

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

December 14, 2016

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 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

Lou Zotti, Vice Chairman
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Carlton Stuart, Secretary
Ian Kingsley, Asst. Sec., /Treasurer
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:

Tom Kohler, Chairman

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of November 9, 2016 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Approval to negotiate 100% Reimbursement Amendment Agreement between the Authority and PennDOT North Gulph Road (Agr# 164228)

Mr. Smyth stated as previously discussed, the Relocated North Gulph Road project is currently in Preliminary Engineering and is not the best fit for doing Gulph Road pavers at the Memorial Arch. Because of the immediate need to address these repairs BSA has been coordinating with PennDOT to determine the feasibility of creating an independent project to design and construct required paver/curb repairs on Gulph Road. Upon approval of the Authority an updated Reimbursement Agreement will be prepared with PennDOT for design services. BSA has also coordinated with a new sub-consultant to perform landscape architect services to replace the firm from the original agreement which has recently retired.

Since all the sub-consultants have not billed any dollar amount on the project the strategy is to do a negative supplement for all of them and then upload the new supplement for each of the sub-consultants.

There is a need for additional utility work since the original scoping of the project because of recent utility relocations in the project area. In addition, some hazardous material research and analysis needs to be done and there will be new Section 4(f) environmental analysis requirements.

Mr. Smyth reviewed the BSA Price Proposal and Technical Proposal Summary in detail. It was noted BSA will negotiate with PennDOT and provide justifications for all the dollars for this 100% reimbursable project. Mr. Smyth summarized the sub-consultant tasks and explained some of the technical adjustments being requested. He indicated there have been multiple drainage revisions which have occurred since the original project scoping. The adjacent US 422 Section SRB Widening project sent all the drainage by the Kennedy Supplee Mansion and requested this project complete the drainage requirements to the river.

Mr. Zotti asked for clarification about the Asbestos area. Mr. Smyth responded those areas are now remediated to a certain level and then there is an orange tarp indicating where the potential for hazardous waste is located.

Mr. Zotti asked if BSA is doing the engineering for the Gulph Road paver repairs at the Memorial Arch and whatever is involved in the way of material supply and construction is via PennDOT. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative. He pointed out since this is in the park it has a higher level of protection and environmental evaluation with an associated Section 4(f). The pavers themselves will be reused.

Request for approval to negotiate 100% Reimbursement Agreement between the Authority and the National Park Service (NPS) for conceptual design of vehicular access road to Station Lane from PA 23 crossing Sullivan’s Trail.

The National Park Service would like to do a small connection from Route 23 just east of County Line Road at the existing private driveway of Kennedy Supplee Mansion to the existing intersection of Station Lane. The purpose of this road connection is to reestablish vehicular access to six renovated residences and one potential new commercial business at the existing Port Kennedy Train Station.

The National Park Service has asked for the Authority to administer a contract on their behalf which would be 100% reimbursable. BSA will work with the National Park Service to coordinate with PennDOT to incorporate the Station Lane Connector into the Final Design and Construction phases of the adjacent Relocated North Gulph Road Project.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting “Aye” to approve BSA to negotiate the 100% Reimbursement Amendment Agreement between the Authority and PennDOT for the North Gulph Road (Agr# 164228). None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kingsley, all voting “Aye” to approve BSA to negotiate the 100% Reimbursement Agreement between the Authority and the National Park Service for conceptual design of vehicular access road to Station Lane from PA 23 crossing Sullivan’s Trail. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT

Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Grant Program

Mr. Kraynik stated the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth grant program which provides for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational and historical improvement projects. It was noted the Township received over \$1 million for the Community Center.

The Governor's Office has indicated it will pursue the enactment of a capital projects itemization bill early in the next year. Getting a project on an itemization bill is the first step in seeking RACP funding from the state. It was noted including a project in the bill does not guarantee the project will be funded in the future.

After a staff brainstorming session, the Prince Frederick Extension project was identified as an ideal construction project which would have an economic benefit to the community and potentially fit the requirements for the grant. If this project is placed on the itemization bill, it does not bind the Township to apply for the grant or to commit to funding at this time. It is part of a procedural process to be permitted to apply for a future grant.

In order to place a project on the itemization bill, it is necessary to fill out a Capital Budget Request form and submitted it to State Senator Leach's office.

Mr. Smyth explained another element of RACP is to obtain a land owner partner in the process to share some of the 50% match. He said getting a project on the itemization bill will provide the Township with opportunities and options.

A discussion followed about the RACP grant and how it holds promise for the Prince Frederick Extension project.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kingsley, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to complete the Capital Budget Request for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Development Plan Updates

Realen: VR 5 Hanover Development: Somerset & S. Goddard Blvd., 6-story residential building (337 units), 6 level parking garage – Board of Supervisors approved at the December 1 business meeting.

Caley Road Elementary School Development Plan, 435 Crossfield Road, Replacement school with associated features, amenities and stormwater management– will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at the December 15th business meeting.

Conditional Use Decision re: O'Neill Properties Group; 2901 Renaissance Boulevard; 300-unit MF Residential Building; 10.9 acres – will be considered by Board of Supervisors at December 15th business meeting.

Gulph School Development Plan – Land development review process will begin in January.

Mancill Mill Road Land Development, 112 unit hotel– will be considered by Board of Supervisors in January for final land development review and approval. Board of Supervisors approved preliminary plans in September.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Setting up a meeting with project manager to go over some dates and expedite the process of getting this project out to construction. Still awaiting final geotechnical foundation approval for the culvert. Progressing on General Permit and NPDES Permit. Now that the foundation is approved for the culvert these two permits allow that process to proceed.

Trout Creek Bridge

The Scoping Field View which is first step of environmental process with PennDOT was submitted in the summer of 2016, but because of backlog is still in review stage.

Utility Verification Plans have been prepared to transmit to the utility companies. The plans are in response to the PA One Call.

Structural analysis is being internally reviewed with required beam depths for a two-span bridge and a draft Type, Size and Location Plan has been developed for the above concept. This will be the basis for the hydraulic opening analysis. The structural analysis and hydraulic analysis are being done hand in hand to make sure that the 100 year flood elevation does not go .01 over what it is today.

Notice of Intent letters were sent to property owners in the project area. Among other things this will allow the historic evaluation of the property on Mancill Mill Road. One of the property owners requested an informational meeting with the Dave Kraynik and BSA which has been held.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Mr. Nick Hiriak, Finance Director, reviewed the financial report for November 2016 and provided an overview of the Authority’s proposed 2017 budget.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting “Aye” to approve the Transportation Authority 2017 budget as presented. None opposed. Motion to approve 4-0.

REQUISITIONS – DECEMBER 2016

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 10,486.06	Trout Creek Bridge Replacement Project for work performed for the Period 10-1-16 thru 10-31-16 INVOICE #8
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,942.84	Construction Phase Services for Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River

		project for work performed 10-1-16 thru 10-31-16 INVOICE #32
Boles, Smyth Assoc.	\$ 3,151.60	Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for work performed 10-1-16 through 10-31-16 INVOICE #35
Rudolph Clarke, LLC Suite 200 Seven Neshaminy Interplex Trevose, PA 19053	\$ 351.00	Professional Services 10-10-16 and 10-12-16 INVOICE #:60927
Total	\$16,931.50	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Kingsley, all voting "Aye" to approve the December 2016 requisitions in the amount of \$16,931.50. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Authority members were reminded that the Transportation Authority reorganization is scheduled on January 11, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THOMAS KOHLER
CHAIRMAN

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: