

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
November 18, 2015

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 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

Lou Zotti, Vice-Chairman
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer (via phone)
Tom Kohler, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Carlton Stuart, Secretary
David G. Kraynik, Executive Secretary
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)
Joseph Pizonka, Esq., Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison

VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

On behalf of the Transportation Authority, Mr. Zotti expressed condolences to the Santillo family upon the passing of Mike Santillo, former Chairman, Transportation Authority, who served faithfully in this leadership position for over 30 years. After a moment of silence in remembrance of Mike, members agreed to have a resolution drafted in honor of Mike for adoption at the December meeting.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of October 14, 2015 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Contract Time Extension to December 31, 2018 for Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039)

Mr. Smyth stated this is a request which is administrative in nature for a time extension on the Relocated North Gulph Road contract.

Mr. Kohler asked if the contract extension to 2018 will bring the timing close to construction of the relocation of North Gulph Road. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Smyth also informed the group that bids are in and the 422 SRB project construction will begin soon. J. D. Eckman won the bid. The Relocated North Gulph Road construction may begin after this project. In response to Mr. Kohler's question, Mr. Smyth clarified the scope of the 422 SRB

project and will get back to him as to whether the PA 23 overpass will be a full replacement or only a superstructure replacement.

Authority action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the contract time extension for the relocation of North Gulph Road to December 31, 2018. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Arden Road Bridge Repair Update

Mr. Smyth indicated work will be completed by Thanksgiving and Arden Road will be opened. For the following week, Utility Line Services will complete the water main installation with original daytime detour. Weather will dictate the final paving restoration. Mr. Smyth coordinated with PennDOT to locate the bridge inspectors who will complete the Special Inspection for the Arden Road bridge on behalf of the Township. He provided the damage report and repair plans to PennDOT for their reference. It was a condition of the process that the bridge be inspected to make sure it is not in worse shape than it was previous to the damage.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Development Plan Updates

750 Moore Road/O'Neill Properties – 248 apartments on 5.1 acres. This was a plan that was originally approved around 2008-2009 at which time it was shelved because of financial conditions. The amendment is related to changes to parking and improved stormwater management.

Next Door Bar and Grill – 10,818 square feet free standing restaurant at the Village at Valley Forge to be located in front of Wegman's.

Village at Valley Forge, Bozzuto 232 age restricted apartments - On December 3, 2015 the Board of Supervisors will vote on the development plan.

Development plan at Vandenburg and Beidler, 19 acres – redevelopment of four buildings which will result in 311 apartments and 1,500 square feet of non- residential use and retail.

King of Prussia Mall Restaurant Pad, 8,400 square feet – free standing restaurant (True Foods) on the north side of the property, south of Mall Boulevard (next to Shake Shack).

District 6 PennDOT

Mr. Kraynik mentioned that he met with new PennDOT Administrator, Ken McClain, and brought him up to date on many of the transportation issues in the township and provided him with some background on the mission and work of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority. It was noted Mr. McClain has a new perspective and fresh viewpoint on transportation issues.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Construction going well for the most part. There has been difficulty in keeping the third pier foundation area dry with the coffer dam system. Contractor is looking to make up time.

BSA is advancing the vacating of the legal right-of-way. There have been some final comments with PennDOT on how to address this abandonment process.

Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Borings have been completed. Previously due to unforeseen conditions, drilling had taken longer than estimated by the subconsultant and costs were about to skyrocket. BSA coordinated with PennDOT to determine the action necessary to complete work. PennDOT concurred with deletion of one boring and to not drill as deep at two of the others. The deletion of the drilling brought the cost back in line with the estimate. The lab testing program was sent to PennDOT and they concur. It will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Community Center

Letters were sent to property owners with Temporary Construction Easements to dissolve the easement due to resolution of items from the temporary construction easement release from comments each property owner previously submitted. One property owner did not receive a letter since final landscaping will be transitioned to the Community Center's landscaper in the spring.

Certificate of Substantial Completion and Contract Close-out Notification has been sent to Marino Corporation to indicate all final punch list items have been addressed satisfactorily. The letter contains a request for a final notarized invoice to pay the remaining 5% retainage at the next meeting.

Following up on the Community Center driveway "pork chop" discussion at the last meeting, Mr. Meneeley felt he no longer feels a need for the delineators between the Valley Forge Road eastbound through lane and the driveway right turn lane. After a brief discussion it was agreed among the Authority members the exit is too narrow to tempt drivers to illegally enter. In addition the number of cars coming out on a regular basis with a car waiting at the stop sign will also deter people. It was noted this is a situation that should be monitored once the Community Center opens. Mr. Smyth pointed out signage will also help direct people to the signal and then down General Maxwell for the proper ingress.

BSA coordinated with PennDOT and Upper Merion signal supervisor regarding luminaire covers for the traffic signal due to complaints from a property owner. A cover has been found and installed. Also, tunnel visors have been installed for each of the traffic signal faces to limit visibility to drivers.

Additional Authority Comments

Mr. Kohler reported on the November 12, 2015 meeting of the Montgomery County Transportation Authority. He noted the County has appointed an appraiser for total acquisition of the old Greyhound bus terminal property on US 202 as part of the Chester Valley Trail project which will realign Saulin Boulevard to provide a safer trail at the intersection. The county is considering at some point designing a "park and bike" at the trail head.

Mr. Smyth indicated the Chester Valley Trail was under design and BSA had been brought on as a subconsultant. BSA made the county aware of the Authority and Township's interest in the Prince Frederick Extension to ensure the trail design does not preclude the planned project.

Mr. Kohler said this would be an opportunity for BSA to come back with a design. Mr. Smyth agreed.

During the discussion about the county's property appraisal, Mr. Kohler recalled there was also a concern from the supervisors about the Pep Boys driveway onto US 202 and stated this may be an opportunity to make the circulation better.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hiriak discussed the proposed Transportation Authority 2016 Budget in depth. He called attention to the traffic assessments and where they are in relation to the Land Development process. The \$203,000 figure is based on four projects currently under construction and the largest piece is the King of Prussia construction at approximately \$128,000. Mr. Hiriak stated it is not known when Fed Ex is going to pay the traffic assessment. The figure he cited was a calculation of \$522,000 which is not included in the 2016 budget.

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

A discussion was held regarding the trip generation for the Vandenburg land development.

Mr. Smyth said there were two new projects he would recommend for the 2016 budget for consideration at the December meeting. First, the Prince Frederick Extension project as it relates to the Chester Valley Trail project and the right of way issues at the Henderson Road intersection terminus. Second, the potential new PA Turnpike at Henderson Road project as it relates to the SEPTA Route 100 project. Mr. Smyth wants to assure that none of these projects will preclude the other. The Authority asked Mr. Smyth to prepare a general scope and approximate line item value for inclusion in the 2016 budget.

A discussion followed about preference for tracking the Arden Road Bridge reimbursement.

REQUISITIONS – NOVEMBER 2015

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,714.02	Multi-Use Trail Connection on Port Kennedy Road for work performed 9-1-15 thru 9-30-15 INVOICE #16
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 1,833.35	Construction Phase Svcs. For Multi-Use Trail Bridge over Schuylkill River Project for work performed 9-1-15 thru 9-30-15 INVOICE #19
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 1,467.93	Final Design of East Church Road

		Bridge Over SEPTA for work performed 9-1-15 thru 9-30-15 INVOICE #27
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C.	\$ 202.50	Professional Services for 10/14/2015 INVOICE #32333
Pennoni Associates, Inc. PO Box 827328 Philadelphia, PA 19182-7328	\$ 4,760.00	Valley Forge Roadway Improvements – Construction Inspection Services INVOICE #655783
Marino Corp. 1400 Cressman Rd. PO Box 1209 Skippack, PA 19474	\$ 18,797.88	Valley Forge Roadway Improvements – Contractor Job Number 15-007 – Period to 10/30/15 APPLICATION NO. 6 9 final invoice)
Times Herald 21 st Century Media --Philly Cluster PO Box 1877 Albany, NY 12201-1877	\$ 120.66	Legal Notice for Meeting – Date Change – 11/04/15 AD ID: 80373
TOTAL:	\$29,896.34	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the November 2015 requisitions in the amount of \$29,896.34. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Kraynik asked if the Authority has an interest in a presentation by SEPTA regarding the King of Prussia Route 100 Rail Extension. Everyone agreed it would be helpful, and Mr. Kraynik indicated he would set it up for the first quarter of 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

LOUISE A. ZOTTI
VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: