UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
April 12, 2017

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 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
Lou Zotti, Vice-Chairman
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Ian Kingsley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (arrived late)
David G. Kraynik, Executive Secretary
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)
Noah Marlier, Rudolph Clarke, LLC
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Carlton Stuart, Secretary
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2017 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Development Plan Updates

Gulph Elementary School Development Plan, 650 S. Henderson Road – Approved by the Board of Supervisors at the March 16th business meeting.

Realen Valley Forge Greenes Association Development Plan, Woodfield Valley Forge, 580 S. Goddard Blvd. - next phase at the Village of Valley Forge for 320 multi-family units approved by the Board of Supervisors at the March 16th business meeting.

King of Prussia Associates/ Eddie V's Development Plan, 680 West DeKalb Pike, 8,000 square foot restaurant at the King of Prussia Mall –First review of the development plan at the March 6th workshop meeting. The new restaurant will be located next to the Wells Fargo Bank facing US 202. Planning Commission is also reviewing.

BPGS Construction Development Plan, 260 Mall Boulevard, – Demolish existing LA Fitness building on Mall Boulevard and construct 9,900 square foot restaurant.

GSK Building 18 Development Plan, 893 River Road – Demolition of the remainder of Building 35 and construction of a new 7,100 square foot warehouse.

Conshohocken Construction Company Subdivision Plan, Caley Court Estates, corner of Caley and Beidler Roads – 15-lot single family residential development. Has been before the Board of Supervisors several times at workshop meetings and due to supervisors' comments and input this is a much improved plan.

Mancill Mill Road Company Development Plan; North side of Mancill Mill Road – 112-unit hotel with associated parking, stormwater management and amenities, 7 acres. Will be considered at April 20th business meeting.

Mr. Kraynik responded to land development questions from Authority members.

Mr. Kohler commented the LA Fitness [BPGS development], GSK and Mancill Mill plans are all Act 209.

Mr. Kohler asked for clarification about the time extension process for land development plans, and Mr. Kraynik explained the township's approach to these requests.

PennDOT included Gypsy Lane Bridge in rehabilitation project for structurally deficient bridges

Mr. Kraynik reported on a letter he received today from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation indicating that one of Upper Merion's bridges (Gypsy Lane Bridge over I-76) has been included in PennDOT's rehabilitation project ($5.5 million total contract) for 10 structurally deficient bridges. [The PennDOT letter is attached as an addendum to these minutes.]

Mr. Kohler noted construction on these bridges will focus on removing and replacing the deck. He asked if it is known whether the Gypsy Lane Bridge will be done this year or next. Mr. Smyth responded the schedules may be staggered depending on the number of bridges and location relative to each other. Mr. Kohler asked if Mr. Smyth could find out when PennDOT is looking to do the work since it will require a closure and detour and affect the residents in that area. Mr. Kohler also wanted to make sure residents will receive adequate notification about the bridge work.

Mr. Ed O'Brien, Public Works Director, commented PennDOT has already approached the Police Department and Highway Superintendent with regard to the detour.

Mr. Meneeley asked how the bridges are selected for the bridge bundling award. Mr. Smyth responded these are normally bridge redeckings and not sub structure work and the structures will be similar in material, size and need.

Mr. Kohler asked if the redecking will affect the proposals for hard shoulder along that section of the expressway. Mr. Smyth responded since hard shoulder running is a PennDOT priority they would be alert to any possible interference with these plans.

Mr. Kingsley asked if there is an estimate on the timing for the Gypsy Road Bridge redecking. Mr. Smyth responded for a similar bridge it was a 50-day project, but it is difficult to estimate since that bridge did not have a detour and this bridge has an added traffic control component to work over I-76. In general, PennDOT likes to "get in and get out" with these types of projects.

Mr. O'Brien said the redecking would probably occur over the summer when school is out.

Mr. Meneeley asked if the redecking would also require lane closures on the Schuylkill Expressway. Mr. Smyth responded he is sure it would at certain times. He said they will coordinate for night time work and usually it is a 15-minute closure if it is necessary.

Mr. Kohler asked if it is known what the detour would be. Mr. O'Brien responded he has received a detour drawing and will try to get it to the Authority members.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River

Boles, Smyth is working through the transfer of ownership issues with PennDOT, Upper Merion, West Norriton and the National Park Service. The abandonment is progressing starting with the National Park Service (NPS). The one year plant guarantee period is in June which is concurrent with the Project Construction Completion Date Milestone. This date then starts a 90 day period where the abandonment process to complete the transfer of ownership to the municipalities and then to the NPS must be completed. The intent is that the transfer to West Norriton and Upper Merion Townships and the transfer from the municipalities to the NPS would occur on the same day.

Mr. Smyth reported that Sullivan's Bridge is the recipient of the 2017 Transportation Award from the King of Prussia District (KOP-BID). In addition, the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) will be recognizing Sullivan's Bridge with an award. It was noted PennDOT notified BSA they would like to submit the Sullivan's Bridge project for a regional AASHTO award (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials). Township Manager Dave Kraynik coordinated with BSA and provided a testimonial for the project which will be included as part of the award application.

Mr. Smyth congratulated the Upper Merion Transportation Authority for their successful efforts in partnering with all the stakeholders in close coordination with West Norriton Township and the National Park Service.

Mr. Kohler provided details for the ASHE award dinner for any interested Authority members.

Relocated North Gulph Road

Continued coordination is occurring with PennDOT to respond to additional work efforts they requested for the Supplemental Engineering Agreement. Before the supplement is processed, PennDOT requested an environmental reevaluation be performed with an amended agreement to the existing Engineering Agreement under the existing budget.

Prince Frederick Extension

Flight was completed to provide base mapping. Processing of the flight data to produce AutoCad mapping is underway for the Prince Frederick Extension with delivery quoted by May 10th. BSA has begun a preliminary design of the Prince Frederick Extension into the US 202 and Saulin Boulevard intersection and has continued coordination with Montgomery County and the Chester Valley Trail Extension Project. Mr. Smyth mentioned a potential concept to revise the trail alignment in the intersection area, taking it out of the railroad right of way to cross the new Prince Frederick Extension and remain on the outside of the new road until it intersects with the railroad area. This

will require some right-of-way from Glasgow but will allow the trail to cross the new Prince Frederick Extension at the signalized intersection as opposed to a mid-block location.

Mr. Zotti asked if the trail would be on the quarry side. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative. He explained why it is the better side to make the crossover for Prince Frederick.

Mr. Zotti asked if the Prince Frederick Extension would have any impact on the traffic lights. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative. He explained there will be another approach which would be added to the intersection and it is not known whether it will be necessary to add another phase. Mr. Smyth noted there will also be the new capability for Saulin Boulevard to go straight across to the Prince Frederick Extension and vice versa.

Mr. Zotti asked about the pedestrians crossing the intersection. Mr. Smyth responded there would probably not be a dedicated pedestrian signal phase, but there will be walk times that will need to be calculated. He said there will definitely be signal work done, but the Chester Valley Trail project will accomplish a lot of that work and will accommodate to the extent possible the Prince Frederick Extension.

Mr. Kohler asked if it is correct that with the realignment of the intersection as part of the trail project if that would mean the trail project would absorb costs for the realignment of the intersection and subsequently for a new signal and not be part of the Prince Frederick Extension. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative. He said the shovel construction for the Chester Valley Trail is scheduled for the fall of next year.

Mr. Smyth said he is keeping the Chester Valley Trail moving with the aggressive schedule, and as the Prince Frederick Extension evolves over the next 6-9 months if the Authority is able to get the right-of-way for the Prince Frederick Extension at that intersection then the county can make the formal change in final design.

Mr. Kohler asked if the Chester Valley Trail project includes a trail head at this intersection. Mr. Smyth responded the County is not including a trail head at this location. He said the trail head would be additional cost and would potentially impact the schedule. Mr. Kohler commented on ways to incorporate a gravel lot trail head.

Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Contech transmitted pre-final structure plans to BSA based on the approved Foundation Report. The plans have been reviewed by BSA's structural engineer. Contech is designing the Final Structure Plan for the culvert.

PennDOT's reviewer provided additional comments on the Final Structure Plan package for the Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 and BSA will submit the revised package for PennDOT on April 13th.

The PA Department of Environmental Protection General Permit and NPDES General Permit submissions are being finalized. BSA is also working with Nick Hiriak to get the construction inspection advertisements ready for the PennDOT ECMS system.

PA 23 Trout Creek Bridge

Additional comments from PennDOT on the Scoping Field View which BSA addressed and submitted revisions to PennDOT. Utility Verification process is still underway. The sub-consultant

has completed the draft survey form for the above ground historic resources and will be submitting a revised survey form for a previously reviewed Reading Railroad resource. Upon receipt, both forms will be transmitted to PennDOT for review.

Station Lane Connector Driveway – Conceptual Design Services
Coordination of the cooperative agreement is in process with the Relocated North Gulph Road.

Potential New PA Turnpike Interchange at Henderson Road
Per authorization, the photogrammetric base mapping flight for preliminary engineering through final design was completed. Processing of the mapping will occur upon further authorization.

Mr. Kohler asked if there has been any movement on this turnpike project at this point. Mr. Smyth responded in the negative.
Mr. Kohler mentioned a proposed commercial property on the Planning Commission's agenda last month for review of a zoning amendment. The property is in the area of the proposed slip ramp into Henderson Road. Mr. Kraynik stated the developer is aware of the planned project.

Comprehensive Plan for Upper Merion Township
Mr. Smyth mentioned the work being done on the new Comprehensive Plan for Upper Merion Township. He asked if there are comments from the Authority on projects that should be included such as the Prince Frederick Extension. He wanted to make sure the Authority's agenda is included in the planning process. As a member of the Comprehensive Plan Streering Committee, Mr. Kohler responded it would be helpful to include a list of all the Authority projects. Mr. Smyth noted the Transportation Authority's Act 209 document would also be a useful resource.

Mr. Kohler provided details on the April 25th community open house in Freedom Hall to provide residents with an opportunity to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

Mr. Nick Hiriak, Finance Director, reviewed the financial report for March 2017. He said the Township and Authority audits by Maillie will begin on Monday, April 17th. During this field audit there will be a discussion about the need for the General Authority audit. Mr. Kohler asked if the next installment on the Henderson Road bond is in August with 7 installments remaining. Mr. Hiriak responded in the affirmative.

REQUISITIONS – APRIL 12, 2017

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.		**$ 8,130.85**		**Trout Creek Bridge Replacement Project for work performed for the Period 2-1-17 thru 2-28-17 INVOICE #12**
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.		**$ 1,150.24**		**Construction Phase Services for Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River project for work performed 2-1-17 thru 2-28-17**

				INVOICE #36
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.		**$ 10,421.35**		**East Church Road Bridge Replacement over SEPTA for work performed 2-1-17 thru 2-28-17 INVOICE #37**
Boles, Smyth Assoc.		**$ 1,101.79**		**Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for work performed 2-1-17 thru 2-28-17 INVOICE #39**
Rudolph Clarke, LLC Suite 200 Seven Neshaminy Interplex Trevose, PA 19053		**$ 702.00**		**Professional Services re: NPS 2-17-17 to 2-16-17 INVOICE #62012**
TOTAL:		**$21,506.23**		

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the April 12, 2017 requisitions in the amount of $21,506.23. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Discuss whether to cancel May meeting

After a brief discussion it was the consensus to cancel the May Transportation Authority meeting on Wednesday, May 10th since the Transportation Authority will be at their annual Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors on Thursday, May 11th.

Mr. Smyth stated he will be putting together the presentation for the Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors and he said he could still prepare the progress report as if a meeting were to be held and send it via email to Authority members.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kinglsey, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to cancel the May 10, 2017 meeting of the Transportation Authority. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, it was moved by Mr. Kingsley, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting “Aye” to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0. Adjournment occurred at 7:37 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THOMAS KOHLER
CHAIRMAN

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: