

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their reorganization and regular meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

A moment of silence was observed for September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENDANCE**

Tom Kohler, Chairman  
Lou Zotti, Vice-Chairman  
Carlton Stuart, Secretary (via phone)  
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer  
Andrew Bahmueller, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Anthony Hamaday, Executive Secretary  
Greg Philips, BOS Liaison  
Missy Morales, Staff Liaison  
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works  
Noah Marlier, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, PC  
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)

Absent: Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Appoint Noah Marlier from Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, PC – Authority Solicitor**  
Mr. Marlier switched firms and the Board agreed to retain Mr. Marlier at the same rate they were paying Rudolph and Clarke for the remainder of this year. The authority welcomed Mr. Marlier back to the Authority.

**Authority Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Bahmueller, all voting "Aye" to appoint Noah Marlier as Solicitor for the Authority for the remainder of the year. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of August 14, 2019 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

## **Motion to Approve Permanent Authorization for the Chairman to Execute Contract Time Extensions for Consultant Agreements When There is No Additional Change to the Agreement**

### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Bahmueller, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve Permanent Authorization for the Chairman to Execute Contract Time Extensions for Consultant Agreements When There is No Additional Change to the Agreement. One abstention from Mr. Kohler. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT- None.

### ENGINEER'S REPORT

#### **Relocated North Gulph Road, SR 0023 Section 2NG (Including Granite Block Restoration at Valley Forge Monument)**

Mr. Smyth stated the next status meeting will be held in October. The environmental clearance is being wrapped up for preliminary engineering as well as the Safety Review. It was also noted that PennDOT's environmental leader Monica Howard is working with us to get a no effect no adverse effect determination on a masonry culvert to allow the project to move forward. Ongoing coordination with the utility companies. Clearance was received for the granite curb and there will be a meeting with the National Park service to see if they have any of these granite curbs stored somewhere. The project is about to go into final design. Once it is in final design it should move quickly to get out to bid.

#### **SR 0023, Section TCB – PA 23 Trout Creek Bridge**

Mr. Smyth stated that the project is coming to the end of the Safety Review phase. It is a planned advertisement project that is going to be advertised soon for final design. The Safety Review and the Environmental Clearance are two last pieces that are nearing the end and then it will be put out by PennDOT to the consultant community for final design. Once it is put out to PennDOT, they will take over the project completely, fees included. It was noted that one of the biggest things for this project is the utility relocations.

#### **Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line**

Mr. Smyth stated that the review of the Reimbursement Agreement was received back from PennDOT. There was one clause they want to add in regards to a CF4 citing that they require to see in a Reimbursement Agreement which was added. Mr. Smyth stated he would forward the agreement to Mr. Marlier tomorrow. Once it is approved by Mr. Marlier and SEPTA, it is ready for signature. Included is Exhibit A which is the final structure plans of the bridge itself. After the plans are signed by PennDOT's bridge engineer, the exhibit can be updated with the signed plans. This will result in the SEPTA Reimbursement Agreement. The railroad certification form can then be submitted along with the executed Reimbursement Agreement. The D-419 Utility Clearance will then be able to be submitted as well. The CE Reevaluation is in environmental manager review and should be done any day now. The traffic control is also pending. Mr. Hickman mentioned that the SEPTA is undertaking a sinkhole remediation project right near the bridge. It has been put out to bid and should be done no later than mid-February. The construction phase services contract was approved by action in March and after some comments were addressed in regards to overhead rates and for subconsultant, it was resubmitted.

### **Prince Frederick Extension (PFE)**

Continued coordination with the development team on the Glasgow Tract development team in regards to having the boulevard as it connects to Route 202 and Saulin Boulevard. Chester Valley Trail is still tracking to be going out to bid in the next month to six weeks and then getting a Notice to Proceed towards the end of the year.

### **Potential New PA Turnpike Interchange at Henderson Road**

DVRPC is finishing up their No Build projections for Henderson Road and starting to get into the Build projections for Potential Henderson Road Interchange. Mr. Smyth noted Mr. Matthew Edmond from the Montgomery County Planning Commission, had been in a meeting with SEPTA in regards to the Route 100 Extension and saw that the designs of both were conflicting as it currently stood and so there was a meeting regarding this issue with the County and with SEPTA. Mr. Smyth raised the question whether or not the Authority would authorize to update the concept design to reflect the change because DVRPC needs that in order to continue their forecast modeling on the Build Alternative.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT-** None.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Morales reported, on behalf of Mr. Hiriak, the escrow was returned to Realen on August 20, 2019 in the amount of \$670,232.00. The accrued interest of \$9,371.62 was not returned since the resolution did not mention it. The PIB Loan payment #7 was issued to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 28, 2019 in the amount of \$382,053.44. This amount is also listed on the requisitions for documentation purposes. There are three payments left, one for 2020, 2021 and 2022 until the debt is paid off. Mr. Hamaday stated the accrued interest is still in escrow.

### **REQUISITIONS – September 11, 2019**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 3,193.35	Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for work Performed 7-1-19 thru 7-31-19 INVOICE #68
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,260.27	Trout Creek Bridge Replacement Project for work performed for the Period 7-1-19 thru 7-31-19 INVOICE #41
Commonwealth of PA	\$ 382,053.44	PIB Loan for 2018 payment #7 of 10
Upper Merion Township	\$ 345.08	Reimbursement for 2018 audit advertising
Rudolph Clarke, LLC	\$ 310.50	Church Rd Bridge INVOICE #72741
Rudolph Clarke, LLC	\$ 418.50	Realen INVOICE #72312
Rudolph Clarke, LLC	\$ 459.00	General representation INVOICE #72743
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$389,040.14</b>	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the September 11, 2019 requisitions in the amount of \$389,040.14. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS** - None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
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THOMAS KOHLER  
CHAIRMAN

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: