

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**July 11, 2012**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for a meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 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  
Tad Hershey, Treasurer  
Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Greg Waks, Supervisor Liaison  
Ronald G. Wagenmann, Executive Secretary  
David Kraynik, Township Manager Designee  
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  
Carl Pinto, Secretary  
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "aye" to approve the meeting minutes of June 13, 2012 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Henderson Road Widening**

Construction started and project is moving ahead. Good cooperation from Peco and now working to get Comcast, PennDOT fiber and Verizon off the poles. Dependent upon weather, Glasgow is planning to get the road widened to the point where it can open by the end of the year. The final wearing surface, as per schedule, will not go on until next construction season because of anticipated cold weather at the end of the year. Glasgow's progress will be updated on township's electronic newsletter to keep public informed.

**Henderson Road Sanitary Sewer**

Kunda Beverage's lateral has been installed and is operational. This allows Glasgow to remove the abandoned sanitary leach field in the widening area.

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

BSA proceeding with adjustment to the contract and reimbursement agreements. One change was made to right-of-way from O'Hara. Mr. Pizonka explained O'Hara has ongoing responsibility for some monitoring wells requiring permanent access to the site and a clause has been added giving them permanent easement. He said it is doubtful the township would incur any potential liability, but will check that point and report back to the Authority.

### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to approve the amendment to the right-of-way agreement providing permanent access to the O'Hara's for the purpose of well monitoring, subject to the satisfaction of the Solicitor that it would not incur a legal liability for the township. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

### **Mastrocola Trucking Company**

Mastrocola has been in touch with the township because the existing culvert underneath Church Road will be upgraded with additional capacity as part of the Church Road Bridge Replacement project but in the meantime their property experiences flooding. It was noted that this facility is in a 100 year flood plain. Mastrocola was asking for special treatment to allow the building of a garage on his property. He was advised he would have to meet setbacks, and if not, it would be necessary to go before the Zoning Hearing Board and present his arguments as to valid reasons for a variance or special exception.

### **River Crossings Complex Projects**

In view of all the new stakeholders, including Valley Forge Park's superintendent and Upper Merion/West Norriton/Lower Providence Township Managers, a meeting will be scheduled in the fall. The purpose of the meeting is to provide institutional knowledge and acquaint the new stakeholders to the project and keep pressure for federal and state funding. It is important that momentum continues for the bridge across the river which has gone from \$120 million to \$152 million. The critical issue is that in order to do the North Gulph Relocation project the way it was originally conceived, the current US 422 Eastbound off ramp to Route 23 has to be moved.

### **Turnpike Slip Ramps at Flint Hill Road**

BSA will provide simple aerial sketch of concepts to present at a July 23 meeting with turnpike representatives at which time it will be discussed how to get three legs of an interchange between the PA Turnpike and Flint Hill Road - off eastbound, on eastbound and on westbound. The only one that would probably be problematic would be the off westbound.

### **Renaissance Boulevard Extension**

Still working out the details with PennDOT on the section that will become Township roadway and whether they want to allow right turns from the extended Renaissance onto Crooked Lane. Once confirmation is received from the state, another meeting will be held with the residents to discuss options.

### **Hanging Rock Project**

The project is moving ahead. Meeting held with the consultant and project is in redesign. Road will be moved over the creek away from the rock. 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 eastbound expressway at Gulph Mills. 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 Balligomingo Road and Route 23 are now closed until target date of July 28 so that the River Road Project can be completed. Police receiving many complaints. According to PennDOT, there are 16,000 cars displaced by the closure. At that point, PennDOT will enter the next stage of the project that will detour Balligomingo Road.

### **Norristown High Speed Line**

No further word. SEPTA's contract award is pending to study the extension of the Norristown High Speed Line to reach the King of Prussia Mall. Upper Merion will request the rail line be extended beyond the mall to First Avenue.

### **Heuser Park to Valley Forge Park Trail**

While it initially looked promising that Norfolk Southern Rail would allow the proposed trail to use their Trout Run viaduct, the Rights-of-Way personnel have subsequently stated otherwise. Mr. Wagenmann is exploring guidance on rail rights-of-way easements and Rails-to-Trails program.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Four main areas are involved in the final design process. First, with regard to utilities, there is only one issue regarding the Peco gas line within the Valley Forge National Historical Park which needs to be installed on the new trail structure so it may be abandoned on the US 422 bridge. Peco made the request to extend the new gas line further across the Norfolk Southern bridge in order to go down the trail and tie in at Station Lane. The National Park Service has stated they may not grant an easement without an Act of Congress. Peco wants to pursue further for maintenance reasons; they are not asking to increase the capacity of the gas line. A follow up meeting with Peco, National Park Service staff and PennDOT Utility Unit is planned to clarify the issue. The Peco issue and the river permit are the critical issues for the project.

The Right-of-Way is the next issue for the project. BSA requesting approval to begin negotiations with the property owners for Temporary Construction Easements including Upper Merion Township, PECO and O'Neill Properties (Riverview at Valley Forge).

Third, the design is being finalized and proceeding well. BSA has prepared Erosion and Sediment Plans/NPDES Permit Application, a Critical Path item.

Last, environmental approvals/permits are the final piece of the project puzzle. Meeting held today with the PA DEP and US Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the waterway permit for construction of the bridge within and over the Schuylkill River. Their main issues are that the selection of the alternative for the bridge alignment over the river meets the project's purpose and needs and whether the amount of piers is justified to provide the least impact to the waterway as opposed to two piers, one pier or no pier in the river. The permit is a Critical Path item.

### **Relocated North Gulph Road**

No activity since last meeting.

### **Henderson Road Sanitary Sewer**

Kunda Beverage lateral has been addressed. They are operational and their old leach field is out. No word from Shreiner about their lateral connection.

### **Henderson Road Widening**

Much current activity. Three progress meetings held so far. Peco is close to completion on overhead electric utility relocations. Sunesys is working on relocating PennDOT fiber optic and telecom wires. Comcast only needs two days for their utility work. Verizon will be last and will need approximately two months because of some underground wires that need to go back overhead. Tomorrow Peco gas will begin a small relocation at the Colonial Electric area that is estimated to be complete in two weeks. Pennsylvania American Water recently repaired a small leak affecting

construction site.

Glasgow is scheduled to complete the major widening in the middle of December, dependent upon the weather. BSA has coordinated with AECOM to address comments on behalf of Norfolk Southern Railroad to the rail overpass of Henderson Road. The Notice to Proceed for Glasgow excludes the Norfolk Southern area because four issues had been raised by AECOM which are all addressable. Glasgow is getting the railroad insurance to Norfolk Southern for approval, but hard copy paperwork is only accepted by Norfolk Southern's Risk Management division.

Received a call from Clear Channel, owners of the two bus shelters being relocated. Will coordinate with them to determine final placement and pad size. Met with Greater Valley Forge TMA and King of Prussia Business Improvement District to discuss potential partnering for final landscaping of the corridor.

### **Ramps Construction Project**

Construction is completed; one final element is documenting the effectiveness of the traffic adaptive signal system for submission to PennDOT in the next period.

### **Church Road Bridge**

Contacted by Gannett Fleming and told that PennDOT has decided the Retaining Walls should be fully designed. A Supplement is being prepared.

### **Upper South Gulph Road Widening**

Continuing design effort to prepare Highway Occupancy Permit Plans. BSA suggested this would be a good time to begin coordination with Peco regarding the overhead poles to indicate which poles are being affected and let them look at the design.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution 2012-04 to conduct open meetings via electronic conferencing where a quorum need not be physically present**

Mr. Wagenmann stated Resolution 2012-04 would assist with the problem of obtaining quorums for meetings. Open meetings could be conducted via electronic conferencing with two-way communication, the ability to hear meeting proceedings, and compliance with the Sunshine Law.

#### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2012-04. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

### **Update 209 Study**

Mr. Wagenmann stated the Land Use Assumptions are being finalized and will come back to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Pennoni has been moving ahead with traffic counts on the intersections.

SR 3051 Section C22 - Authorization to send Temporary Construction Easement Agreements  
Mr. Wagenmann stated authorization is necessary to obtain three temporary construction easements for the Multi-Use Trail Bridge project so that BSA and the Authority can begin negotiations with the property owners including Upper Merion Township, Peco (for the Schuylkill River Trail) and O'Neill Properties (Riverview at Valley Forge - a private drive).

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to authorize the sending of the temporary easements as described above. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

Authorization to send Draft Church Road Bridge Supplement - Part V

Mr. Wagenmann stated authorization is necessary to submit the Draft Church Road Bridge Supplement - Part V to Gannett Fleming and PennDOT.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to authorize submission of Draft Church Road Bridge Supplement - Part V to Gannett Fleming and PennDOT. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Wagenmann presented the financial report for June 2012 and reported some reimbursements have been received for some of the projects. He noted that the Hankin matter was settled with all parties in agreement.

Mr. Smyth asked about the PIB loan, and Mr. Wagenmann provided an update.

**REQUISITIONS - July 11, 2012**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$45,768.38	Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River SR 3051, Section C22 (5/1/12 thru 5/31/12) (Inv. #2)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$10,113.57	Relocation of N. Gulph Rd. (SR 3039)(5/1/12 thru 5/31/12) (Inv. #5)
Boles, Smyth Assoc. , Inc.	\$5,601.11	E. Church Rd. Bridge Over Septa (5/1/12 thru 5/31/12) (Inv. #5)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 9,496.06	Multi-Use Trail Bridge Over Schuylkill River SR 3051, Section C22 (5/1/12 thru 5/31/12)(Inv. #23)
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 6,739.01	SR 3029, Section HRD and SR 3039, Section SGR (5/1/12 thru 5/31/12) (Inv. #76)
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, PC	\$ 849.79	Professional Services (Invoice #29942 dated June 22, 2012)
Metz Engineers	\$ 5,764.00	South Henderson Rd. Gravity Sewer Project, Project No. M7519 (5/1/12 thru 6/3/12) (Inv. Dated 6/19/12)
Walter, Kevin & Timothy Kunda	\$ 26,050.00	PRE-PAID Henderson Rd. Widening Project, SR 3029, Section HRD, Right-of-Way Agreement, Lateral Payment
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$110,381.92</b>	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the July requisitions in the amount of \$110,381.92. 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: