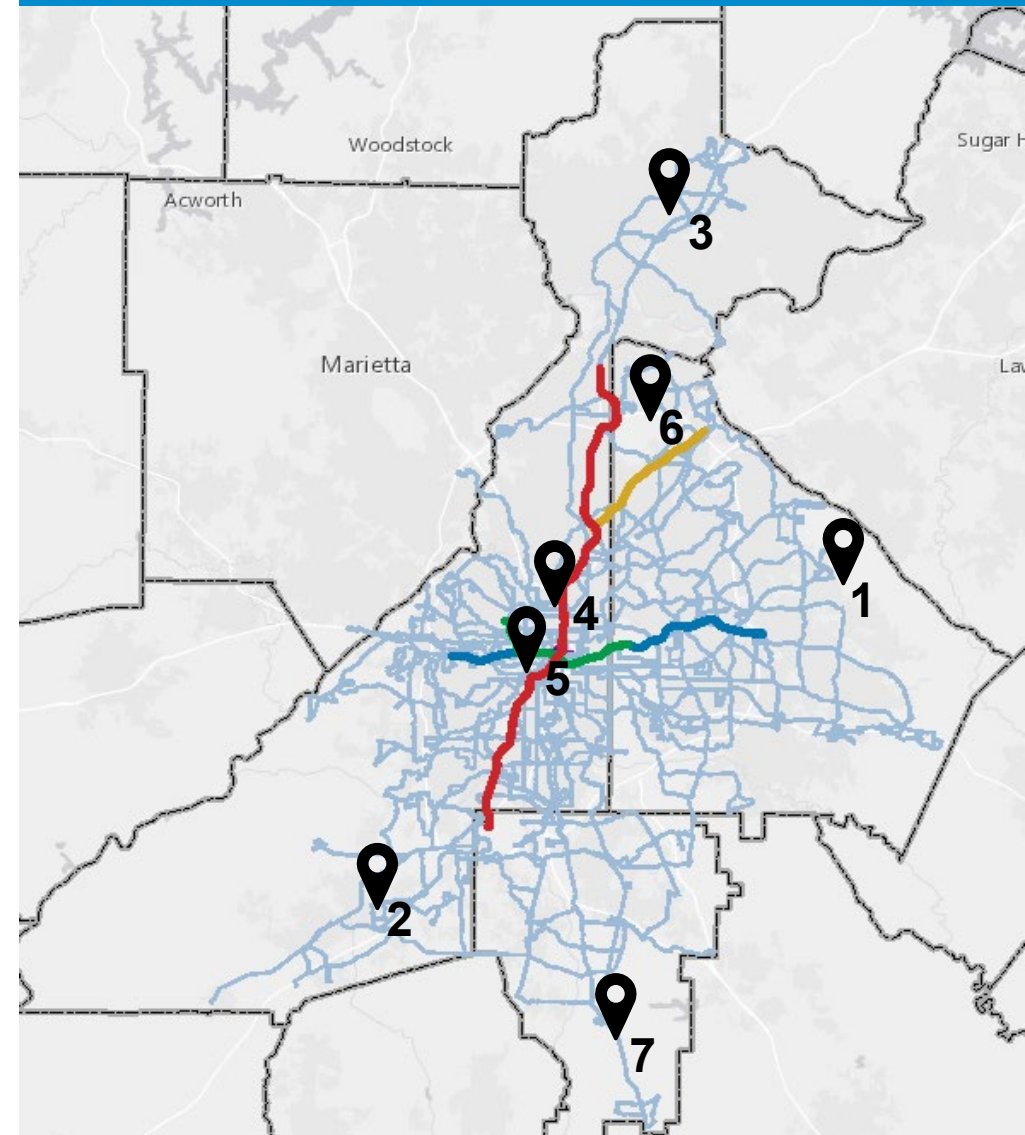


**Stone Mountain  
Radio Tower**

# Business Purpose

## Seven Radio Tower Sites

1. Stone Mountain
2. Union City
3. Alpharetta
4. Georgia Pacific
5. Five Points
6. Ravinia (NEW)
7. Panhandle



MARTA network map showing Radio Tower sites

## New Locations

- MARTA needs to put in-place two lease agreements for the Ravinia Tower location.
  - Dekalb County Sublease
  - Crown Castle Co-location Lease
- Due to the growth and development in North Fulton County the Ravinia Tower is needed to improve the radio communication coverage in the North Fulton County area located in Dunwoody.
- In Clayton County, MARTA added the Panhandle Tower to support the up-and-coming growth in South Clayton County.

Crown Castle Antennas and Microwave Location

Dekalb County Network Room inside the Building





## Ravinia Location – Existing Photos



Existing Microwaves (Non-MARTA) on Ravinia Tower



Network Room inside Ravinia Tower (Non-MARTA)



## Financial Considerations

- Lease Funding expires in 2027 and accounts for existing RF locations
- New Funding (Ravinia Only) will expire in 2034
- MARTA's Internal Audit determined the cost to be fair and reasonable
- Panhandle agreement between MARTA and Clayton County has been executed at a zero dollar value.
- Current Lease Agreement Value:       \$4,940,975.59
- Additional Funds Requested:         \$ 596,536.20\*
- Total Agreement Amount:             \$5,537,511.79

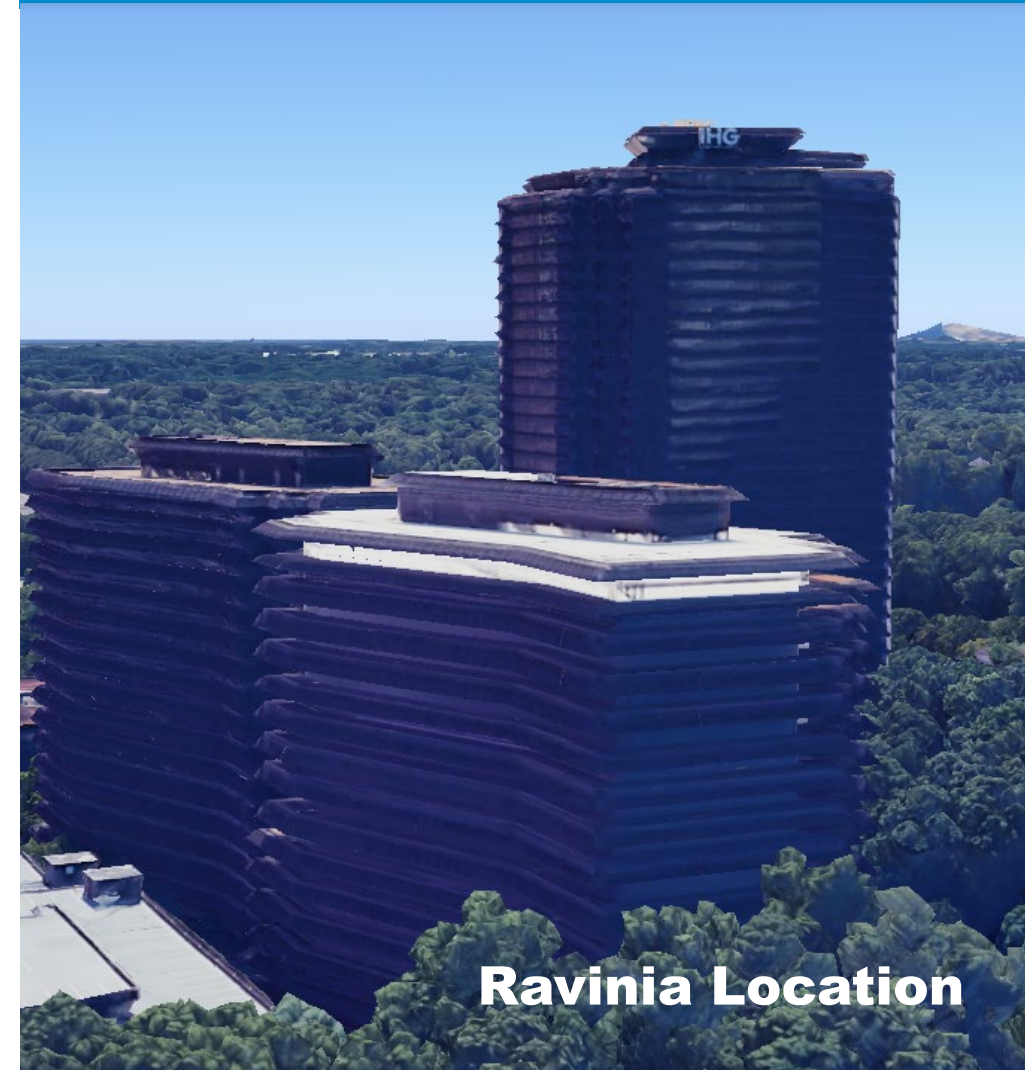
\*FY25 and subsequent years' budgets are for Ravinia location only.

**Panhandle Tower**



## Requests for the Board

- Seeking approval to execute two lease agreements for the Ravinia Tower location.
  - Dekalb County Sublease
  - Crown Castle Co-location Lease
- Seeking approval to increase the L40123 contract authorization by \$596,536.20 to a revised contract value of \$5,537,511.79.



**Resolution Authorizing a  
Modification in Contractual  
Authorization for the Payment  
of Lease Agreements  
for Radio Antenna Sites,  
L40123**

Thank You



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION IN CONTRACTRACTUAL AUTHORIZATION  
FOR THE PAYMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR RADIO ANTENNA SITES, L40123**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority's Office of Radio Maintenance has identified the need for the continuous payment of lease agreements for radio antenna sites at the four (4) communications tower locations that support MARTA's Radio Communications Network. These tower sites are positioned at Alpharetta, Union City, Atlanta (Georgia Pacific), and Stone Mountain; and

**WHEREAS**, the tower sites provide for mobile radio communications coverage with transmittal and receiving capabilities and are leased per existing license agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2017, the Board of Directors authorized additional funds in the amount of \$1,099,077.80 to continue to make lease payments; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 2022, the Board of Directors authorized a modification to extend the term through 2027 and to add additional funds in the amount of \$1,560,687.31 to continue to make lease payments; and

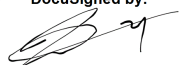
**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2023, the Board of Directors authorized a modification to add additional funds in the amount of \$251,210.48 to continue to make lease payments, add two (2) additional towers at Ravinia and Panhandle as part of the P25 Radio System Upgrade, and to modify equipment on three (3) of the four (4) existing antenna sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Internal Audit conducted a price analysis and determined the prices fair and reasonable pricing; and

**WHEREAS**, all contractual changes and additions for this modification will follow the Authority's procurement policies and guidelines; and

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority that the General Manager/CEO or his delegate be, and hereby is, authorized to increase the authorization for Agreement No. L40123 Lease Agreements for Radio Antenna Sites from \$4,940,975.59 to \$5,539,011.79.

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

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**Interim Chief Legal Counsel,  
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority**