



Legislative Bulletin - June 2011

By John Keys, GMOA Lobbyist

June was a fairly active month legislatively. Following is a synopsis of my activity on behalf of the GMOA membership.

1. Continued work to finalize Discussion Panels for Annual Meeting, including getting speakers, writing up program descriptions for panels. Legislators, except for Ron Stephens, will not be attending due to a Special Legislative Session, which begins August 15.
2. Working with Department of Driver Services personnel and Linda to get study effort underway on CDL Sex Offender bill for action at 2012 Session. Seeking help of NC and AL Association lobbyists for their state histories of this legislation, and Ken Presley for UMA assistance in research.
3. Reviewing Transportation Investment Act (TIA) transportation sales tax project lists around the state, with eye on opportunities for transit; that is privatization opportunities if transit projects are funded. Each of 12 Regional Commissions in GA are selecting projects now, which will be voted on July 2012, along with one-percent transportation sales tax.
4. Attended June 8 Rural and Human Services Transportation (GDC) meeting. This is a good opportunity for the industry to provide services statewide.
5. Attended June 9 meeting with GMOA Board Members and Commissioner Tim Echols, Public Services Commission, regarding issues of importance to the industry.
6. Attended June 15 Board of Directors Meeting in Atlanta.
7. Attended June 23 Public Services Commission Meeting in Atlanta regarding renegade motorcoach operators.
8. Attended, as member of the committee, June 24 meeting of ARC Human Services Transportation Advisory Committee. Potentially, good opportunity for private sector participation.
9. Attended June 30 lunch meeting with Representative Tom Rice and GMOA Board Members, John Garrett, American Coach Lines of Atlanta and Marion Kenney, Allen Insurance Group to discuss GMOA's CDL bill, which is in Mr. Rice's committee.

I welcome any questions or comments from GMOA operator members.

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