

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**February 12, 2014**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 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  
Carl Pinto, Secretary, Secretary  
Tom Kohler, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison  
David G. Kraynik, Township Manager  
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works  
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

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Contract Time Extension for Agreement No. 064129-E (Church Road Bridge Replacement Project Over SEPTA – Part IV (Final Design))**

Mr. Smyth stated administrative action is required to provide a time extension for Part IV (Final Design) for the Church Road Bridge Replacement project agreement to March 31, 2015. This time extension is needed to complete a supplemental agreement to complete all the work that is necessary for the revised culvert design which includes expansion of subsurface investigations, environmental permit revisions, and completion of right-of-way coordination with SEPTA.

**Board Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the time extension for Agreement No. 064129-E to March 31, 2015. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

**Contract Time Extension for Agreement No. 164228 – Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) Montgomery County**

Mr. Smyth stated administrative action is required to provide a time extension to advance the final design for the Relocated of North Gulph Road to December 31, 2015. There is no proposed cost increase included with this time extension request.

### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the time extension for Agreement No. 164228 to December 31, 2015. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

### **Community Center Roadway Improvements Design Proposal**

Mr. Smyth stated this proposal is for the Community Center design services for a total of \$100,000 which was included in the estimated \$950,000 authorization. The tasks associated with this proposal include coordination with the site designers to obtain base mapping and additional field survey for roadway improvements on Valley Forge, General Knox and Caley Roads for \$7,500 which is included in the overall \$100,000 proposal. Other tasks include coordination with the Parks and Recreation Department and site design team, architect coordination, participation in future Board of Supervisors workshop(s), preparation of Highway Occupancy plans, construction and traffic signal plans, right-of-way research of property lines and plot plans. Signal easements will also be necessary to place the equipment and enable township maintenance of the signals.

Mr. Philips asked if the legal descriptions are included for these easements. Mr. Smyth responded permanent signal easements and required right-of-ways would have legal descriptions and be recorded. He said there will probably be some temporary construction easements which do not require any right-of-way since they do not get recorded; however, there would be an agreement.

Mr. Smyth indicated additional tasks involve the traffic control plan, the traffic signal warrant analysis preparation and coordination with PennDOT, pavement marking and signing plan.

Mr. Smyth described in detail what is required for the traffic signal warrant. He indicated first the traffic signal warrant information is submitted to PennDOT for approval in meeting the warrant. The information submission to PennDOT includes the speed study information, traffic county study information and the information indicating that Warrant 2 (4-hour warrant which is volume based) has been met.

Mr. Kohler asked if the "modified pork chop" is still being considered at the Valley Forge Road driveway for right-in/ right-out access. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative. He referred to Mr. Zotti's suggestion to extend the "pork chop" to further discourage people from turning left into and out of the site.

Mr. Meneeley asked about the impact on trees in the area. Mr. Smyth indicated he will coordinate with the site designer and landscape architect so they can finalize the landscape along the frontage based on the new grading.

A discussion followed about the sidewalks associated with the plan, including sidewalk widths.

Mr. Meneeley asked for clarification about the location of the traffic controls. Mr. Smyth responded overhead mast arms would be proposed and a controller cabinet would be installed on one corner. The installation of the signal equipment will most likely require signal easements from property owners.

Mr. Philips referred to Mr. Smyth's comments at the Board of Supervisors workshop meeting regarding the crosswalk on the eastern side of the Caley/General Knox/Valley Forge intersection and asked if this is still being considered. Mr. Smyth indicated while current grades do not allow for a crosswalk, with the profile adjustment BSA will try to get the grades needed to introduce a

crosswalk with ADA ramps on this side. If it does not meet the PennDOT standards, then a Technically Infeasible Form will be prepared and a crosswalk will not be installed.

#### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the Community Center Roadway Improvements Design Proposal as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

#### **Draft Cooperative Agreement between Authority and National Park Service**

Mr. Smyth stated the National Park Service (NPS) is requesting the Authority's assistance in administering the funds to install the rapid flashing beacon at the intersection of SR 23 and County Line Road at the location of the new connector trail (Sullivan's Trail). The agreement sets the parameters for the construction of the trail and also includes the breakdown of costs coming from a \$250,000 Sarbanes grant which the NPS received. Through a Reimbursement Agreement between the NPS and UMTA, the NPS is asking to shift that money to the Authority for the Authority's use in funding administration, Authority-incurred legal expenses, preparation of bid documents, selection of a Contractor, payment for construction/construction services and inspection. Mr. Smyth provided a breakdown of the costs that correspond to what is in the cooperative agreement for a total of approximately \$248,000, including all the construction costs.

Mr. Smyth indicated once the NPS refines and finalizes the Cooperative Agreement it will be reviewed by the UMTA.

Mr. Zotti asked the Solicitor for his comments, and Mr. Pizonka indicated this type of agreement has been done several times in the past.

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

##### **Allendale Road Bridge Repair**

Despite the weather, the Allendale Road Bridge project is well underway and still on schedule.

##### **Act 209 Draft Review**

Brian Keaveney will provide an Act 209 draft review at the UMTA March meeting. One more Act 209 Committee meeting is anticipated before UMTA's March meeting and Mr. Keaveney will provide additional information for UMTA's review prior to their next meeting.

##### **Development Plan Updates**

Arden Court Development – Board of Supervisors will consider for final approval at the next Business Meeting.

Piazza Group – provided a presentation at the Board of Supervisors Workshop on February 6 for their proposal to build approximately 800 apartment units on their property fronting Mancill Mill Road. Questions and critical comments were received by both residents and supervisors. The property owner has asked to come before the Upper Merion Municipal Utility Authority (UMMUA) next week to discuss the possibility of purchasing a portion of the adjacent UMMUA property.

Community Center - The first public review of the land development plan for the Community Center was held at the Board of Supervisors Workshop meeting on February 6. The joint presentation by

the site design team and BSA was well received with a lot of good feedback. With Board of Supervisors approval next month, the site work can be out to bid late March or early April with the roadway improvements being designed by BSA to follow

Village at Valley Forge – Applicant presented their plan for their next phase for 365 rental units at the Board of Supervisors Workshop on February 6. Final consideration by Board of Supervisors is scheduled for February 20.

### **SEPTA High Speed Line Extension Project**

SEPTA will come before the Board of Supervisors for a workshop presentation on March 6<sup>th</sup> to provide an update on the High Speed Line Extension project.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

Pre-construction meeting held on January 31, 2014 for the Multi-Use Trail project and J. D. Eckman received their Notice to Proceed on February 3, 2014. They are getting their submittals done and are ready to go.

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

A copy of a status report email covering the Church Road project that was sent to Mr. Kraynik was provided to the UMTA for informational purposes. The Supplement is being transmitted to Gannett Fleming for review and negotiation.

### **PA Turnpike Ramp Feasibility Study - West Zone**

Going through cost estimate procedure on Henderson Road.

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

Currently the PA 309 Interchange modernization, completion of the Virginia Drive interchange, a new potential interchange at Welsh Road (PA 63) and the reconfigured Interchange at US 611 are being advanced. After going through the concepts and getting cost estimates an overall cumulative report is being prepared for Upper Merion, Upper Dublin, Horsham, Upper Moreland and the County.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Hiriak presented the January report.

## **REQUISITIONS – February 12, 2014**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,794.63	Final Design of E. Church Rd. Bridge over SEPTA for Work performed 12/1/13 thru 12/31/13, Invoice #11
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 12,262.00	Relocation of N. Gulph Rd. (SR 3039) for the period 12/1/13 thru 12/31/13, Invoice #14
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory	\$ 236.25	Professional Services January 8, 2014, Invoice #30976
Pennoni Associates, Inc., PO Box 827328, Philadelphia, PA 19182-7328	\$ 4,464.00	Upper Merion Township Act 209 Study (Services rendered through 12/29/13, Invoice #577376
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 19,756.88</b>	

### **Authority Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "Aye" to approve the February requisitions in the amount of \$19,756.88. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None.

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Santillo stated Tom Kohler has been appointed to the Montgomery County Transportation Authority. Mr. Kohler noted the nine-member Montgomery County Transportation Authority predominantly handles right-of-way acquisitions for county road projects.

Mr. Smyth commented a meeting is being set up with State Representative Tim Briggs and Tom Kohler to go through the SR 0023 Trout Creek Bridge project and the Phase 3 project for South Gulph and Henderson Roads. In view of passage of the Transportation Funding bill this meeting is timely to get momentum and funding for the projects.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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**DAVID G. KRAYNIK**  
**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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**MICHAEL SANTILLO**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered: