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December 15, 1993

Honorable Maynard Jackson, Mayor  
City of Atlanta  
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RE: Development of Regional Impact (DRI) - Atlanta Centennial Olympic Stadium

Dear Mayor Jackson:

We have completed the review of the proposed Atlanta Centennial Olympic Stadium, a Development of Regional Impact (DRI). We find the proposed development is in the best interest of the State. Our review report is enclosed for information.

A very important part of the review process is the receipt of comments from potentially affected public agencies. During this review we received the attached comments from MARTA. Their comments are recommended for your consideration.

Please let us know if you would like to discuss any of the comments or report and I will arrange the appropriate meetings.

We hope this finding and report are helpful to the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Harry West', is written over the typed name.

Harry West  
Executive Director

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C: Mr. Bill Kennedy, City of Atlanta  
Ms. Jeanne Wright, City of Atlanta  
Mr. Griff Doyle, GA Dept. of Community Affairs  
Mr. Joe Tanner, GA Dept. of Natural Resources  
Mr. Wayne Shackelford, GA Dept. of Transportation  
Mr. Ken Gregor, MARTA

# DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT

## Comments from Affected Parties Form

Project I.D.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(From Request for Comments Form)Name of Commenting Organization: Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)Address: 2424 Piedmont Road, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30324-3330Contact Person: Gerald J. Pachucki Telephone Number: 848-5320Do you believe your jurisdiction will be affected by the proposed development? X Yes        No

Please describe the effects (positive and/or negative) the proposed project could have on your jurisdiction:

The following issues need to be resolved before the design phase is completed:\* The location and design of the bus boarding facilities at the  
stadium for the baseball configuration.\* The operating plan for bus service during Braves games and  
other special events.These issues need to be resolved now to avoid costly retrofit later  
or even worse an unresolvable situation.

(Attach Additional Pages if Necessary)

Form Completed By: Mary C. CannonTitle: Chief, Transportation PlanningSignature: Mary C. CannonDate: Nov. 23, 1993RETURN TO: ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION  
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ATTENTION: REVIEW OFFICE

Facility: Atlanta Centennial Olympic Stadium  
Preliminary Report: November 12, 1993  
Final Report: December 14, 1993

## **DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT**

### **REVIEW REPORT**

#### **GENERAL**

According to information on the review form or comments received from potentially affected governments:

**Is the proposed project consistent with the host-local government's comprehensive plan? If not, identify inconsistencies.**

Yes.

**Is the proposed project consistent with any potentially affected local government's comprehensive plan? If not, identify inconsistencies.**

No inconsistencies were noted in the review process.

**Will the proposed project impact the implementation of any local government's short-term work program? If so, how?**

No.

**Will the proposed project generate population and/or employment increases in the Region? If yes, what would be the major infrastructure and facilities improvements needed to support the increase?**

The project will generate 400 construction jobs and 7,000 - 10,000 short-term jobs during the Olympics, but there will be no change from present baseball employment after conversion of the Stadium

**What other major development projects are planned in the vicinity of the proposed project?**

None.

**GENERAL** (continued)

**Will the proposed project displace housing units or community facilities? If yes, identify and give number of units, facilities, etc.**

No.

**Will the development cause a loss in jobs? If yes, how many.**

No.

**LOCATION**

**Where is the proposed project located within the host-local government's boundaries?**

The Olympic Stadium site is 56.4 acres in the City of Atlanta and is bounded generally by I-75/85/Washington Street, Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard, Capitol Avenue, and Fulton Street.

**Will the proposed project be located close to the host-local government's boundary with another local government? If yes, identify the other local government.**

No.

**Will the proposed project be located close to land uses in other jurisdictions that would benefit or be negatively impacted by the project? Identify those land uses which would benefit and those which would be negatively affected and describe impacts.**

No.

**ECONOMY OF THE REGION**

According to information on the review form or comments received from potentially affected governments:

**What new taxes will be generated by the proposed project?**

The project will generate tax revenues of 1/2 of 1 percent of the concessions.

## **ECONOMY OF THE REGION** (continued)

**How many short-term jobs will the development generate in the Region?**

400 construction; 7,000 - 10,000 Olympics.

**Is the regional work force sufficient to fill the demand created by the proposed project?**

Yes.

**In what ways could the proposed development have a positive or negative impact on existing industry or business in the Region?**

The Olympic games and stadium will enhance the position of Atlanta as an international city and be a very positive force for the Region's businesses and industry.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Will the proposed project be located in or near wetlands, groundwater recharge area, water supply watershed, protected river corridor or other environmentally sensitive area of the Region? If yes, identify those areas.**

No.

**In what ways could the proposed project create impacts that would damage or help to preserve the resource?**

N/A

## **HISTORIC RESOURCES**

**Will the proposed project be located near a national register site? If yes, identify site.**

No.

**In what ways could the proposed project create impacts that would damage the resource?**

N/A

## **HISTORIC RESOURCES** (continued)

**In what ways could the proposed project have a positive influence on efforts to preserve or promote the historic resource?**

N/A

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Transportation**

**How much traffic (both average daily and peak am/pm) will be generated by the proposed project?**

At the maximum parking configuration for baseball (after conversion), it is estimated there will be 7,000 cars p.m. peak.

**What are the existing traffic patterns and volumes on the local, county, state and interstate roads that serve the site?**

This information has been incorporated into the Olympics Transportation System planning efforts.

**What transportation improvements are under construction or planned for the Region that would affect or be affected by the proposed project? What is the status of those improvements (long or short range or other)?**

1. TIP Project AT057 Glenwood from Connally to Hill - Tier 1 for CST.
2. Capitol Avenue Pedestrian Corridor from GSU MARTA Station to the Stadium - Tier 1 for CST.

**Will the proposed project be located in a rapid transit station area? If yes, how will the proposed project enhance or be enhanced by the rapid transit system?**

The stadium is within walking/shuttle distance of the Georgia State Transit Station and, for the Olympic events, shuttle distance of West End Transit Station.

**Is the site served by transit? If so, describe type and level of service.**

Yes. See above.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Transportation (continued)**

**Are there plans to provide or expand transit service in the vicinity of the proposed project?**

During the Olympic Games, an extensive bus shuttle system will be utilized for spectators and some members of the Olympic Family, as there will be no available private auto parking on-site. Currently, MARTA provides shuttle service to the Atlanta/Fulton Stadium during games/special events. CCT provides service from Cobb County. It is anticipated such service would be provided to the Olympic Stadium after the Olympic Games.

**What transportation demand management strategies does the developer propose (carpool, flex-time, transit subsidy, etc.)?**

Although the developer is not proposing specific TDM strategies, the Olympic Transportation System plan is incorporating TDM efforts into its plan to reduce background traffic during the Games.

**What is cumulative trip generation of this and other DRI's or major developments? Is the transportation system (existing and planned) capable of accommodating these trips?**

Trip generation estimates should include analysis of current experience at the Atlanta/Fulton stadium. Impact on local streets should be of special concern.

### **Wastewater and Sewage**

**How much wastewater and sewage will be generated by the proposed project?**

0.25 MGD

**Which facility will treat wastewater from the project?**

South River Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**What is the current permitted capacity and average annual flow to this facility?**

Capacity = 48.0 MGD

1992 Average = 40.31 MGD

This Project = 0.25 MGD

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Wastewater and Sewage (continued)**

**What other major developments will be served by the plant serving this project?**

ARC has reviewed Major Developments which would increase wastewater flow to the South River Plant by 0.54 MGD. This stadium facility will be used only intermittently and will not generate a large flow on a daily basis.

### **Water Supply and Treatment**

**How much water will the proposed project demand?**

0.30 MGD

**How will the proposed project's demand for water impact the water supply or treatment facilities of the jurisdiction providing the service?**

Minimal impact.

### **Solid Waste**

**How much solid waste will be generated by the project? Where will this waste be disposed?**

Because recycling plans are incomplete, the amount of solid waste requiring disposal is not known. The amount, however, should not exceed that of the current stadium except during the Olympics. The current stadium's concessionaire, ARA, recycles a number of items. The authority recycles cardboard. The Authority also owns compactors and trucks and hauls the remaining waste. After an event, the waste compacted and hauled averages around 56 compacted cubic yards, one yard per 800 attendance.

**Other than adding to a serious regional solid waste disposal problem, will the project create any unusual waste handling or disposal problems?**

No.

**Are there any provisions for recycling this project's solid waste.**

None stated, although it is known that there are plans to recycle at Olympic venues.