Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee

September 8, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members:	Mr. Sleasman (Chair), Ms. Pacetti (Vice Chair), Mayor Gallo, Ms. Harper, Mr. Love, Mayor Koomar
Present:	Mr. Sleasman, Ms. Pacetti, Mayor Gallo, Ms. Harper, Mr. Love, Mayor Koomar
Staff/Other:	Shawn Becker, Nick Biggar, India Terry, Janet Burney, Louis Catalusci, Sharon Cottrell-Peffer, Nick Davidson, Scott Ferraro, Michael Fesler, George Fields, Ida Marshall, Anthony Garofoli, Kenneth Green, Sharon Jenkins, Deirdre Jones, Carl Kirkland, Jeffrey Macko, Sheila Miller, Charles Morgan, Ruben Morgan, Holly Mothes, Teresa Muti, Steve Peganoff, Norbert Reynolds, Joe Shaffer, John Togher, Donald Tereba, Chanel Steiner, Drew Dimmick, Beth Pierce, Nadine DeJesus
Visitors/Public:	Loh

Prior to the start of the committee meetings, Board President Mayor Koomar acknowledged the recent passing of Dr. Floun'say Caver, GCRTA's Chief Operating Officer and Deputy General Manager, and asked those present to join in a moment of silence.

I. Roll Call

Mr. Sleasman then called the meeting of the Operational Planning & Infrastructure Committee to order with roll call. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2026

Approval of August 4, 2026, minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

III. Tower City East Portal Rehabilitation – Memo

Mr. Sleasman noted that an informational memo on the Tower City East Portal rehabilitation project was included in the board packet and did not meet the threshold for a formal presentation. Shawn Becker, Director of Procurement, provided an update, explaining that an emergency procurement was directed to an existing contract following a track break near Track 7 in the vicinity of the Tower City Portals project. The Board President was notified when the emergency occurred and concurred with proceeding; negotiations have since concluded, and a resolution to ratify the emergency procurement will come before the Board this month.

IV. 15583 Brook Park Industrial Hygiene Abatement – Invitation for Bid

Presenters:

- Norbert Reynolds, Engineering Project Manager–Track
- Louis Catalusci, Contract Administrator II

Mr. Reynolds presented a project to abate asbestos and heavy metal dust discovered throughout the Brook Park facility after employees reported symptoms consistent with exposure. The scope includes replacement of approximately 72 windows found to contain asbestos-laden glazing, replacement of roughly 200 light fixtures, removal of an interior door, replacement of two exterior doors, and removal of a gas-fired heater and four electrical radiant heaters. The building, which houses rail maintenance and transit police staff, has been vacated during the project; a third-party clearance report will confirm the space is free of contaminants before employees return.

Mr. Catalusci reported that the Invitation for Bid was issued July 20, 2026, was accessed by 28 interested parties, and drew two bids. Staff recommended award to Sona Construction LLC, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a total contract not to exceed $1,048,005.

Questions and Discussion:

- Mr. Sleasman asked whether the employees who complained of nosebleeds were alright and how testing was handled. Ms. Terry requested a response from the Safety Department. Steve Peganoff, Safety Manager, confirmed all employees are fine and were promptly issued respirators, and noted a 2022 asbestos survey found contamination in the floor tile and mastic but not the windows, which were later found after a storm to also contain asbestos, apparently masked by years of reglazing.
- Ms. Pacetti asked where displaced facilities-maintenance staff are working in the meantime and how long the project will take; Mr. Peganoff responded that they have relocated to other districts and Mr. Reynolds confirmed the project will take about five months after notice to proceed.
- Ms. Pacetti questioned whether continued investment in the building still makes sense given the roughly $1 million cost; Joe Shaffer, Engineering, responded that its proximity to RTA facilities and its cost advantage over new construction still make it worthwhile.
- Ms. Terry asked staff to confirm for the record that the building will be certified safe before employees re-enter; Mr. Peganoff confirmed a third-party clearance report will be required first.
- Ms. Harper asked whether affected employees would be rechecked for symptoms in the future; Mr. Peganoff said no formal follow-up is planned, but concerns can be raised at daily supervisor safety briefings.

Hearing no further questions, Mr. Sleasman asked for a motion to advance the item to the Board for approval. Ms. Harper moved to advance the item to the Board of Trustees; Mayor Gallo seconded. The motion carried, with all members in favor and none opposed.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Sleasman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pacetti. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

John J. Togher
Interim Secretary/Treasurer

Kenneth Green
Interim Board Administrator