

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
November 12, 2014

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 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
Carlton Stuart, Secretary
David G. Kraynik, Township Manager
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison
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

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of October 8, 2014 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization for Executive Secretary to Enter into Peco Agreement for Valley Forge Pole Relocation

Mr. Smyth indicated one pole relocation is necessary as part of the installation of the Valley Forge and Caley Road signal. Peco indicates they have pre-existing rights to move it now and provided the documentation that right-of-way is not necessary to be acquired from the Irvin property. The pole relocation can be done as early as next month. Peco will draft an agreement including the cost, and it is necessary for the Authority to authorize the Executive Secretary to execute the agreement.

Mr. Zotti asked if there is an idea of the cost involved. Mr. Smyth responded it is in the \$7,000 to \$10,000 range.

Mr. Meneeley asked if it was correct that the pole will be moved approximately 5-10 feet. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative and said this is all factored into the cost of the project and is less than what was budgeted.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to authorize the Executive Secretary to enter into Peco agreement for Valley Forge Pole Relocation. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

Authorization for Executive Secretary to Execute Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement Agreements for Valley Forge Roadway Improvements

Mr. Smyth coordinated with the Solicitor on the only right-of-way agreement and it was sent to Sioux Irvin. Also coordinated with the Solicitor to prepare the temporary construction easement agreement which was sent to her, and we are waiting to hear a response. The rest of the temporary construction easements that are required from other properties to temporarily gain access during construction are now being prepared.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve authorization for Executive Secretary to execute right of way and temporary construction easement agreements for Valley Forge Roadway Improvements. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Act 209 Public Hearing by the Board of Supervisors

The Act 209 public hearing originally scheduled for November 12th is being pushed back to December 4, 2014. The delay is due to some personnel changes in the Solicitor's office. The additional time is needed for review of the documents provided by the Authority's Solicitor.

Mr. Zotti asked if a vote on the Act 209 Ordinance is expected prior to the end of the year, and Mr. Kraynik responded in the affirmative.

SEPTA Public Meetings Regarding King of Prussia Rail Project

SEPTA will hold two Public Meetings regarding the King of Prussia Rail on Monday, November 17th at the Radisson Hotel and Wednesday, November 19th at the Norristown Municipal Building between 4-8 p.m.

Piazza Group Development Plan of Mancill Mill Property

The Piazza Group submitted a By-Right plan for almost 300,000 square feet of warehouse office facility and two hotel buildings on a 23-acre property. The plan is being reviewed today by the Upper Merion Planning Commission. Since the project may evolve to make it more palatable to the neighbors, it is anticipated the applicant will ask for an extension of that land development plan and not have a review and decision by the Board of Supervisors at the December 4th Business Meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Construction moving ahead steadily with the current focus on the Schuylkill River and Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) bridges.

Contractor is driving piles and foundations for the SRT bridge on the other side of the river. The causeway and coffer dams are installed for construction of the Schuylkill River bridge and they have started excavating the old piers. This project is on schedule for construction to be completed in the summer of 2016.

Relocated North Gulph Road, SR 0023

National Park Service staff requested a meeting on November 13th to discuss issues related to County Line Road and other Valley Forge National Historical Park coordination items such as the Kennedy Supplee Mansion access and Ranger Station access.

Another recently identified issue is the status of the underground utilities. The roadway is being relocated. The question concerns the underground utilities and if they are going to stay in the existing roadbed area or relocate within the new right-of-way for PA-23.

Mr. Philips asked if the National Park Service has any idea what use they have for the Kennedy Supplee Mansion. Mr. Smyth responded they have been trying to get a viable use and have failed because developers are coming in and seeing how much needs to be done. NPS does not have the resources to do what needs to be done. Mr. Meneeley asked if the NPS is having problems because of its historic significance. Mr. Smyth responded that is an element.

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

Provided final Right Size plan and cost estimates to Montgomery County Planning Commission for their use in coordinating PA Turnpike Corridor Reinvestment Project strategies with the PA Turnpike Commission. Coordinating with Montgomery County and PennDOT to see where that could fall upon the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to keep it moving forward.

Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Supplement was executed on November 3, 2014. SoftDig has performed field work to identify horizontal and vertical locations of the Sunoco pipeline which runs parallel to Church Road. Began reevaluation of the culvert Type, Size and Location plan and report. By mid-December this will be submitted to Gannett Fleming to get the review underway.

Community Center

Submitted Highway Occupancy Permit plan through PennDOT's E-permit process for review. The right-of-way agreement was sent to Sioux Irvin along with the temporary construction agreement. Meeting is scheduled for November 25th with the final corner property owner, Mr. and Mrs. Villari, to request the temporary construction easement for the northeast corner of Caley Road and PA-23. Will coordinate with Solicitor to prepare temporary construction easement agreements for remaining property owners.

PA Turnpike Ramp Feasibility Study

Montgomery County Planning Commission coordinating with PennDOT and PA Turnpike officials on this project. Leo Bagley actively pursuing moving the program forward for next series of meetings.

Act 209 Study and Comprehensive Transportation Program

Final coordination with Brian Keaveney and Joe Pizonka to determine remaining steps required for Act 209 Ordinance adoption.

Crooked Lane

Mr. Philips stated there are residents interested in improvements on Crooked Lane from the SEPTA train station all the way up through to Gulph Road. Part of this discussion occurred during a Board of Supervisors business meeting [October 16, 2014]. Mr. Philips asked if there are any plans to improve that roadway. Mr. Smyth responded the only area that has a plan for improvement is at the intersection of South Gulph as part of the right-sizing project for a limited amount of roadway.

Mr. Zotti asked if it was included in the Act 209 Study. Mr. Smyth responded this was not an identified development plan in the Act 209 Study. He explained how some other things would help such as the Henderson Road and South Gulph Road Phase III project.

Mr. Philips commented people on South Gulph Road cut through Crooked Lane to get to Henderson Road. He said this came up during a review of the plans for Renaissance Boulevard. The Hughes Park residents do not want Renaissance Boulevard opened up to Crooked Lane because they feel it will increase traffic even more. Mr. Philips asked if PennDOT is considering anything to help improve that situation. Mr. Smyth responded they are not; however, there may be low cost safety improvements that can be done for the side road conditions such as skid resistant pavement and proper drainage, especially around the curves. He said gaining support for Phase III will also help.

Prince Frederick Extension

Reaching out to Alan Boroff who is the contact in setting up the meeting to discuss the Prince Frederick Extension with Lafayette Ambulance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hiriak reported on the balances, the year to date budget activity and the proposed Transportation Authority 2015 Budget. He noted traffic assessments are the main source of income and the 2015 budget is built on the assessment development activity that is already approved and ongoing.

During his presentation Mr. Hiriak responded to a series of budgetary questions from Authority members.

Mr. Hiriak discussed revenue generated when the use changes dramatically to something different resulting in more traffic as well as revenue generated from construction projects that are almost all 100% reimbursable.

Mr. Smyth reported on the Church Road Bridge construction line item with a \$100,000 placeholder. The main construction activities would be in 2016 for the Church Road Bridge; therefore, the funds shown in 2015 are for initial construction mobilization activities.

With regard to the Trout Creek Bridge, it is a project the Authority had undertaken to replace the SR 0023 Trout Creek Bridge. A previous contract took the project through a PennDOT pro-team session to identify a preferred option with the understanding that it would not advance through full Preliminary Engineering until PennDOT was able to program the construction funds on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Authority has committed to fund preliminary engineering and then it would be picked up by PennDOT for final design and construction.

Mr. Hiriak stated some direction is needed on an amount to include in the Authority's 2015 budget for the Trout Creek Bridge project. Mr. Smyth responded the full amount would not be required in 2015 and recommended \$250,000 depending upon when the project starts in 2015. The start date is flexible from PennDOT's standpoint. Authority members agreed to include \$250,000 in the 2015 budget which will be presented to the Authority for consideration at the December 10th meeting.

REQUISITIONS – November 12, 2014

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 3,388.10	Multi-Use Trail Connection on Port Kennedy Road for work performed 8-1-14 thru 8-31-14
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,416.01	Multi-Use Trail Connection on Port Kennedy Road for work performed 9-1-14 to 9-30-14, INVOICE #4
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 5,086.37	Construction Phase Svcs. For Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River Project for work performed for the period 9-1-14 to 9-30-14, INVOICE #7
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 3,494.61	Relocation of N. Gulph Road (SR 3039) for work performed for period 7-1-14 thru 9-30-14, INVOICE #19
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$10,793.75	Upper Merion Community Center Roadway Improvements 9-1-14 to 9-30-14, INVOICE #7
Pennoni Associates, Inc.	\$ 8,030.00	Upper Merion Township Act 209 Study for services rendered through 8-31-14, INVOICE #608312
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello, & McGrory	\$ 1,350.00	Professional Services 9-12-14 to 10-22-14, INVOICE #31574
TOTAL:	\$34,558.84	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the November 12, 2014 requisitions in the amount of \$34,558.84. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MICHAEL SANTILLO
CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:
 Minutes Entered: