

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 11, 2013**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for a meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 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 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

ABSENT

Carl Pinto, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "aye" to approve the meeting minutes of November 13, 2013 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2013-07, SR 3051 Section C22, Betzwood Trail Bridge, General Reimbursement Agreement 164046, Supplement B

Mr. Smyth stated Resolution 2013-07 is for the authorization for the General Reimbursement Agreement for the construction phase services on the multi-use bridge project. Everything has been negotiated through PennDOT; the agreements have been prepared and are now ready for signature.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2013-07. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Act 209 Status

Mr. Smyth stated Brian Keaveney, Pennoni Associates, briefed him on the questions raised at the last Authority meeting. Highlights as follows:

Question: When does the Act 209 status start? Answer: Once the ordinance is adopted by the supervisors, any land development plan that is submitted five days after that date will be subject to the Act 209 fee. Anything that had been submitted previously would have been grandfathered and assessed under the current system.

Question: Are Community Center roadway improvements Act 209 eligible? Answer: Of the total cost 50% of the project cost would be eligible for the Act 209 funds. The other 50% needs to come from another source such as PennDOT, a grant or Authority funds collected prior to Act 209 adoption.

Mr. Philips asked for clarification about Mr. Keaveney's previous Act 209 presentation regarding the Valley Forge Road corridor. Mr. Smyth responded the Community Center is a township initiative and not a private development entity that would trigger Act 209. There is no Act 209 fee that the township would be paying for that development. The thought process was that the roadway improvements associated with the Community Center would be township driven as part of the Community Center; therefore no Act 209 fees would be associated with it. The point raised at the last meeting was there are other developments elsewhere that would place additional traffic at that intersection that could justify the use of Act 209 to fund those roadway improvements. Mr. Smyth indicated when he reviewed it with Mr. Keaveney, he agreed that was a valid argument and therefore the Valley Forge & Caley/General Knox intersection was put back into the Transportation Study Area (TSA).

Mr. Smyth noted a Working Copy of the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) will be ready for the January meeting with the goal to have the final version for the February meeting so that the ordinance can be in place in the March time frame.

Authority Consideration to Fund Community Center Roadway Improvements

BSA received results from the Signal Warrant Analysis on Valley Forge Road to determine the 85th percentile speed. It is over 40 MPH. BSA performed an 8-hour count over the course of the morning, mid-day and afternoon peaks. The side street traffic on that count day, specifically on the Caley Road side, met the warrants for a signal. The results will have to be reviewed and approved by PennDOT.

A discussion followed about the condition and maintenance of the sidewalks in the area.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Zotti, to fund the Community Center Roadway Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$950,000. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Land Development Plan Approvals

Mr. Kraynik stated the land development plan for the Pep Boys on US Route 202 and the Mall Connector project were approved last week by the Board of Supervisors.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Bids came in through the PennDOT system. JD Eckman was the apparent low bidder. The Engineer Estimate was \$9.6 million and it came in at \$9.2 million. Notice to Proceed is expected to be issued to the contractor the end of February 2014 with an anticipated two-year construction schedule.

SR 0023 Trout Creek Bridge Project

PennDOT's "Decade of Investment" projects include those that were already in some form of development and were not going to be shelved. The Route 23 Trout Creek Bridge is one of these projects; it was just posted for a 32 ton weight limit. It is a structurally deficient bridge and it is time to start approaching PennDOT to get this back "on their radar screen." A meeting will be arranged with PennDOT and Leo Bagley to go over that project and some other projects such as the Phase III project for what remains on Henderson Road and South Gulph Road.

Relocated North Gulph Road

Mr. Smyth stated the US 422 Widening project is one of the major commitments as part of the recent transportation funding approved by Harrisburg. The US 422 Eastboud off-ramp flyover is part of that project and will allow the originally intended design of Relocated North Gulph Road as opposed to a Hybrid Option. Relocated North Gulph Road is already funded through design and construction outside of the Decade of Investment.

Church Road Bridge Over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Received comments from Gannett Fleming on the Type, Size and Location Plan for the culvert and from the PennDOT Geotechnical Unit on the Reconnaissance Soil Geotechnical Exploration Report (RSGER). The comments are being reviewed by Boles, Smyth and the sub-consultants.

Upper South Gulph Road Widening

This project has been placed on hold for the immediate future.

Upper Merion Community Center

Discussed earlier in this meeting.

Upper Merion Transportation Authority Comprehensive Program Map

BSA met with township and McMahon staff and will get back in touch with them for a status report.

PA Turnpike Ramp Feasibility Study

The overall program includes a West Zone (Upper Merion), Central Zone and East Zone which is currently being studied. BSA met with Leo Bagley to go through concepts for the PA 309 interchange modernization, completion of Virginia Drive, a new interchange with Welsh Road (PA 63) and modernization of the Willow Grove Interchange. A stakeholder meeting with the County is scheduled with Upper Dublin, Horsham, and Upper Moreland on Friday, January 3, 2014 to show them the concepts, obtain their input and proceed with that study. Once this is done a meeting will be scheduled with the Turnpike Commission and move forward as a comprehensive entity.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hiriak presented the regular monthly report as well as the Transportation Authority 2014 Budget report. A discussion followed during which Mr. Hiriak responded to various questions raised by Authority members.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, to approve the 2014 Transportation Authority Budget. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

REQUISITIONS – DECEMBER 2013

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 14,478.02	Final design of E. Church Road Bridge over SEPTA (work performed 10/1/13 thru 10/31/13) INVOICE #9
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 8,402.63	Relocation of N. Gulph Rd. (SR 3039) (work performed 10/1/13 thru 10/31/13) INVOICE #12
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory	\$ 391.50	Professional Services for the period 11/13/13 to 11/25/13, INVOICE #: 30890
TOTAL:	\$ 23,272.15	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the December requisitions in the amount of \$23,272.15. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Authority members were reminded of the Reorganization meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MICHAEL SANTILLO
CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: