

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
APRIL 10, 2013**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for a meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 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
Tad Hershey, Treasurer
Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison
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)
Joseph Pizonka, Esq., Solicitor, Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Carl Pinto, Secretary
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

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

NEW BUSINESS

Henderson Road Ramps and Widening Projects Time Extension

Mr. Smyth stated there was a third phase to the engineering agreement to develop a right-sized design for the remainder of Henderson Road and South Gulph Road as part of the Henderson Road Ramps Project. The contract is coming to the end date and requires an extension from May 11, 2013 to November 11, 2013. The six-month extension will enable the completion of the scope of services for this right-sizing effort for South Gulph Road which was requested by the community members along South Gulph Road, through the office of State Representative Briggs. Now that the ramps are in place, the decision was made to wait until Henderson Road construction is complete so that a new normal for traffic patterns can be determined at which time the right sizing can be done. As requested by Representative Briggs, another meeting will be held with residents to discuss the results of the study.

Mr. Hershey commented the six month extension of time would only be for the purpose of waiting for all the activities that would affect the traffic counts so that a decision can be made what to do next.

Mr. Hershey asked if this is only a time extension request. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to approve the Henderson Road Ramps and Widening Projects time extension from May 11, 2013 to November 11, 2013. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Boles, Smyth Proposal for PA Turnpike Ramps Study under General Engineering Fund

Mr. Smyth stated BSA is requesting some General Engineering funding to direct focus and attention on potential Turnpike slip ramps within Upper Merion. Mr. Smyth pointed out Montgomery County may be taking a larger look at the Turnpike within the County and proposing a comprehensive series of potential "slip ramps" to different areas throughout the County. He pointed out it would be good to get out ahead of the County review to figure out where potential Upper Merion slip ramps could go from a broader township perspective. If Montgomery County goes through with this study, a comprehensive package from the Authority will already have been prepared and ready to submit for the County's consideration.

A discussion ensued about possible slip ramp areas to review and the need to be proactive to better the chances for funding assistance.

Mr. Meneeley asked how much the concept proposal would cost. Mr. Smyth responded BSA is asking for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the General Engineering Fund and it would not place undue stress on the \$65,000 in the Fund. Mr. Smyth noted some other minor regional network issues would also be included in the conceptual plan study.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to approve the BSA Proposal for the Pennsylvania Turnpike ramps study at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 from the General Engineering Fund. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Act 209 Study

Mr. Kraynik provided an update on the Act 209 Study being prepared by Pennoni Associates and Township planning staff. He noted the Land Use Assumptions Report was approved by the Board of Supervisors last November and explained the various stages of the process which will culminate in a Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance. Mr. Kraynik is awaiting a response from Brian Keaveney at Pennoni as to the timelines for completion this year and will provide that information to the Authority as soon as possible.

Allendale Road Bridge Maintenance Project

Mr. Kraynik stated temporary construction easements are necessary for the Allendale Road Bridge Maintenance Project from two property owners (King of Prussia Mall and Willner Properties). The draft construction easement has gone back and forth several times for various changes. Mr. Kraynik stated he and Brian Keaveney will meet with both property owners separately on April 11 in order to emphasize the importance of getting these agreements completed in the next 30 days.

SEPTA Norristown High Speed Line into King of Prussia

Mr. Kraynik stated he had a very good meeting this afternoon with SEPTA and Mall representatives. The Mall is now receptive and brainstorming where the extension would go on their property. Mr. Kraynik said the consensus he received from Mall representatives is that they would be more comfortable with the high speed line going into the back of the Mall. SEPTA currently has six or seven alternatives for bringing the extension into King of Prussia. Another public meeting will be held in the summer.

Connection Project between Plaza and the Court

Mr. Kraynik indicated on April 11, he and the Township Planner will be meeting with the Vice President for Development, Simon Properties, concerning the land development process for a connector project between the Plaza and the Court which will result in 160,000 square feet of new retail. The engineer for Simon Properties has submitted a Traffic Impact Study for that connection which has been reviewed by the Township's Transportation Engineer, McMahon Associates. McMahon Associates provided input in a letter to the Mall and Simon Properties, and it is hopeful the schedule of their proposed land development process will be forthcoming.

Development Projects

Development Plan for Exxon Station US 202 and Allendale Road- There will be a Chipotle Mexican Restaurant and an AT&T retail store with completion anticipated sometime this fall.

Container Store – this building will be located in the corner next to the Exxon Station property and construction is expected soon.

Wawa/Chick-fil-A – Activity has resumed recently, and blacktopping is being done at the back of the property as well as work on the US 202 entrance.

Target – A lot of activity, and demolition is just about done.

Shake Shack – the old Wells Fargo bank has been demolished within the last few weeks and the site is construction ready with an opening for the Shake Shack sometime this fall.

New Human Resources Director

Mr. Kraynik noted the retirement of Fred Santoro, former HR Director, and the recent hire of Sara A. Evans to that position.

Joint Meeting of the Transportation and General Authorities

Mr. Kraynik reminded Authority Members of the Joint Meeting of the Transportation and General Authorities with the Board of Supervisors on Thursday, May 9 at 8:30 p.m.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

US 422/363 Project

Mr. Smyth stated Mr. Philips had asked about the status of the US 422/363 Project at the last meeting. In checking with PennDOT and the designers for that project, Mr. Smyth indicated they are looking for a Notice to Proceed for their contractor to begin in the fall September/October time frame. The project is forecast to take 27 months. Construction for our SR 3051, Section C22 trail project on the section of Trooper Road from the Schuylkill River up to the US 422/PA 363 ramps in West Norriton will have construction coordination between contractors for the two projects. On the Upper

Merion side of the SR 3051, Section C22 project there should not be any issues related to traffic impacts except for minor construction access.

Mr. Philips commented on the importance of coordination to take into account such things as the impact of school children walking to school.

Mr. Smyth stated the designer has been present at project status meetings each month and coordination has been done in the overlap area of Trooper Road to make sure the designs coincided. There will be a special provision in the contract regarding coordination. The Project Manager is the same at PennDOT for both projects and there is good consistency with information gathering.

Community Center

Mr. Smyth provided an update on his involvement in providing input for the Community Center access onto Valley Forge Road (SR 23). He noted he, Dave Kraynik and Dan Russell, Parks and Recreation Director, will be attending a meeting next Tuesday with the architect and the architect's engineer as they are finalizing the site plans and design.

Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River

Mr. Smyth indicated the critical path items are the three structures. The final plans for the structure over the Schuylkill River Trail are approved. The final plans for the Norfolk Southern superstructure replacement are being reviewed at PennDOT since February 21st. The River Bridge is not being fully designed as it is being taken to a Design Build level. The first approval for the Type, Size and Location has been received; the final aspect of that is the Foundation Report which is currently being reviewed by PennDOT. The joint US Army Corps of Engineers/ PA Department of Environmental Protection permit is the other critical path item. The permit has been submitted to DEP and Army Corps of Engineers and has made its way through Administrative Review. It is now in technical review wherein there are 30 days to provide comments. BSA anticipates getting the package into PennDOT in the next 45 days for review by the Contract Management Unit and then get it out to bid. The let date is August of this year.

Henderson Road Widening

Glasgow is now widening final Henderson Road section, south of Church Road. Glasgow has paved driveways and will begin paving side streets. Landscaping effort is well underway; trees and shrubs were procured and planted. Glasgow Invoice #8 was submitted, and Mr. Smyth noted some of the overages due to the sinkhole that opened during Superstorm Sandy and subbase stabilization, as well as some items that will help make up the money in other areas. Finalized partnership with King of Prussia Business Improvement District to delete landscaping work from contract (approximately \$35,000). Glasgow is authorized to bill the Authority up to \$75,000 for landscaping per the Landscape Plan and the Authority will forward that bill to the BID for reimbursement.

Church Road Bridge

There was a final comment Gannett Fleming had with regard to the culvert and the design of the culvert that was answered at the end of last week. Mr. Smyth will follow up at the end of next week and email schedule information to the Authority members for their information.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Shreiner Issue

Mr. Pizonka provided an update on the Shreiner situation, and a discussion followed about various options available to the Transportation and Municipal Utility Authorities. The Solicitor was given direction as to how to proceed.

Board Authority:

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" authorizing the Solicitor to send a letter to Mr. Shreiner per the discussion at this meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Kraynik detailed the budget report for March.

REQUISITIONS – APRIL 2013

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 22,217.77	Final Design of the Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River Project work performed 2-1-13 thru 2-28-13 INVOICE #11
Boles, Smyth Assoc. Inc.	\$ 5,434.32	Final Invoice for the Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River Project for work performed 10-20-12 thru 10-31-12, INVOICE #26
Metz Engineers	\$ 6,931.50	South Henderson Rd. Widening & Recon. Project, Project #: M7519 from 2-4-13 to 3-3-13
Glasgow, Inc.	\$326,536.55	Invoice #8 for period Ending 3/29/13, South Henderson Road Widening, SR 3029, Section HRD
Pizonka, Reilley	\$ 330.75	Professional Services 3-5-13 to 3-27-13, INVOICE # 30445
TOTAL:	\$361,450.89	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to approve the April requisitions in the amount of \$361,450.89. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MICHAEL SANTILLO
CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: