

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
October 12, 2011

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 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
Tad Hershey, Treasurer
Ronald G. Wagenmann, Executive Secretary
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
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

ABSENT

Carl Pinto, Secretary
Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Edward J. O'Brien, Jr., Director of Public Works

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "aye" to approve the meeting minutes of September 14, 2011 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2011-08 for execution of supplemental agreement No 164046-A to incorporate revisions to update provisions included in the original agreement re: SR 3051 Section C22 Project

For the purpose of clarity, Mr. Smyth stated that there are always two agreements: The reimbursement agreement and the engineering agreement. Mr. Smyth stated that the township is in receipt of three copies of the engineering agreement for the above project. This is the instrument used for negotiating with PennDOT for hours and price. Although the engineering agreement is now ready for signature, a Notice to Proceed cannot be issued as yet. Mr. Smyth explained that Resolution 2011-08 is for the final design of the Multi-Use Trail Project and incorporates updated legal provisions within the reimbursement agreement. This agreement is between the Transportation Authority and PennDOT to ensure invoices will be reimbursed by PennDOT. Once the resolution is voted on and the reimbursement agreement is signed on page 5, it will be sent to Mike Holva, the project manager at PennDOT for final PennDOT signatures. Before a Notice to Proceed can be issued it is necessary to complete Preliminary Engineering. See this project's update for further information.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Hershey, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2011-08 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Act 209, Highway Assessment Study

Seven responses from engineering firms were received for the Act 209 study and will now be reviewed and ranked by the subcommittee to select the firms for the interview process.

Henderson Road Sanitary Sewer Project

Moving forward. Abbonizio is asking for night work for 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.; inspection rates will not change if it is done at night. Email sent to Board of Supervisors requesting approval of the night work. Area affected is on section of Henderson from Saulin Boulevard to Kunda Beverage. No residential area involved. The Board of Supervisors Chairman indicated contractor should not disrupt traffic on Henderson until 7 p.m. at the earliest. PennDOT had same concern at the Pre-Construction meeting. There should be no problem with this since night is the least disruptive to traffic and the request letter from the Contractor specifies 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Mr. Wagenmann will check with other Board members at the October 13th meeting to see if there are any other comments. Boles, Smyth will coordinate with Abbonizio to send letters to residents and businesses in the Tyler Road/Monroe area to make them aware of the night work. Public Information Officer and Transportation Management Association will also publicize.

Mr. Smyth indicated that as part of the Highway Occupancy permit there is a traffic control layout that must be followed when work is done on Saulin Boulevard. For the two crossings of Henderson Road there is one lane with flagmen. He pointed out that a lot of this work is well off the roadway and traffic control would not even be needed for large stretches of work. Start date has been delayed because of weather, but is now anticipated for the week of October 31 or the following week. Mr. Smyth pointed out that there is an end date specified in the contract. After the Notice to Proceed dated September 19th, the contractor has 120 days to complete; therefore, they have until January 16, 2012 to complete work.

Ramp Opening

November 10th is the absolute "drop dead" date as stipulated in the contract to remove all traffic control and open the new I-76 West Off-ramp. There was an issue with the right-of-way fence not meeting specifications; however, a plan is in place to resolve problem.

Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River

This is proceeding. Mr. Wagenmann to call the Deputy Secretary of Transportation and see who in their office at FHWA can help expedite.

Henderson Road Widening

Moving ahead. BSA has submitted the Highway Occupancy Permit Plan & Report to PennDOT. Meeting held with PECO to determine number and initiate discussion on cost of poles to be relocated. As the cost of relocation is determined, the responsible party will be determined depending on easements and location in public right-of-way.

Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Project

Still trying to finalize right-of-way with the O'Hara's.

Renaissance Boulevard Extension

Nothing happening.

US 422/PA 363 Interchange

Putting tolls on Route 422 off the table for now. Other prospects to pay for improvements are not certain either. Concrete efforts to take on Pennsylvania's \$3.5 billion-a-year budget gap appear to be stuck in neutral.

Signal Project

Finalizing order of equipment so that traffic responsive signals can be installed along Route 202.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Preliminary Engineering nearing completion. Received Design Field View approval; two remaining issues on environmental clearance approval are Section 106 historic evaluation of the Norfolk Southern Railroad (old Reading Railroad) and Section 4(f) since the Schuylkill River is a water trail. Agreements are in place and working to have priority placed on this issue and get out of environmental clearance through FHWA by November 15.

Multi-Use Trail (SR 3051 Section C22) - Transfer Ownership to National Park Service

Word received that documents to transfer ownership of the Multi-Use Trail to the park are out of Philadelphia and now in Washington, D.C. going through the signatory process.

Multi-Use Trail (SR 3051 Section C22) – Utilities

Meeting held with PECO gas since they are one of the three utilities to be relocated. The gas line which is now on Route 422's bridge will go back onto the trail bridge. Utility plans have also been sent to Verizon, AboveNet as the remaining two utility companies that require relocation. Lastly, plans have been sent to PECO to confirm their concurrence that Peco overhead utility lines between the new bridge and US 422 will not be impacted during construction.

Relocated North Gulph Road

Preliminary engineering done and looking to have kick off meeting with the team in November.

Henderson Road Widening

At utility meeting we requested that PECO schedule to relocate their overhead lines and poles in February so that contractor can start construction with a clean slate.

The Highway Occupancy Permit entails a drainage report, a pavement design report, a traffic analysis report, ADA curb ramp special details/forms for 23 curb ramps, traffic control plan, signing & pavement marking layout, and traffic signal layout in addition to the horizontal, vertical and cross section design of the widening. The package was delivered to PennDOT for review as of Monday, October 3. PennDOT indicated they will place priority on this review and work with BSA to meet schedules. BSA will follow up with PennDOT to check on who is reviewing. BSA is also in the process of finishing the Erosion and Sediment Control plans for submission to the Montgomery County Conservation District.

Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA Route 100 Line

BSA is meeting with the project team on October 21st to develop an action plan with sub consultant, Ang Associates and GeoStructures Inc who are doing the structural and geotechnical work. Borings are needed for retaining walls in the culvert underneath Church Road. GeoStructures will coordinate the borings contract and prepare the Foundation Design Guidance Report while Ang Associates will prepare the retaining walls Type, Size & Location Plan. At the same time BSA will be finishing up the agreements with SEPTA, finalizing Utility Clearance and preparing the final Plans, Specification & Estimates package.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director of Finance presented the Monthly Financial Report for October 2011. Up to date on reimbursements. There was a brief discussion about various depositories for township funds and it was noted that township strategy is safety, liquidity then yield.

REQUISITIONS – OCTOBER 12, 2011

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$35,307.29	Multi-Use Trail Bridge Over the Schuylkill River SR 3051, Section C22 (Invoice #15)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,989.62	SR 0076, Section RMP – Construction Phase Svcs. (Invoice #23)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$23,137.31	SR 3029, Section HRD and SR 3039, Section SGR (Invoice #67)
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C.	\$ 385.00	Professional Services for 8/11/11 and 8/22/11 (Invoice #29439)
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C.	\$ 195.75	Professional Services for 8/11/11 and 8/22/11 (Invoice #29439)
Upper Merion Twp.	\$63,315.00	Authority's share of the 2010 General Obligation Bond Issue for the RT 23 right-of-way acquisition
TOTAL:	\$125,329.97	

Authority Action

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the October requisitions in the amount of \$125,329.97. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RONALD G. WAGENMANN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MICHAEL SANTILLO
CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved: