

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
June 8, 2016

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 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

Tom Kohler, Chairman
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Carlton Stuart, Secretary
David G. Kraynik, Executive Secretary
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)
Noah Marlier, Rudolph Clarke
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Lou Zotti, Vice-Chairman
Ian Kingsley, Asst. Sec./Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of May 11, 2016 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS – None

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

SEPTA King of Prussia Rail Project

SEPTA is scheduled to provide the Transportation Authority with an update on the King of Prussia Rail Project at the July meeting.

Mr. Kohler noted this is just an informational session as the Authority does not have any voting authority over this project.

A discussion followed about the stakeholders who would have a say on the actual selected routes and it was indicated SEPTA has not fully answered this question and this should be brought up at SEPTA's presentation to the Authority in July.

Development Plan Updates

Conditional Use Hearing for O'Neill Properties Group, 2901 Renaissance Boulevard; 300 multi-family units, 10.9 acres – applicant coming back for third round of conditional use hearings before the Board of Supervisors on June 16th at which time the traffic engineer is anticipated to be heard. Hearing may require fourth presentation in July. Once hearing has been concluded the Board of

Supervisors will vote on the conditional use and then the applicant will have to return with land development.

Losty Subdivision Plan; 231 Matsonford Road – 231 Matsonford Road, 10.35 acres, currently one existing property and 7 additional single family homes are proposed. Applicant will return on July 7th for another review by the Board of Supervisors.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Construction of Sullivan's Trail Bridge is being finalized and ribbon cutting is anticipated for the end of July. There has been a substantial amount of work done in the last period. Paving on the trail has been completed and much of the landscaping has been done. Work remains on the railings which are the critical path for completion.

On the West Norriton side the temporary traffic signal has been removed from the bridge and there is one lane in each direction over the trail. The Schuylkill River Trail is now open with flagging during the day but the trail detour is no longer needed. There is a new sidewalk from the boat launch area up to the mobile home site and contractor is forming curb and sidewalk on West Norriton side today.

The other issue is the access to the area between the trail and US 422 where there are existing Peco poles. BSA has been coordinating with Peco to make some minor modifications to help Peco get better access because the road has been narrowed.

Mr. Kohler asked for clarification about the ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Smyth responded both the ribbon cutting and opening of the bridge are anticipated to occur at the same time.

Rapid Flashing Beacon

Paving has been completed. The Rapid Flashing Beacon was inspected yesterday by PennDOT and is now operational. It is now in final punch list with a couple of signs that need to be moved and some topsoil/seeding.

The grant deadline was met and all payments were processed through May 26th. All funds are in the Authority account ready for final payments to J. D. Eckman.

Relocated North Gulph Road, SR 0023 Section 2NG

Not much activity this period.

Prince Frederick Extension

Not much activity this period.

Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Coordination with PennDOT Geotechnical Unit Manager to gain consensus on compaction grouting below the culvert itself because it is a sinkhole prone area. Subconsultant is recommending this action. Once the Foundation Report is approved we can get the PA DEP General Permit 11 and NPDES permit and all the other necessary items to move forward.

Trout Creek Bridge

A Scoping Field View with FHWA and the PennDOT Environmental Unit had to be cancelled because of a fallen tree across PA 23 on the date of the scheduled meeting. They have not

rescheduled as yet. The main focus is to analyze the feasibility of a single span bridge condition which will necessitate raising the roadway profile at the Norfolk Southern rail line to enable enough hydraulic clearance to allow one span instead of two. With one span there will be deeper beams which means reduced waterway opening. BSA has been analyzing different lengths versus different spacing of beams to try to come up with the narrowest beam depth scenario. Preliminarily, an 85 foot single span has a four foot by four foot beam and may be comparable in water weight opening to the existing structure.

The key to the whole objective is that no matter what is done the 100 year flood elevation should not be raised by even a .01 foot. The structural analysis will be the basis for the hydraulic opening analysis. Once we have that information we can go back to PennDOT with a viable alternative for a single or double span.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Noah Marlier expressed appreciation to the Transportation Authority for choosing Rudolph Clarke and having confidence in the firm as Solicitor.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2016

Mr. Nick Hiriak, Finance Director, reviewed the financial report for May 2016 which reflects a balance of \$3.1 million. Mr. Hiriak commented the online reimbursement for Sullivan's Trail was one of the easiest reimbursement grants he had ever done.

REQUISITIONS – JUNE 2016

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 23,546.95	Trout Creek Bridge Replacement Project for work performed for the Period 4-1-16 thru 4-30-16 INVOICE #2
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 4,626.86	Multi-Use Trail Connection on Port Kennedy Road for work performed for the period 4-1-16 thru 4-30-16 INVOICE #23
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 6,233.80	Construction Phase Svcs. For Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River Project for work performed 4-1-16 thru 4-30-16 INVOICE #26
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 4,356.56	Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for work performed 4-1-16 thru 4-30-16 INVOICE #31
J. D. Eckman, Inc. ATTN: Justin Orient 4781 Lower Valley Road Atglen, PA 19310	\$ 65,911.82	UMTA SR 0023 RFP Sullivan's Trail Pedestrian Signal Project INVOICE #2
	\$	
Rudolph Clarke, LLC Suite 200 Seven Neshaminy Interplex Trevose, PA 19053	\$ 283.50	Professional Services April 13, April 14 and April 18, 2016 INVOICE #58986
	\$104,959.49	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the June 2016 requisitions in the amount of \$104,959.49. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THOMAS KOHLER
CHAIRMAN

Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: