

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**October 10, 2012**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for a meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 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, Chairman  
Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Tad Hershey, Treasurer  
Greg Waks, Supervisor Liaison  
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  
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance  
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT**

Louis Zotti, Vice-Chairman  
Carl Pinto, Secretary

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "aye" to approve the meeting minutes of September 12, 2012 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Center/Senior Service Center**

Mr. Waks discussed the project approved by the Board of Supervisors for the former Gold's Gym, Sports and Fitness complex located at 431 W. Valley Forge Road. This facility will become the new recreation center and house the new senior center. He noted over the past years there has been a significant amount of complaints raised about the traffic in that portion of Route 23. The Upper Merion Swim and Tennis Club and nearby Caley Elementary combined with the new community center operating on a full time basis will generate additional traffic with seniors and children. Anticipating these future demands, the Board of Supervisors believes the time is right to investigate this situation and requests the Transportation Authority to look into various alternatives to make that area of Route 23 safer. Mr. Waks noted as a state road, this will require PennDOT cooperation and directed the Authority provide the Board of Supervisors with a thorough report.

A discussion followed about possible road enhancements to improve the current situation and the PennDOT requirements needed for this state road.

Mr. Smyth suggested one of the first actions is to select a range of the state route and obtain crash data from PennDOT in order to have that background data when the time comes to present the report results and provide some options. He emphasized it would be best to engage PennDOT earlier in the report process as opposed to later to eliminate any non-starters and get their input.

Mr. Smyth asked if there is a plan available for the community center for projected use and parking,

and he was told that Dan Russell, Director, Park and Recreation would be able to provide numbers for current use of the senior service center.

Mr. Hershey asked about the budget for the initial review. Mr. Smyth responded the General Services engineering budget could be used. He said the initial review would provide a tech memo for discussion purposes and it could be determined later whether to keep it in the engineering services or have it separate in scope.

There was a brief discussion if a resolution was required to authorize a procedure, and it was determined that an Authority motion would be all that is necessary for an initial examination under existing budgets.

#### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve proceeding with a concept analysis to be provided next month and the funds to be paid from the General Services (engineering) fund. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

#### **Transportation Authority Road Tour**

November 3 and alternate November dates were discussed for the Authority Road Tour. (*note: subsequent to the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting it was decided to have the road tour on November 17<sup>th</sup> starting with a breakfast at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. start*).

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Pizonka asked about updates on the Kings Way Properties (Shreiner Tree Care) sewer lateral and Promissory Note. Mr. Smyth explained the sewer main was constructed along Henderson Road and the lateral was constructed from the sewer main to the right of way line. Shreiner was to install the lateral from the right of way line back to his building, and this has not been done as yet. After the lateral was installed up to the right of way line it became apparent that Shreiner needed a grinder pump to get the waste into the sewer main since it is not a gravity situation. This has been a point of contention for Shreiner. It was noted that construction of the lateral was the responsibility of the property owner and no information was provided to the Authority or Boles, Smyth indicating the existing location and depth that the sanitary line left the building. The Solicitor's office is following up on the Shreiner Promissory Note which has not been fully executed.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

Project is progressing and Erosion and Sediment Control Plans have been resubmitted to Montgomery County Conservation District. The other environmental issue is completion of a Joint Permit Application for submission to DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers to work in and build over the river. The joint permit is the critical path element for this project and is anticipated to be submitted by October 17<sup>th</sup>.

The right of way process is moving along well. BSA received a Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) from Upper Merion Township. BSA is coordinating with O'Neill for TCE for the River View property in West Norriton Township. They have some questions, but are supportive of the project.

The National Park Service (NPS) finalized the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to PennDOT outlining the steps through final design and construction phases for the NPS acceptance of the Trail and River/Norfolk Southern Bridges. The NPS provided the MOA to the Township for review and Upper Merion Township Board of Supervisors approved the draft document on October 4th.

Utilities have progressed well.

The final critical path item is getting approvals for the three structures. The PS&E package is anticipated to be submitted by the end of the year so that this project can get out to bid early next year for construction to begin in late spring of next year.

### **Henderson Road Widening**

Glasgow is proceeding to pour curb. They will be paving next week so they can switch into the Stage II work zone north of the PA Turnpike. Glasgow is not going to pave everything in Stage I. South of Hansen Access Road they are still going to be in the Stage I pattern. An interim traffic control plan was submitted to PennDOT and approved. The objective is to provide Glasgow the work zone north of the Turnpike in order to address the profile adjustment before the end of the season.

At the last Progress Meeting the goal was set to complete all of the widening north of Church Road as well as the Church Road right turn lane by the winter shutdown. When the weather allows in the spring, Glasgow will come back, finish up the widening south of Church Road on the east side, do the final paving, install the sidewalk and landscaping.

Extra work was required totaling \$12,892; however, after negotiating and receiving credits of \$10,366, the extra work amounted to approximately \$2,500. An extra work item will be required on a subsequent invoice for a substantial amount of undercutting that was required because the subgrade could not compact and they had to over excavate and put down additional stone.

Before paving was done, a lot of coordination was done with the property owners, specifically Franklin Maps, the car wash (gas and water service), and a fire sprinkler connection for Kunda Beverage.

The amended Highway Occupancy permit for the Church Road right turn lane has been approved by PennDOT and Glasgow is working on that area now. The excavation of the Church Road right turn area has been completed.

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

The Supplement E was executed and returned to PennDOT on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Awaiting Notice to Proceed.

### **REQUISITIONS - September 12, 2012**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$37,131.53	Final Design of the Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River for period 8-1-12 thru 8-31-12 (Inv. #5)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	3,990.59	Multi-Use Trail Bridge Over

		Schuylkill River for 6-1-12 thru 8-31-12 (Inv. #24)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 32,879.00	For Professional Services Relative to transportation Engineering consulting 4-1-12 thru 8-31-12 (Inv. #76)
Metz Engineers	\$ 20,141.00	For Professional Services S. Henderson Rd Widening
Glasgow, Inc.	\$ 192,823.86	SR 3029, Section HRD – S. Henderson Road Widening, Payment No. 3, Period ending 9/28/12
Commerce Abstract	\$ 319.00	O'Hara Right of Way for Present owner search, Deed prep, processing & Recording fees
Competitive Edge Sports	\$ 5,630.00	PRE-PAID for removal & installation of sign (deleted work from Glasgow)
Upper Merion Twp.	\$104,850.57	Transportation Authority's Share of the 2010 General Obligation Bond Issue for the Route 23 right-of-way Acquisition
Pennsylvania Turnpike	\$ 2,000.00	Consideration for required right-of-way and Temp. Construction Easement
Pennoni Associates	\$ 8,697.00	Continued coordination with Act 209 Advisory Committee, for services through 7/29/12, Invoice # 517561
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory	\$ 419.01	Professional Services 9/6/12 thru 9/25/12, Inv # 30121 dated October 9, 2012
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$408,881.56</b>	

#### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the October requisitions in the amount of \$408,881.56. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance, provided the financial report for the month of September 2012. He noted receipt of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank loan last month in the amount of \$3,500,000.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Santillo started a discussion on planning a road tour for Authority members. Mr. Wagenmann said before the meeting that he would take a look at the calendar and send an email to coordinate the road tour.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

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**MICHAEL SANTILLO**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered: