

## UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

August 10, 2011

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on August 10, 2011 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Michael Santillo, Chairperson

Louis Zotti, Vice-Chairman

Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Tad Hershey, Treasurer

Carl Pinto, Secretary

Ronald G. Wagenmann, Executive Secretary

Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance

Edward J. O'Brien, Jr., Director of Public Works

Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)

Joseph Pizonka, Esq., Solicitor, Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C

Greg Waks, Supervisor Liaison

Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

### **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "aye" to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 2011 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2011-05, Signatory Authority for Supplement to the General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal-Aid Bridge Project and Federal-Aid Bridge Project Agreement East Church Road over SEPTA Route 100 (Norristown High Speed Line) (Agreement 064130B) MPMS#16396 Supplement for Final Design**

#### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2011-05 providing signatory authority for the Supplement to the General Reimbursement Agreement for Federal-Aid Bridge Project and to approve Agreement 064130B as stated above. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

### **SR0076 Section RMP Construction Phase Services Time Extension**

#### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the time extension for the ramp project. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

## **Metz Engineers Professional Engineering Services Construction Observations/Inspections South Henderson Road Gravity Sewer Line**

### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "Aye" to award the South Henderson Road Gravity Line Inspection Services Contract to Metz Engineers. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

#### **Henderson Road Sanitary Sewer Project**

Moving ahead; paperwork being worked out with the low bidder. Boles Smyth submitted the necessary paperwork to DEP and awaiting approval of the amendment to the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Wagenmann will follow up next week to expedite.

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

An Email has been received from National Park Service indicating verbal agreement to accept the bridge; awaiting approval document. National Park Service will assume ownership as well as responsibility for ongoing maintenance and eventual replacement of the bridge in the future.

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

Reimbursement agreement for the design contract is now being signed. PennDOT responded quickly after the latest meeting.

#### **Henderson Road Widening (PA Infrastructure Bank Loan)**

Application for infrastructure loan is being resubmitted with modified numbers. The two loans will still be \$5 ½ million with the Henderson Road Widening increased to \$3.5 million and the Upper South Gulph Road Widening decreased to \$2.0 million. Included in the amount for the Henderson Road Widening Project is the upgrade to a traffic adaptive signal at the Henderson & Church Road signal and potential inclusion of the Church Road Right Turn Lane Project. The Authority and Board of Supervisors will have to adopt resolutions to approve the loan request.

County has settled with the railroad; track and rails are being removed in accordance with the county requirement prior to settlement. Looking to go out to bid later this year with construction anticipated next spring. Mr. Wagenmann suggested discussing with PennDOT the coordination of this project with Balligomingo job.

#### **Ramps Project**

It is anticipated that the new off-ramp will be opening around Labor Day. Additional "red light" money will become available. Applications being submitted for traffic responsive equipment for the Crooked Lane and Gypsy Road intersections with South Gulph Road. Combined with the traffic responsive equipment at the South Gulph/Henderson Road/I-76 Ramp signal, all three intersections would have these adaptive signals and be interconnected. The Board of Supervisors will be asked to authorize the signing of the agreement in the amount of \$302,325 which will be zero cost to the township. If bids come in over that amount then the township would have to make up the difference. Mr. Wagenmann noted that a traffic study at Gulph Road and Mall Boulevard revealed a 40% improvement in the peak hour traffic by using the new operational equipment.

Mr. Waks suggested letting the residents of South Gulph Road know about the new equipment and Mr. Wagenmann responded that this will be done once the project is underway as well as appropriate press announcements.

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

The Right-of-Way agreement is still being finalized with William and Betty O'Hara.

### **US 422 Corridor**

There has been nothing further as yet. Held a good meeting with the turnpike representatives at PennDOT offices and the Turnpike Commission agreed to modify design of the Turnpike bridge over US 422/ North Gulph Road so that it will accommodate along its east abutment a planned 14-foot wide pedestrian bicycle path behind the curb line off the road. Mr. Wagenmann pointed out that this is significant since if it was left as originally planned the township would have been confronted with a very expensive project to get the bike path under that bridge.

### **Renaissance Boulevard Extension**

Mr. Wagenmann provided an update on the Renaissance Boulevard Extension that would extend through Renaissance at Gulph Mills project. One of the alternatives would extend Renaissance Boulevard to Crooked Lane and make that the predominate movement to the Yerkes intersection. This would provide another way in and out of the business park. Meetings have been held with the residents and there is more acceptance among them. Mr. Wagenmann and the Township's Traffic Engineer will be meeting with the association group on Thursday of this week to review a number of the projects and options to minimize and expedite traffic.

### **US 422 / PA 363 Interchange**

In final design and set to go to construction next year as indicated on the DVRPC Transportation Improvement Program. No further update.

### **Electronic Agenda**

Mr. Wagenmann asked if the Authority would be agreeable to an electronic agenda to save time and expense of mailing of meeting packets. The Authority was in agreement and a discussion ensued about the course of action to proceed.

### **Highway Impact Fee Law**

Mr. Wagenmann stated that 90% of the projects on the original traffic study have been completed and under Pennsylvania's Highway Impact Fee Law (Act 209) an update is necessary as part of the budget process. It is hoped to get an RFP out before the end of the year so that the Authority would be in a position to make an appointment to get the effort started. It will take most of the year to complete.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River (SR 3051 Section C22)**

Mr. Smyth stated in order to get out of preliminary engineering the Categorical Exclusion Evaluation (CEE) and Design Field View (DFV) must be approved. Three elements of the CEE are outstanding: Red-Bellied Turtle, Section 106 Historic, and Section 4(f) evaluation. Waiting on review agencies to respond. Once the vacation season is over things should move ahead.

## **Relocated North Gulph Road**

Engineering agreement is now being signed.

## **Henderson Road Sanitary Sewer (PA Infrastructure Bank Loan Project)**

Metz Engineers is now on board for the inspection; Abbonizio, the contractor, submitted their performance bond, the payment bond, their certificate of insurance and the maintenance bond. Mr. Smyth reviewed these documents and commented on the maintenance bond which Abbonizio listed for one year. He noted that the project manual indicates "two years" for the area within the PennDOT legal right of way and required right of way to be deeded to Commonwealth. Mr. Smyth will discuss this with Abbonizio and get that updated so the agreement can be signed. Once the maintenance bond issue is resolved the Authority can sign the agreement; once DEP takes action on the Act 537 Minor Extension form the Authority will provide the contractor with a Notice to Proceed. Mr. Wagenmann will follow up to expedite so that actual construction can begin.

Preconstruction meeting to be held with township staff, Metz Engineers and Abbonizio the week of August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Henderson Road Widening (PA Infrastructure Bank Loan Project)**

Held a Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) Pre-Application Meeting with PennDOT July 21<sup>st</sup>. Outlined schedule to advertise project at the end of the year with construction to begin in March, 2012 and PennDOT indicated they will assist to achieve this objective. HOP will be in for review at PennDOT by the end of August. Church Road right-turn lane is going to be presented to the contractors as an alternate to the bid and as such it will not go to the lowest bidder. This prompted a brief discussion and it was explained that the reason for the alternate is to provide the funding flexibility it provides the project.

## **SR0076, Section RMP Construction**

It is anticipated that the new off-ramp will be opening around Labor Day. This should alleviate some of the Gulph Mills/Balligomingo Road traffic problems.

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

Authority took action at today's meeting.

## **South Gulph Road Widening – SR 3039 Section SGR**

Reallocation of funds for the Infrastructure Bank Loan was noted.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Director of Finance presented the Monthly Financial Report for July 2011. Reimbursements are starting to come in from PennDOT. Cash flow is even. Mr. Hiriak also noted that the township passed the recent audit and is in accordance with government standards and generally accepted accounting principles.

**REQUISITIONS – AUGUST 10, 2011**

COMMERCE ABSTRACT	\$ 97.50	AC 366 Record PECO Right of Way (Invoice #: AC 366)
BOLES SMYTH ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$11,705.84	Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River SR 3051, Section C22 for the period June 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2011 (Invoice #13)
BOLES SMYTH ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$ 1,541.51	SR 0076, Section RMP – Construction Phase Services (Invoice #20) for the period June 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2011
BOLES SMYTH ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$37,039.45	SR 3029, Section HRD and SR 3039, Section SGR (Invoice #65 for the period June 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2011
PIZONKA, REILLEY, BELLO & MC GRORY, PC	\$ 1,086.50	Professional Services (Invoice # 29354)
MAILLIE, FALCONIERO & COMPANY, LLP	\$ 3,500.00	Billing for TA Audit for the year ended December 31, 2010 (Inv. 1000008407)
THE TIMES HERALD	\$ 175.65	Advertising of Audit of Statement of Net Assets 07/28/11 (Invoice #: 00214122)
THE TIMES HERALD	\$ 188.35	Advertising of Audit of Statement of Rev/Exp. 07/28/11 (Invoice #: 00214121)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$55,334.80</b>	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Pinto, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting “Aye” to approve the requisitions for August 10, 2011 in the amount of \$55,334.80. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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**RONALD G. WAGENMANN**  
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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**MICHAEL SANTILLO**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

Minutes Approved:  
 Minutes Entered:

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