

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**June 13, 2012**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for a meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2012 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "Aye" to go into the regular business session of the Transportation Authority. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

Chairman Michael Santillo stated that an executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss a matter involving litigation.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "Aye" to authorize the Chairman to sign the document which is first the amendment settlement agreement regarding the development of the Valley Forge Golf Course property. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

Mr. McGrory stated for the record that the foregoing document eliminates paragraph 3 of the prior executed agreement dated March 18, 2008.

**ATTENDANCE**

Michael Santillo, Chairman

Tad Hershey, Treasurer

Carl Pinto, Secretary

Greg Waks, Supervisor Liaison

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)

Joseph Pizonka, Esq., Solicitor, Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C

Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT**

Louis Zotti, Vice-Chairman

Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "aye" to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2012 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Henderson Road Widening Aqua Cost Sharing Agreement**

No action. Aqua is not moving forward with this.

O'Hara Right-of-Way Agreement - Church Road Bridge Replacement

Mr. Pizonka stated Bill O'Hara has signed off on the Right-of-Way agreement and the Authority was asked to approve the agreement subject to final review by the Solicitor.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Pinto, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to authorize the Chairman to sign the Right-of-Way agreement subject to final review by the Solicitor. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Henderson Road Widening**

The project is moving ahead and construction will start next week. With regard to the water quality drainage filter systems that had to be added to five inlets, PennDOT has agreed to assume maintenance responsibility. Mr. Smyth pointed out when the Highway Occupancy Permit was issued it had a reference about township maintenance, but the Post Construction Stormwater Management plan indicates PennDOT has responsibility.

The Norfolk Southern agreement has been signed.

**Henderson Road Sanitary Sewer**

Shreiner has asked for the elevations of where his property's lateral connects with the sewer main that was installed. As-Built sewer main/lateral information was provided to Shreiner as requested, and they came back and requested the design elevations to see how they compare.

**Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA Route 100 Line**

BSA is supplementing the design contract which then will require modification to the actual reimbursement agreement from the state. PennDOT is now requiring the culvert retaining walls be fully designed as opposed to their original direction to submit as a Design-Build system.

**River Crossings Complex Projects**

In view of all the new stakeholders, a meeting will be scheduled to include the new township managers in West Norriton and Lower Providence, new superintendent at Valley Forge National Historical Park, State Senator Rafferty, State Senator Daylin Leach, State Representative Tim Briggs, Congressman Jim Gerlach, Congressman Pat Meehan, and Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the new stakeholders to the project and keep pressure on for federal and state funding.

**PA Turnpike Slip Ramps**

Mr. Wagenmann sent a letter to the turnpike with regard to slip ramps between Crooked Lane and Flint Hill Road and a response has been received indicating they want to see any sketches that are available. Once these are located, a meeting will be set up to discuss further.

The Business Improvement District is also asking for consideration of a slip ramp at the Valley Forge Interchange itself that would come off the exit ramp to First and Moore Road for easy access directly into the business park.

**Renaissance Boulevard Extension**

Mr. Wagenmann contacted PennDOT in regard to the Renaissance Boulevard Extension to see if it can be extended to Crooked Lane and over to Yerkes Road. The design they came up with so that Renaissance was the predominant move was to take back a portion of Crooked Lane. Met with the

state and they are in agreement except to enlarge the segment of Crooked Lane that PennDOT will abandon to the township from Church Road to Yerkes .It would also enable the township to have control of that intersection to potentially restrict trucks because the township will have jurisdiction over the full section of roadway. Once confirmation is received from the state, another meeting will be held with the residents.

### **Hanging Rock Project**

This project is moving ahead again. It is in redesign and is not significantly different from what was originally proposed because it has to stay in that stream valley. Road will be moved over the creek away from the rock. Looking to get out to bid in 2014. Public meeting to be held in August and timeline has been set for environmental clearances.

Because of flooding issues at Trinity and Balligomingo and South Gulph, Mr. Wagenmann suggested they take a look at a possible regional basin right in the interchange of the I-76 expressway. A deep retention basin is possible there to hold the water. Township staff will keep pushing for this as they are moving to final design.

### **Front Street/Balligomingo Road Closure**

Both roads will be closed in July for about three weeks so that the River Road Project can move to the next stage. Then River Road will open up, but Balligomingo will stay closed until the project is completed. According to PennDOT, there are 16,000 cars displaced with the closing of River and Balligomingo Road. At the Borough Hall meeting the other day concerns were raised about the fire company during road closures. Upper Merion is working with West Conshohocken to respond to emergency calls when necessary.

### **Norristown High Speed Line**

SEPTA is about to award a contract to study the extension of the Norristown High Speed Line to reach the King of Prussia Mall. Upper Merion is asking not only to get it to the mall, but to First Avenue.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River**

Now in final design. Meetings continue with stakeholders to keep the momentum going on the project and try to get any issues resolved as quickly as possible. For example, the Special Use Permit between the National Park Service and PennDOT. From a right of way perspective, the Board of Supervisors passed the resolution to accept the Trooper Road (SR 3051) abandonment of the right of way from PennDOT to Upper Merion Township ownership. Upper Merion and West Norriton, who passed a similar resolution, will donate the trail portion of the abandoned right of way within the park to the National Park Service.

From a utility perspective, Peco gas made a request. A 12 inch gas main is going back on the trail bridge over the Schuylkill River and they also requested to go over the Norfolk Southern Bridge. The Park Service denied that request because it takes an Act of Congress to grant them an easement. Peco has since gone back and resubmitted within the last week since they found a document from 1922 that shows the gas line going over Norfolk Southern which they believe gives them the right to the easement. They want to raise the issue with the Park Service again in light of the new information.

The structure plans are the Critical Path item. Met recently with District 6-0 to talk about the River Bridge because of the recommended alternative to use concrete. PennDOT currently requires

alternates for bridge types and approval from the Deputy Secretary of Transportation is needed to restrict alternates. A follow up meeting was held during which language was proposed for the project bid package that may avoid the need for Secretarial approval of the alternate restrictions.

BSA met with Urban/Ammann & Whitney to address design review issues for Trail Bridge project and US 422/PA 363 Interchange Project overlap area along Trooper Road. Design conflict was resolved. Also coordinating with the National Park Service to do a small project relating to the design of the trail crossing over Route 23. Currently the project stops where it does to stay out of the asbestos remediation area. With the cleanup of that area, the Park Service is authorizing this project for design and the Highway Occupancy Permit to cross over Route 23.

### **Henderson Road Sanitary Sewer**

An Offer Sheet letter was sent to Kunda Beverage property owners and signed by owners, to have the Authority pay Kunda to install their lateral as part of the right-of-way settlement. Authority authorized an amount up to \$30,000 and it was signed for \$26,050. Still some pump issues that Kunda's plumber is working on with Kunda. While the pump issue is solely between Kunda and the plumber, it remains a Critical Path item for the construction. It is necessary to get the lateral in so his leach field can be drained and Glasgow can get into that area.

### **Henderson Road Widening**

Preconstruction meeting held at the township on May 21<sup>st</sup> with Glasgow, Metz Engineers, PennDOT inspectors and utility companies.

Received Individual NPDES permit (E&S permit and Post Construction Stormwater Management approval) regarding stormwater runoff, rate and water quality issues. Received the approved Highway Occupancy Permit on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Issued Notice of Intent to Award to Glasgow back on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Reviewed Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Agreement as well as the Liability Insurance. Contractor requested concurrence to submit the Maintenance Bond at the end of the project since the Maintenance Bond is 10 percent of the final price. In lieu of the Maintenance Bond they will provide a letter of commitment to provide a Maintenance Bond at the end of the project. The Notice to Proceed Letter was sent to Glasgow and signed by Glasgow in return on June 5, 2012.

Peco's work should be done by the end of June. The utility relocation schedule of other affected utilities is determined by their existing placement on the poles. Sunesys is next and they will relocate PennDOT fiber optic and telecom wires. First Progress Meeting for the project tomorrow on June 14. Comcast will be next utility and will need only two days. Verizon will be last and need approximately two months because of some underground wires that need to go back overhead. A lot of that work will not be in the construction zone. Because they are the last, Verizon will pull the poles as per agreement.

Sent Purchase Order to Rhythm Engineering for Video Detection with Traffic Adaptive software and another to Traffic Products, Inc. for Henderson and Church Road intersection Controller and Cabinet.

Sent letter to property owners notifying them of construction start. Coordinated with township to provide project/construction information for the township e-newsletter. Coordinated with PennDOT Press Office to get the word out. Also coordinating with individual property owners who have provided right of way.

Temporary pavement marking will be done Thursday night, June 14 and Glasgow to start on Friday, June 15 and moving earth the following week. During construction Glasgow must maintain one lane

in each direction between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and may go down to one lane with flaggers from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Norfolk Southern agreement was signed for AECOM's review of the project as it relates to rail overpass of Henderson Road. There were some comments to make sure that their abutments are not being impacted. Notice to Proceed letter to Glasgow states that contractor has Notice to Proceed for everything except from this point to this point which is the area of the railroad bridge.

### **Ramps Construction Project**

Last Progress Meeting for the ramps project on June 14 at 9 a.m. Study being completed to justify the traffic adaptive software at Henderson and South Gulph. Performed traffic counts and time runs on Tuesday, June 5, Wednesday June 6, Thursday, June 7 and Wednesday, June 13.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance, presented the financial report for May 2012. He said we are in the midst of trying to track down the people in Harrisburg to find out where the PIB loan proceeds are. Paperwork has been submitted. He noted that reimbursements in the amount of approximately \$300,000 came back from PennDOT.

### **REQUISITIONS - June 13, 2012**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 38,313.56	Final Design of the Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River Proj. for 3-23-12 thru 4-30-12 (Invoice #1)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 7,446.18	SR 3039, Section USG – S. Gulph Road Widening HOP Project for 2-1-10 thru 4-30-12 (Invoice #4)
Boles, Smyth Assoc. , Inc.	\$16,383.72	Final Design of E. Church Rd. Bridge over SEPTA 4-1-12 thru 4-30-12 (Invoice #4)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 6,697.34	Multi-Use Trail Bridge Over Schuylkill River Proj. 3-1-12 thru 4-30-12 (Invoice #22)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 5,057.53	SR 0076, Section RMP – Construction Phase Svsc. I-76 West Ramps at Henderson Rd 2-1-12 thru 4-30-12 (Invoice #27)
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, PC	\$ 1,516.00	Professional Services (Invoice #29942 dated May 9, 2012)
Pennoni Assoc. Inc.	\$ 616.50	Coordination w/twp. Staff and PennDOT re: modif. To DeKalb Pk (Rt. 202) & Saulin Blvd. for MontCo Trail for services rendered through 4-1-12 (Invoice #: 504659)
PA Dept. of Transportation, Ofc. Of Comptroller Op., AR PennDOT – Non-APRAS, PO Box 1575812, Harrisburg, PA 17105	\$ 534.16	Highway Occupancy Permit – installation of new sanitary sewer SR 3029, Invoice #: 1801249714 dated 05-29-12
Upper Merion Twp.	\$ 262.33	Reimbursement for Payment to Iron Mountain for Transportation Auth. boxes

<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$93,519.31</b>	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Pinto, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to approve the June requisitions in the amount of \$93,519.31. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**RONALD G. WAGENMANN**  
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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**MICHAEL SANTILLO**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered: