

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
February 8, 2012

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on February 8, 2012 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
Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Ronald G. Wagenmann, Executive Secretary
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)
Carly Fenske, Esq., Solicitor, Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C
Greg Waks, Supervisor Liaison
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Carl Pinto, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "aye" to approve the meeting minutes of January 11, 2012¹ as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Act 209 Study Committee Members

Mr. Wagenmann provided a Memo to the Authority listing six names of individuals to be contacted to determine their interest in serving as citizen representatives on the Act 209 committee. He asked the Authority for approval of all six names and the first four who agreed to serve would be named to the Transportation Advisory cCommittee (TAC). It was noted that the citizen representatives could not be members of any of the township code authorities, committees or commissions. The Economic Community Development Committee (ECDC) could be represented since it is an ad hoc committee and not an ordinance committee of the township. Once the group is finalized they will meet 6-8 times during the study and review the Lland uUse aAssumptions report which Rob Loeper and Brian Keaveney are compiling. There will then be a review and agreement on the intersections to be studied. Studies will also identify where certain transportation problems are that need to be addressed and a recommendation to the Transportation Improvement Program will then come back to the Transportation Authority for final action. The Board of Supervisors will then have to amend the ordinance and create the new assessment based on the results of the TACadvisory committee's work. Since none of the Transportation Authority Members or Board of Supervisors can sit on the TACcommittee at some point in the process there will be a joint meeting of these two bodies so that the final results can be presented at the same time.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the six names submitted for the Act 209 Committee. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Act 209 Highway Assessment-Pennoni Agreement with Transportation Authority

Mr. Wagenmann requested signatory authority to issue the Notice to Proceed and authorization to sign the agreement to do the study.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to approve signatory authority as requested above. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

PA Infrastructure Bank Loan Resolution 2012-01

Mr. Wagenmann indicated that the Solicitor is following through on the paperwork for the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank Loan for the South Henderson Road Widening. Approval of Resolution 2012-01 is required for the Transportation Authority to approve the loan and guarantee the debt. The Board of Supervisors as the ultimate guarantor will then adopt an ordinance.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank loan. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Highway Assessment Resolution 2012-02

Mr. Wagenmann stated that Resolution 2012-02 reflects the construction inflation figure of 2.6% that will increase the Highway Assessment up to \$2,018.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2012-02, setting the Highway Assessment at \$2,018 for the calendar year. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Mr. Wagenmann stated approval of the Categorical Exclusion Evaluation (CEE) was obtained from PennDOT District 6-0 on February 2, 2012 and sent to PennDOT Central Office the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that same day. After PennDOT Central Office approval, CEE will be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval. Target approval date is late February, 2012. Once CEE approval is obtained BSA will be authorized to proceed with final design on the bridge work.

With regard to Right-of-Way Coordination, PennDOT Office of Chief Counsel and the National Park Service attorneys are resolving outstanding issues.

Main issue with Design/Project Utility Clearance Coordination concerns the Peco gas line relocation. Peco requested they extend their gas line relocation over the Norfolk Southern Rail and along the new trail so they may abandon an old section of gas line. While understanding of the reasons to extend the line, The National Park Service (NPS) is unable to grant an easement without an Act of Congress. Peco NPS is exploring other options. To obtain overall project D-419 Utility Clearance,

Peco also has to must grant energy utility clearance as well.

Relocated North Gulph Road

Mr. Wagenmann stated BSA working on a PennDOT Design Field View cost estimate for the Relocated North Gulph Road alternative.

Henderson Road Sanitary Sewer

Sanitary sewer project moving ahead. Working out the Kunda Beverage and Shreiner Tree Care the idiosyncrasies of the gravity lateral connections that are unable to be connected with a gravity line; thereby requiring a force lateral. A couple of change orders have been issued; one regarding landscaping will save approximately \$7,500. Since the next Henderson Road Widening will disturb same areas again, under E&S regulations temporary seeding will be done. Contractor incurred additional cost since two utilities did not properly mark their facilities. Liquidated damages are part of the contract and contractor is beyond the January 16th completion date. Abbonizio just has lateral work and cleanup/punch list work remaining.

Henderson Road Widening

Submitted revised Highway Occupancy Permit submission on January 10, 2012 addressing PennDOT's previous comments. HOP permit submission response should be received in 30 days. The Erosion and Sediment General permit has been reviewed by the Montgomery County Conservation District. In response to a comment, BSA submitted a revised Individual NPDES permit on February 3, 2012 that also responded to Technical Review comments. Received Administrative Review Completeness on February 7th. It will now go through the technical review by the county and DEP.

Met with Peco Electric and Verizon on January 23rd. They indicated they will schedule pole relocations for April-May. Unofficially, Peco has indicated their position will be that Authority will be paying 100% of the cost to relocate poles since Peco indicates that they are all on private easements and none of them are in PennDOT's right-of-way. Estimated cost is \$300,000. BSA indicates that Peco will have to provide the source and proof of their statement.

Received proposed Aqua water main alignment. They have requested coordinated work with Authority township project to install a water main along S. Henderson Road. A meeting will be held to discuss coordination of schedules and Portion of money may be recouped if these costs are shared.

Updated plan sent to Peco regarding final required Right-of-Way parcel to be obtained. Peco Legal Department and Township Solicitor have reviewed and approved. BSA looking for possible Bid Opening/Let date in mid-March.

SR 0076, Section RMP Construction

There was an issue with regard to pipe adjustments that had to be made.

Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Geotechnical reports have been submitted; BSA has instructed their sub-consultant, Ang Associates to develop the Conceptual Type Size and Location (TS&L) plan to authorize the actual borings that require drilling for the two new culvert retaining walls to take place. Design Build was delayed because of sinkhole issues on 422; it was then necessary to get an amendment to the reimbursement agreement to do the work.

Township Solicitor is working with Mr. O'Hara to obtain the Required Right-of-Way.

Upper South Gulph Road Widening

BSA should be back on Final Design by the end of February.

Highway Funding

Mr. Wagenmann discussed reduced funding for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and continued efforts to secure funding for priority projects at the federal and local level.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Meeting scheduled with Rep. Briggs tomorrow to go over the Authority projects and get him involved on some of the River Crossing Complex projects as well as Allendale Bridge project. Discussed the Route 23 Trout Creek Bridge Project and the letter from the Authority to PennDOT asking to keep it on the TIP. Stressed the importance of keeping the Trout Creek Bridge as a bridge project.

There was a brief discussion about the cumulative effect of truck traffic on bridge structures.

With regard to Henderson Road BSA will be contacting the contractors and letting them know that the advertisement will be going into the *Times Herald*. Construction should start around late May or early June time frame.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director of Finance presented the Monthly Financial Report for January 2012 and indicated there was no movement on any investments.

REQUISITIONS - February 8, 2012

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$14,127.02	Relocation of N. Gulph Rd. (SR 3039) Nov 1, 2011 thru Dec 31, 2011 (Inv. #2)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$15,937.33	Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River Dec 1, 2011 thru Dec 31, 2011 (Inv. #19)
Boles, Smyth Assoc. , Inc.	\$29, 219.79	Henderson Road Ramps & Widening Dec 1, 2011 thru Dec 31, 2011 (Inv. #71)
N. Abbonizio Contractors	\$94,905.90	South Henderson Road Gravity Line, BSA Job No. 55.04, January 13, 2012
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, PC	\$ 607.50	Professional Services Dec/Jan (Inv. #29656)
Metz Engineers	\$11,331.50	S. Henderson Road Gravity Sewer Project, Project #M7519, Inspections, field mtgs, consult, realignment evaluations (invoice dated: 1/17/12)
Metz Engineers	\$15,066.00	S. Henderson Road Grav. Sewer Proj #7519, Inspec.forSanit.Install;Field Mtgs & Eng. Consult; Cont. Payment Rel. Rev. (invoice dated: 2/2/12)
Clean Water Fund	\$ 1,000.00	Prepaid
Upper Merion Twp.	\$15,447.09	Advanced by Twp. Gen. Fund for 2010 TA exp.

TOTAL:	\$197,642.13
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Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the February requisitions in the amount of \$197,642.13. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

RONALD G. WAGENMANN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MICHAEL SANTILLO
CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: