

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
JUNE 12, 2013**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for a meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Michael Santillo, Chairman
Louis Zotti, Vice-Chairman
Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Carl Pinto, Secretary
Greg Phillips, Supervisor Liaison
David G. Kraynik, Township Manager
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Edward J. O'Brien, Director of Public Works
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)
Carly J. Fenske Esq., Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Tad Hershey, Treasurer

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Santillo reported an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting regarding a legal matter.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Mr. Pinto, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of May 8, 2013 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2013-02, Signatory Authority for Drawings Authorizing Acquisition of Right-of-Way for State Route 3051, Section C22 R/W in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

Mr. Smyth stated this Resolution provides the Chairman signatory authority for the final Right-of-Way Plans for the Multi-Use Trail project that will be recorded at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2013-02. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Resolution 2013-03, increasing the Membership of the Transportation Authority from Five (5) Members to Seven (7) Members

Mr. Kraynik stated this idea was mentioned at last month's meeting and explained the legislative process that needs to occur to increase membership of the Transportation Authority from five to seven members. The first step requires approval by the Transportation Authority.

A discussion followed during which all attending Authority members voiced their opinions in opposition to the Resolution and questioned the need to expand the Authority.

Mr. Philips commented that the current Authority membership provides a solid corporate knowledge base and is doing a good job. He pointed out the benefit of using that knowledge and experience to mentor new members as future vacancies occur.

Mr. Zotti suggested bringing in two non-voting members and a discussion followed about the feasibility of other options such as having voting alternate members.

Ms. Fenske stated she would have to do some research on the process for two options: the two non-voting members as well as one or two alternates. Ms. Fenske indicated a memo will then be prepared for the Authority as to the proper protocol.

Ms. Fenske stated the Resolution must be dealt with first.

Mr. Meneeley stated an affirmative vote is to deny the Resolution.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to deny Resolution 2013-03. None opposed. Motion to Deny approved 4-0.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to direct the Solicitor to explore the addition of one or two non-voting alternates and also one or two voting alternates who would serve in the absence of members. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Henderson Road Ribbon-cutting

Mr. Kraynik provided details on the Henderson Road ribbon-cutting to be held on Thursday, July 11 at 11 a.m. Location to be determined.

Improvements to Turnpike Corridor in Montgomery County

Mr. Kraynik stated a meeting is being scheduled for June 25 to discuss possible improvements to the Turnpike corridor in Montgomery County. This effort is being directed by Leo Bagley, the County's Chief Transportation Planner and it has the support of the County Commissioners. Meetings are being held with all the municipalities in Montgomery County that have interchanges in order to garner support for the Turnpike Corridor Reinvestment Project.

Latest Development Projects

Container Store - located at the King of Prussia Mall

Burger King - has been demolished

Carmax – located on South Gulph Road next to Home Depot

Mall Connector – connecting the Plaza and Court – formal Land Development Plan to be submitted next week

Next Development Phase at Village at Valley Forge – A preview meeting has indicated apartments and some retail and possibly some office space. This proposed development will be discussed at an upcoming Board of Supervisors public workshop meeting.

Land Development for Pep Boys – First review at Board of Supervisors Meeting on June 20th

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River

Right-of-way plans are signed and team is reviewing final comments on structure plans. Project let date is scheduled for November or sooner.

Henderson Road Widening

Final PennDOT inspection tomorrow for traffic signals. Glasgow finishing punch list items. Congestion at Church Road is gone and road widening is working well. Ribbon cutting on July 11th was coordinated with Representatives Briggs' office and he is available for that date. Upper Merion Township Chief Information Officer will get the word out.

Community Center

Received firm direction from supervisors at their workshop meeting on May 30th. Under General Engineering, BSA set up a meeting with PennDOT for next Tuesday, June 18th to go through the alternate options. The supervisors preferred the option to allow the back access in and out and a signalized General Caley and General Knox. This would need to go through warrant analysis. PennDOT will be approached to get their "buy-in" on that and then come back to the Authority to determine the next phase to implement design and move forward. Firm direction was also received at the workshop meeting with regard to trails. The trail from Keebler was Priority No. 1 which would provide a nice link from the Community Center to overflow parking. Mr. Smyth will go on site and determine the alignment of that trail in the wooded area and figure out the best location to cross the stream.

PA Turnpike

Mr. Smyth discussed the feasible locations of potential PA turnpike slip ramps in the township. There are 11 locations that were considered as follows: **US 422, North Gulph Road, First Avenue/Moore Road, Goddard Boulevard, Mall Boulevard, Allendale Road, Route 202 at the Service Plaza area, Henderson Road, Crooked Lane, Flint Hill Road and River Road.**

Areas not recommended for further advancement are: **US 422, North Gulph Road, and Goddard Boulevard** because of steep topography and constructability issues.

Areas recommended for further advancement are: **First Avenue and Moore Road**, Mall Boulevard is a tentative "yes" because direct access to the King of Prussia Mall may be attractive to a developer.

Allendale Road is recommended from a feasibility standpoint and it may not be the best from a traffic standpoint. With a favorable traffic analysis it would be recommended for further advancement.

With regard to **Henderson Road**, Mr. Smyth handed out a concept for a westbound off ramp and a westbound on ramp utilizing the Peco property where the towers are located. The concept ties the ramps into the Saulin Boulevard intersection.

Crooked Lane and River Road are not being recommended.

Flint Hill Road is being recommended for further advancement. Mr. Kraynik and Mr. Smyth met with the Turnpike Commission last summer regarding this location and Boles, Smyth has developed an Eastbound off ramp and on ramp configuration.

Mr. Smyth stated the next step would be for the County to do a traffic study. He noted from a logistical and constructability standpoint these were the ones that deserved the next look.

Mr. Smyth indicated this information will be presented at the meeting on the 25th.

Metz Engineers

Mr. Smyth indicated Metz Engineers exceeded their budget for inspection services for Henderson Road and per their letter of June 7th to the Township Manager requested a \$7,000 supplement. The supplementary items outside the scope of their original proposal were due to Super Storm Sandy and the Verizon delay.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the \$7,000 supplemental request pursuant to the Metz letter of June 7, 2013 to the Township Manager. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Church Road Bridge

Meeting scheduled on June 13th with Gannett Fleming to discuss their comments with their subconsultants, Ang Associates. Issue concerns the culvert as it relates to comments provided by Gannett Fleming. Mr. Smyth explained how this was supposed to be a bridge project and the culvert was getting into an area where it may not be eligible for bridge money. It will not take a lot of time to go back and make the revision, but it will affect how it is dealt with. Temporary construction easement for Mastrocolla property and O'Hara right-of-way have been obtained. SEPTA right-of-way still being pursued. Depending upon the review process and decisions made at the June 13th meeting, it is estimated advertisements may go out at the end of the year for the start early next year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hiriak provided the budget report for May. Submission to be made to PennDOT for ongoing project reimbursements.

Mr. Meneeley asked for the status of payments to Glasgow. Mr. Smyth responded final clean up items should amount to approximately \$50,000 plus their 5% retainage.

Mr. Meneeley asked for clarification about the retainage. Mr. Smyth responded the retainage is \$172,000.

Mr. Meneeley asked if it would be \$172,000 plus \$50,000. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative and said it would be approximately \$225,000 to complete everything.

REQUISITIONS – JUNE 2013

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 5,254.39	Final Design of the Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River Project work performed 4-1-13 to 4-30-13, INVOICE #13
Boles, Smyth Assoc. Inc.	\$ 19,592.76	For professional services relative to transportation Engineering consulting activity 12-1-12 thru 4-30-13, INVOICE #78
Boles, Smyth Assoc. Inc.	\$ 10,889.98	Henderson Road Ramps and Widening Project, work performed 6-1-12 thru 5-31-13, INVOICE #77
Glasgow, Inc.	\$428,705.42	SR 3029, Section HRD – South Henderson Road Widening Project, INVOICE #10
Norfolk Southern Corporation	\$ 9,471.97	Roadway undercutting, repaving, and utility modifications to Henderson Road under Norfolk Southern tracks, INVOICE #90075342
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory	\$ 472.50	Professional Services 5-2-13 to 5-16-13, INVOICE #30534
Pennoni Associates	\$ 10,929.00	Upper Merion Act 209 Study, Phase 1 and 2, UPRM1201, INVOICE #544541
TOTAL:	\$485,316.02	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "Aye" to approve the June requisitions in the amount of \$485,316.02. 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: