

## UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

April 9, 2014

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 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

Louis Zotti, Vice-Chairman

Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer

Tom Kohler, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Greg Phillips, Supervisor Liaison

David G. Kraynik, Township Manager

Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance

Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)

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

Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

### ABSENT

Carl Pinto, Secretary

Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works

### MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2014 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Authorization for Executive Secretary to Sign a Cooperative Agreement with National Park Service**

Mr. Smyth stated Resolution 2014-02, follows up on earlier Authority actions, and is the authorization to sign the Cooperative Agreement between the National Park Service (NPS) and the Authority. When finalized the Authority will accept up to \$250,000 from the National Park Service which they received as a grant for construction of the Rapid Flashing Beacon and the final portion of the Sullivan Trail. The Solicitor has reviewed the Cooperative Agreement and has found it satisfactory from the Authority's standpoint.

As part of the federal paperwork procedure, Mr. Smyth explained the need to obtain a D-U-N-S number (Dun & Bradstreet) in order to register with the Federal Government and the National Park Service for access to payments. Previously the Upper Merion Township number was used. Mr. Kraynik stated there is a new system which requires the Authority to have its own D-U-N-S number and it is a somewhat cumbersome process. This resolution basically clears the way so that when the D-U-N-S number is obtained, the Cooperative Agreement can be immediately advanced and executed to commence invoicing within the time constraints of the grant which, as of now is June 1, 2014.

Mr. Pizonka stated the Resolution ties in with the contract.

Mr. Smyth indicated PennDOT is "on board" to approach J.D. Eckman to do the work since they are the Contractor for the SR 3051, Section C22 (Sullivan's Trail) Project. Mr. Zotti asked if the National Park Service is going to waive their bidding process. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative. He said the National Park Service has determined it is acceptable to allow the use of J.D. Eckman for the extension of the project. The justification was that the larger SR 3051, Section C22 Project was openly bid. In response to Mr. Santillo's question about their rates, Mr. Smyth indicated when applicable they will have unit costs for items that were already in the contract.

#### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2014-02 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

#### **Update on Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application**

Mr. Smyth stated the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was due April 3<sup>rd</sup>. An application was submitted for the trail from Keebler Road to the back of the Community Center for a total project cost of \$775,000 with an amount requested of \$675,000. Pre-construction costs are not eligible for this program and as such the design cannot be included.

A cost estimate was done for the pedestrian structure that will be needed to get over Crow Creek.

Mr. Smyth stated the application is consistent with the overall comprehensive plan for the bike path network in the township as part of the Crow Creek corridor that would link up with the Heuser Trail.

Mr. Meneeley asked if the trail would be ADA compliant in view of the topographical issues in certain spots. Mr. Smyth responded the trail would need to be ADA compliant and BSA has carved an alignment at the creek with grades that will work. He noted the flood plain impact will need to be shown, and permits will be required.

#### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

##### **Development Plan Update**

Land Development Plan – 530 Hertzog Boulevard (off of Renaissance) Development Plan, 20,000 Square Foot Gymnastics and Dance Center – Approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 27, 2014.

##### Possible Future Development along US 202

At the April 3 Workshop Meeting a developer from Florida discussed potential development of 11 noncontiguous parcels (with sidewalks) on the south side of US 202 from Chili's down to Allendale Road. A land development plan has not been submitted as yet.

Mr. Kohler asked if the 11 retail establishments will each have their own individual driveway in and out. Mr. Kraynik responded ingress and egress was a large part of the discussion and many of the driveways will be eliminated.

Mr. Kraynik noted the developer presented a plan to improve traffic flow and improve aesthetics for the frontage and sidewalks.

### Land Development Plans

Two land development plans are scheduled at the Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Plans to be presented are for a Taco Bell on Henderson Road at Saulin Boulevard and the second plan is for a Bonefish Grill, a minor land development plan to widen the sidewalk for some outdoor seating at the former TGI Friday's.

With regard to the proposed Taco Bell, Mr. Smyth noted McMahon Associates asked for the PA Turnpike Interchange at Henderson Road concept plan from the PA Turnpike Corridor Reinvestment Study so that it could be factored into the consideration of the development plan.

### ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Project moving forward. The other side of the boat launch area has been cleared for the Sullivan's Trail project. Project team review and coordination of PennDOT comments and National Park Service/FHWA Eastern Federal Lands comments for the final Type, Size & Location TS&L submission by the contractor for the Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River. Comments were submitted to the Department on March 21, 2014. Coordination of the review of the demolition plans for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge superstructure and Trooper Road structure over the Schuylkill River Trail were submitted for review on April 3, 2014.

#### **Relocated North Gulph Road, SR 0023 Section RNG**

Not much action.

#### **Henderson Road and S. Gulph Road Widening (Phase III)**

Completed design of five lane Henderson Road design from South Gulph Road to Shoemaker Road and four lane design from Shoemaker Road to the southern limit of the Henderson Road Widening Project. Two lanes in each direction were previously considered; however, the fifth lane will help with associated driveways and any future redevelopment that might occur.

A discussion followed during which Mr. Smyth clarified the locations of the Henderson Road and South Gulph widenings, locations of some of the sidewalks and traffic turn and thru lanes.

It was noted it will be necessary to reconstruct about 300 feet of curb and sidewalk from the Henderson Road Widening Project between the Colonial Electric rear driveway and Queens Drive to tie into everything. There will be two lanes from South Gulph to US 202 in both directions, a five lane section from Shoemaker to South Gulph and from Hansen Access to Saulin Boulevard. Cost estimates will be done and then the focus will be on South Gulph Road to finish the right sizing. Once right sizing is completed the plans will be discussed with residents along South Gulph Road.

It is anticipated this will be a PennDOT project and with the passage of the Transportation bill there is renewed hope it would not be an Authority project, although it is on Act 209 for matching fund purposes.

With regard to the South Gulph portion, Mr. Kohler mentioned a concern was brought to his attention regarding the sight distance coming down South Gulph Road past Gypsy Lane at the trolley station.

As a driver travels eastbound on South Gulph Road there is a concern that there may be insufficient sight distance to stop if a second driver is waiting to turn into the Route 100 station parking lot. Mr. Kohler suggested a possible left turn lane so cars could be protected from vehicles proceeding east on South Gulph Road.

Mr. Smyth said one of the participants at a recent township breakfast suggested a "No Turn On Red" from Gypsy Lane onto South Gulph Road. He pointed out this idea could be advanced as a safety initiative to analyze the justification and installation of the sign.

Mr. Kohler stated with this project the signal equipment at South Gulph Road and Gypsy Lane would be replaced and asked if that meant there would be a signal for the driveway. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Smyth stated things have changed since preliminary engineering for that stretch of S. Gulph Road because there was previously development pressure on the area across from SEPTA Route 100. SEPTA owns the lower half, but the upper half is now part of the Township open space and the stormwater basin is now proposed on that parcel.

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

Supplement is being reviewed by Gannett Fleming. Working on the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. The new culvert was to be constructed as the second stage of construction; however, this will be done first to help with flooding concerns. When the supplement is negotiated and approved the project will be designed and then put out to bid.

#### **Community Center**

The signal warrant submission for the Valley Forge/ Caley/General Knox intersection was approved as warranted. This is now part of the Highway Occupancy Permit process and a signal permit plan will be submitted. Coordinated with surveyors to get required additional field survey for this Roadway Improvements project. The survey has been completed and incorporated into base mapping. Prepared draft Cross Sections to determine roadside conditions and extent of roadway reconstruction for analysis and finalization in the upcoming period so Required Right-of-Way can be determined for properties and negotiated with residents.

#### **PA Turnpike Ramp Feasibility Study – East Zone**

Met with representatives of Prudential to discuss the potential Pennsylvania Turnpike interchange at PA 63, Welsh Road.

The project as a whole has a lot of momentum and a meeting has been scheduled with Representative Briggs and the County Commissioners on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kraynik noted Brian O'Leary from the County Planning Commission is scheduled for the Workshop Meeting of May 1<sup>st</sup> to update the Board of Supervisors on the County's effort in this regard.

#### **Act 209 Study & Comprehensive Transportation Program**

Was informed by Montgomery County Planning Commission that the Trout Creek Bridge has been placed on the first four years of the Preliminary Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**Additional Authority comments**

With regard to the Community Center intersection project, Mr. Kohler asked about some of the other traffic calming items being explored at General Knox. Mr. Kraynik indicated a meeting will be arranged to discuss this further to include the Township Manager, BSA, Mr. Kohler, the Traffic Safety Unit and Chief Nolan.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

None.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Hiriak presented the March report. Regular activity. Reimbursements are starting to come in. Awaiting payment from one municipality for the Turnpike Study.

**REQUISITIONS – March 12, 2014**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 20,000.00	Professional services re: <b>Inter-Municipal Agreements, INVOICE #1</b>
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 25,934.25	Transportation Eng. Svcs. 12/1/13 thru 3/31/14, <b>INVOICE #: 81</b>
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 24,553.65	Upper Merion Community Center Roadway Improvements. For billing period between 2/12/14 NTP & 3/31/14
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory	\$ 236.25	For professional services 3/13/14, <b>INVOICE: 31079</b>
Upper Merion Twp. General Fund	\$ 17,933.22	Reimbursement to General Fund for 2013 Expenses for the Transportation Authority
Upper Merion Twp.	\$ 5,694.00	Interest Payment for 2010 GOB
Pennoni Associates, Inc.	\$ 3,348.00	Act 209 Study, for Svcs. Thru 3/2/14, Invoice #: 584468
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$97,699.97</b>	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the April requisitions in the amount of \$97,699.97. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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**DAVID G. KRAYNIK  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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**MICHAEL SANTILLO  
CHAIRPERSON**

Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered: