

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**March 14, 2018**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

Tom Kohler, Chairman  
Lou Zotti, Vice-Chairman  
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer  
Carlton Stuart, Secretary  
Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance  
Edward O'Brien, Director of Public Works  
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)  
Noah Marlier, Rudolph Clarke, LLC  
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary and Staff Liaison to Transportation Authority

**ABSENT**

Ian Kingsley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison  
David G. Kraynik, Executive Secretary

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Kohler stated an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of February 14, 2018 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Authorization to submit PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for section of Prince Frederick Extension – Resolution 2018-02**

Mr. Smyth reported on the results of BSA's review of all the Act 209 projects from a grant opportunity perspective. He stated the Prince Frederick Extension would be a good candidate for a PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant which opened on February 26<sup>th</sup> and closes on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The MTF grant is available for eligible projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more and normally do not exceed \$3 million for any project. Another grant possibility is the Commonwealth Financing Authority's (CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant which closes on July 31<sup>st</sup> and is considered a partner to the PennDOT MTF. It was noted the CFA grant is more economic/job driven and the PennDOT grant is more roadway driven in order to improve transportation assets that enhance communities, pedestrian safety, and transit revitalization. The Prince Frederick Extension qualifies for both.

Mr. Smyth reviewed the PennDOT MTF guidelines with Authority members and discussed criteria for eligible projects and eligible use of funds. The Prince Frederick boulevard concept fits well into the criteria outlined.

Mr. Smyth stated financial assistance under the MTF shall be matched by local funding in an amount not less than 30% of the amount awarded. He pointed out the matching obligation for a \$3 million grant would be a \$900,000 investment by the Transportation Authority which is substantial.

A discussion followed during which members of the Authority offered their ideas for an appropriate amount to include in the MTF grant request.

Mr. Smyth suggested ways to phase the Prince Frederick Extension and provided maps showing possibilities. He said because the Chester Valley Trail is committed to construction and in final design there is already a partnership between the Transportation Authority and the County to coordinate trailhead access near the US 202 and Saulin Boulevard intersection. Mr. Smyth suggested the PennDOT MTF application focus on constructing a Saulin Boulevard Extension parallel to the Chester Valley Trail, a segment of the Prince Frederick Extension, a formal trail head and stormwater management facilities. He noted there would be the benefit with multi-modal activity, bicycle, pedestrian trail head and the first section of the road would be built.

Mr. Kohler asked if the idea of putting in the trailhead along the Prince Frederick portion of the extension is justification for building that part of the extension versus putting in the trailhead, for example, in the vacant lot shown on the map. Mr. Smyth responded that is the idea.

Mr. Smyth said the next questions that need to be asked are how to get through either the Glasgow property or the Rossi property. Much depends on what may happen in the future with potential land development opportunities related to the Glasgow tract.

A discussion followed about the appropriate amount to specify on Resolution 2018-02 and lowering the grant request to \$2 million so as to reduce the matching obligation to \$600,000. During the discussion Mr. Smyth pointed out the MTF grant is a reimbursement after the money is spent on construction.

Mr. Smyth stated it may be in the best interests of the Authority to consider acquiring the services of an appraiser to provide a valuation on the right-of-way requirements for the project which would also be helpful in applying for other grants.

Mr. Kohler suggested possibly partnering with the Chester Valley Trail appraiser. Mr. Smyth suggested a possible reimbursement agreement with the Montgomery County Transportation Authority since they have already gone through a competitive bidding process for their appraiser and this right-of-way is a natural extension of that.

Mr. Smyth mentioned the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program might be another option for obtaining funds.

With regard to the redevelopment land use component, Mr. Smyth suggested first having a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors to explore and discuss the new boulevard alignment options. Once there is joint authorization on how to proceed, then it will be critical to start meetings with the different Stakeholders to advance the project.

After a discussion in consultation with the Solicitor, the consensus was to change the wording of the Resolution to “up to \$2,000,000.”

#### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting “Aye” to approve Resolution 2018-02 authorizing the Authority to request a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$2,000,000 for the Prince Frederick Street Extension with the acknowledgment that a 30% match up to \$600,000 would be provided by the Authority. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT

##### **Development Plan Updates**

In the absence of Mr. Kraynik, Mr. Kohler reported the following:

Francis E. Schultz, Jr. Development Plan: 541 Flint Hill Road, construction of a 40,000 square foot one-story building for recreational use and warehousing and paved parking for 116 vehicles and a loading area – Impact fee: \$48,548 – approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 22, 2018.

Brandywine Properties Development Plan: 500 N. Gulph Road. Building modifications resulting in approximately 2,000 square feet of additional office space, one level parking deck – Impact fee: \$16,197 – on Board of Supervisors business meeting agenda for March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Workhorse Brewing Development Plan: 250 King Manor Drive, renovation of 50,000 square feet of warehouse space into brewery and tasting room and construction of 132 new parking spaces – Impact fee: \$21,914.

#### **ENGINEER’S REPORT**

##### **Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River**

Sullivan’s trail is complete with the exception of some minor construction close-out tasks.

##### **Relocated North Gulph Road**

Additional meetings will be scheduled with the National Park Service and all the impacted utility companies. The utility aspect is a major component of this project and will require a lot of coordination. BSA requested a second coordination meeting with Peco gas and Aqua PA to further discuss the plans for relocation of their underground facilities from the existing roadway to the proposed roadway. Substantial upgrades to these lines were made as part of the old Betzwood Bridge project, and the question is whether to move the water and gas utilities to the new relocated road at a substantial cost to ensure they stay within the roadway Right-of-Way or keep them in their current location and grant easements from the National Park Service. It is preferable to relocate them along with the roadway Right-of-Way; however, the cost may be prohibitive.

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

Since the last meeting BSA has been coordinating with the selected Construction Inspection team led by TPD and prepared a revised construction schedule which was also submitted to SEPTA along with a request for a Temporary Construction Easement.

BSA has met with SEPTA and await response regarding the required agreement for track outages for bridge removal.

The Erosion & Sediment (E&S) Plan was approved on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Joint Permit was posted on the Pennsylvania Bulletin on March 10<sup>th</sup> for a 30-day public comment period that is standard for permits. Once that is done the PA DEP will issue the Joint Permit on behalf of themselves and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

BSA prepared and submitted the Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) package for PennDOT Design Manual 3 Plan Review which is a major milestone on the PennDOT ECMS Project Development. The transmittal was Approved with Comments.

Revisions to the Final Structure Plans for the culvert have been resubmitted to Gannett Fleming today.

BSA has prepared and transmitted the required documents for transmittal to affected utility companies for utility clearance. Agreements are needed with PECO for the gas and electric relocations as well as with Aqua for the water relocation. The gas and water are the utilities that will go on the temporary structure and will require more follow up and major focus over the next period. Utility clearance is also required from telecommunications companies which are attached to the Peco poles.

### **Prince Frederick Extension**

Previously discussed.

### **Trout Creek Bridge**

BSA submitted the Type, Size and Location Plan for the proposed structure to PennDOT for review which includes the hydraulic analysis and the initial structural analysis. It also included the geotechnical report to with recommended boring locations. This is currently being reviewed by the PennDOT Structures and Geotechnical Units.

### **Other Issues**

Mr. Meneeley asked about the status on the 422 Schuylkill River Bridge (SRB) project. Mr. Kohler provided an update and indicated all the westbound lanes have been relocated onto the new structure; however, the eastbound lanes will be moved later at which time they can demolish the old bridge.

Mr. Smyth stated there will be quarterly meetings with the UMTA Solicitor, Chairman, Executive Secretary and himself to ensure the lines of communication are open as the Prince Frederick Extension and other Act 209 projects move forward. In addition, Mr. Smyth said he would prepare a one-page plan for each of the current projects to include project purpose, project need, and project funding schedule.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** - no report

## **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018**

Mr. Nick Hiriak, Finance Director, reviewed financial report for February and indicated preparations are underway for the audit which starts next month. In response to Mr. Meneeley's inquiry, Mr. Hiriak clarified the reimbursement to the General Fund.

## **REQUISITIONS – MARCH 2018**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,817.57	Station Lane Connector Driveway Conceptual Design for the NPS for work performed 1-1-18 thru 1-31-18 INVOICE #4
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 9,047.13	Trout Creek Bridge Replacement Project for work performed for the Period 1-1-18 thru 1-31-18 INVOICE #23
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 1,906.56	Construction Phase Services for Multi- Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River project for work performed 1-1-18 thru 1-31-18 INVOICE #47
Boles, Smyth Assoc.	\$ 21,336.45	Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for work performed 1-1-18 thru 1-31-18 INVOICE #50
Upper Merion Township 175 W. Valley Forge Road King of Prussia, PA 19406 Attn: Nicholas F. Hiriak	\$ 19,141.00	Authority reimbursement to General Fund for 2017
Rudolph Clarke, LLC Suite 200 Seven Neshaminy Interplex Trevose, PA 19053	\$ 1,606.50	Professional Services General representation 1/16 to 2/28 INVOICE #: 65492
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$55,855.21</b>	

### **Authority Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the March 2018 requisitions in the amount of \$55,855.21. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:01p.m.

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**DAVID G. KRAYNIK**  
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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**THOMAS KOHLER**  
**CHAIRMAN**

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: