

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

May 14, 2014

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 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

Carl Pinto, Secretary

David G. Kraynik, Township Manager

Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works

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

Christina Greene, Esq., Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C

Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Greg Phillips, Supervisor Liaison

Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance

Tom Kohler, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2014 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Valley Forge Roadway Improvements – Authorization for Executive Secretary to Negotiate Right-of-Way

Mr. Kraynik stated two Right-of-Way agreements are needed with property owners for the improvements to be made on Valley Forge Road at the Community Center. Mr. Smyth indicated those right-of-ways are needed for the property at the northwest corner of Caley Road and the property next to it between Caley Road and Covered Bridge (opposite the Community Center side). Mr. Smyth indicated the right-of-ways are needed for the left turn lane associated with the widening on Valley Forge Road (located diagonally from the Community Center). Once agreements are negotiated the agreement will come back before the Transportation Authority.

Mr. Smyth mentioned Signal Easements will also be required for the other three corners to accommodate the ADA ramp landing zones and Temporary Construction Easements will be required from properties as well.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Zotti, seconded by Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to authorize the Executive Secretary and Engineer to negotiate right-of-way for Valley Forge Road improvements. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Groundbreaking for new Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge over the Schuylkill River at Valley Forge National Historical Park

Mr. Kraynik reported on the groundbreaking ceremony that was held this morning to mark the beginning of construction of the new pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Schuylkill River upstream from the Route 422 Bridge. Also celebrated was the three-year accelerated 2015 start for the widening and rebuilding of the Route 422 Bridge. Local and state officials were in attendance, including Pennsylvania Transportation Secretary Barry Schoch.

Development Plan Update

Bonefish Grill – On May 15th, the Board of Supervisors will consider the minor development plan for the Bonefish Grill to widen the sidewalk for some outdoor seating at the former TGI Friday's.

Fairfield Inn on Mall Boulevard – On June 5th, a development plan will be considered for the Fairfield Inn for a less than 1,000 square foot addition for a lobby and dining area.

King of Prussia Mall Expansion/Connection project – will include little less than 200,000 square feet of additional expanded space for restaurants and retail. Scheduled to begin around the middle of next month after completion of the Allendale Road Bridge project which is anticipated in the next three weeks.

King of Prussia Business Improvement District Renewal

On June 5th, the King of Prussia Business Improvement District will make a presentation before the Board of Supervisors in connection with the sunset provision of the first five years of the BID which expires in May 2015. In order for the BID to be extended the township will have to pass an ordinance which would involve a hearing process for consideration of the Board of Supervisors at the June 26th Business Meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Construction progress meetings were held with contractor, J. D. Eckman. Contractor has done clearing and grubbing and put up their E&S controls.

Demolition plan has been approved for the Schuylkill River Trail Bridge (SRT) on the West Norriton side. Peco gas will need to do a relocation of gas line that interferes with construction of the bridge which will take about three weeks. Shop drawings for the SRT bridge have been reviewed which means time is nearing to start physical work on the West Norriton side. Mr. Smyth described some of the changes that will occur during construction. Traffic will be reduced to one lane on Trooper Road, and there will be a temporary signal installed due to the length of the one lane condition. The Schuylkill River Trail below will be detoured around that area.

The River Bridge is Design Build, and the Type, Size and Location plan has been approved. The National Park Service has Eastern Federal Lands from the Federal Highway Administration doing their reviews for them. BSA coordinates with them on all these reviews. Concurrence was provided on the Type, Size and Location since the National Park Service will be owning and maintaining the structure.

Now that the Type, Size and Location plan has been approved, the contractor is working on the Final Structure Plan which would be the last step to authorizing construction on the River Bridge. Causeways were laid out for access to the River Bridge in the Schuylkill River, and the contractor is requesting a permit modification from the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Smyth pointed out the contractor initially requested a 10% increase in temporary disturbance area in the river so they could place cranes on the causeway to install their cofferdams and place beams, etc. Even though it would involve a temporary disturbance this is all reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers and DEP.

The third structure is the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge superstructure replacement. An alternate is being requested to increase the loading. No other changes are being requested. The contractor wants to demo the superstructure as soon as possible instead of at the end of the project. The increased loading is required to access the Schuylkill River bridge work zone and deliver beams and materials for that structure. There was considerable coordination with Eastern Federal Lands because they were very concerned that the loads to bring the beams across, even though intermittent, might damage the new superstructure. NPS/EFL have now concurred with the plan and J. D. Eckman is moving onto the next step which is the demolition plan. Norfolk Southern has reviewed and concurred. PennDOT reviewed and concurred with one caveat. PennDOT is making them hold off because Peco inspected the heavy utility lines going across the river and determined the H-frame needs to be replaced. It is critical and PennDOT is making the contractor hold off because they have to get over that bridge so that Peco could do the work. Otherwise, everything is moving along and there should be some actual ground movement in the next three weeks or so.

Henderson Road and S. Gulph Road Widenings (Phase III)

Completed design of five lane Henderson Road design from South Gulph Road to Shoemaker Road. This will allow for two lanes in each direction and a common center turn lane and a four lane condition to tie into what has just been completed from Shoemaker Road to Queen Drive.

Attention is now being focused on the remaining portion of South Gulph Road from Crooked Lane down the hill to PA-320. Based on everything that was done in the Act 209 Study, it appears it will be closer to the original design which was two lanes in each direction through Trinity Lane and then three lanes with two lanes heading eastbound to PA-320. At the last Authority meeting Mr. Kohler asked whether or not a left turn lane into the SEPTA station could be added and BSA is looking into that as well.

Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Awaiting approval of the supplement by Gannett Fleming which was retransmitted yesterday. 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 right of ways needed for the two properties and the four corners (five properties total) requiring signal easements were discussed earlier at this meeting. Temporary construction easements in

certain locations will also be required because of such things as sidewalk replacements. BSA prepared property boundaries for 22 properties within the limits of work.

Began ADA ramp layout for the Valley Forge/General Knox/Caley Road signal so that signal design may be advanced and signal easements determined.

PA Turnpike Ramp Feasibility Study – West Zone

Met with State Rep. Briggs, Montgomery County Commissioners Shapiro and Richards, as well as Montgomery County Planning Commission on Thursday April 17th to discuss the Henderson Road PA Turnpike Interchange and get that concept moving.

PA Turnpike Ramp Feasibility Study – East Zone

BSA has completed the Montgomery County PA Turnpike Reinvestment Corridor Study Report.

Act 209 Study & Comprehensive Transportation Program

Brian Keaveney to send draft ordinances to Dave Kraynik.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Kraynik presented the April report. Regular activity. Reimbursements from PennDOT are now paid and current from 2013. Paid out the \$20,000 from two of the three municipalities participating in the intermunicipal agreement for the PA Turnpike Study. Awaiting payment from one municipality.

REQUISITIONS – May 14, 2014

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$35,796.96	Construction Phase Services for Multi-Use Trail Bridge Over the Schuylkill River Project for period 2-25-14 thru 3-31-14, INVOICE #1
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 3,593.51	Final Design of East Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA for work performed for period 2-1-14 thru 3-31-14. INVOICE #13
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$13,925.01	Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for work performed 2-1-14 thru 3-31-14, INVOICE #16
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$20,357.65	Henderson Road Ramps & Widening Project for work performed 6-1-13 thru 3-31-14, INVOICE #78
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory	\$ 769.50	Professional Services 3/24 and 4/9/2014, INVOICE #31164
TOTAL:	\$74,442.63	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "Aye" to approve the May requisitions in the amount of \$74,442.63. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MICHAEL SANTILLO
CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: