

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for a meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 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**

Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Tad Hershey, Acting Chairman and Treasurer  
Carl Pinto, Secretary  
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)  
Carly Fenske, Esq., Solicitor, Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C  
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance  
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT**

Michael Santillo, Chairman  
Louis Zotti, Vice-Chairman

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "aye" to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2013 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Contract Time Extension, SR 3051, Section C22, Old Betzwood Bridge  
Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Project (MPPMS# 16703)**

Mr. Kraynik stated he is in receipt of a letter from Boles, Smyth Associates requesting an extension for Part II – Final Design for above referenced project agreement to September 30, 2013. This time extension is required for subconsultants to complete the Conceptual Type, Size and Location (TS&L) Plan, Foundation Report and the submission/approval of the Joint Permit Application (JPA) for the Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River project.

**Authority Action:**

It was moved by Mr. Pinto, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the Time Extension to September 30, 2013. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Allendale Road Bridge Maintenance Project**

Construction easement agreements are currently being reviewed by representatives of the King of Prussia Mall and Wilner Properties. Once easements are obtained the project will be let out for bid in the next month or so.

### **Norristown High Speed Line Extension Study**

SEPTA provided a public presentation to the Board of Supervisors at their January 17<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting, and subsequent public meetings were held on January 29, 30 and 31, 2013. The public meetings were well attended and well received. Overall feedback was positive and the initial reaction is favorable to the study and what SEPTA is trying to accomplish to bring the speed line into the Mall area and the Business Park.

### **Pedestrian Trail from Heuser Park to Valley Forge National Historical Park**

Initial resistance from Norfolk Southern to the original design was due to taking the trail adjacent to their active line. After the meeting this past Monday, February 11, 2013, in Harrisburg with the Norfolk Southern Vice President for Pennsylvania and New England, Mr. Kraynik reported the railroad representatives have agreed in concept to allow access for the trail to their inactive spur line which will then go over the creek. An agreement must be entered with the railroad to provide assurance that if the inactive line ever became active again, the structure would have to be removed. That prospect is recognized as highly unlikely. Mr. Kraynik reminded the Authority members of the \$500,000 matching state grant that is available for this project. This project will be given priority because an extension has been granted to access the grant money; however, the project must be under construction by June of 2014, otherwise the grant money will be lost.

A question was asked if the trail bridge would be built over Trout Run. Mr. Kraynik responded in the affirmative and indicated the trail bridge will require a DEP permit. Russ Benner, T&M Associates, is looking at the most inexpensive design to keep it out of the flood plain. Mr. Benner will be at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors workshop meeting to provide an update on the project. Additional funding will be explored.

### **Development Projects**

Target on US 202: Permit was issued for demolition of the lower level of Valley Forge Shopping Center and that is underway as of February 11.

Shake Shack: Board of Supervisors has approved development plans for Shake Shack at Mall and Goddard Boulevard.

Exxon Station site at US 202 and Allendale: Board of Supervisors has approved redevelopment of this site for construction of a Chipotle Restaurant and AT&T store.

Burger King: Next week Board of Supervisors will be considering the development plan for the Burger King with a drive-thru on US 202.

Children's Hospital: The Board of Supervisors will be considering the development plan for Children's Hospital for their new specialty care center at the Village at Valley Forge.

Chili's Restaurant: Last week Board of Supervisors approved redevelopment of Chili's Restaurant at US 202 and South Gulph. Improvements include more efficient internal design, sidewalks and landscaping.

### **Governor's Plan for Transportation Funding**

Mr. Kraynik distributed the "Governor's Plan for Transportation Funding" which was provided by the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association at their monthly board meeting. The

proposed budget includes approximately \$200 million each year for local roads and bridges and \$250 million each year for transit. There are other discussions and plans to be unveiled by state legislators, notably State Senator Rafferty, for additional transportation monies.

Mr. Kraynik outlined some interesting transportation enhancements from a motorist standpoint: replacing the annual vehicle registration with a two-year registration, replacing Pennsylvania's current four-year driver's license with a six-year license, elimination of vehicle registration stickers.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

Getting closer to submitting final PS&E package to PennDOT for advertisement of the project. Currently obtaining final approvals; the major one is the Joint Permit required from PA DEP and Army Corps of Engineers. A major approval was received from PennDOT for the Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Report. The Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is another big element of that and is close to approval. PennDOT will pass the permit on to PA DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers as a condition for granting the Joint Permit approval. Pre-application meetings with DEP have already been held.

The structure over the Schuylkill River Trail has been fully approved. The structure over the Schuylkill River is a Design Build bridge and the Conceptual Type, Size and Location Plan (TS&L) has been submitted to PennDOT. Concurrence just received from National Park Service for design of the bridge at a conceptual level. That is something PennDOT wanted to see before granting their approval. Once PennDOT grants approval, they will look at the foundation report which has been prepared, and it will have to be reviewed by PennDOT's Geotechnical Unit as the last step for that structure. The final structure is the one over Norfolk Southern which is being fully designed by the Boles, Smyth team. The final structure plans are being finalized and should be submitted in the next two weeks for PennDOT review. That is the last step for that structure.

The Right of Way process near completion to grant Right-of-Way clearance. The Special Use Permit has been signed by the Park. This serves as the Temporary Construction Easement for the selected Contractor to work within the Park. A Temporary Construction Easement from the township has been executed. A Memorandum of Agreement is still in the process of getting signed by PennDOT and the National Park Service. These two entities need to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement because this is a project in the Park and there will be different points where the Park needs to be involved during construction. Norfolk Southern has reviewed the draft structure plans previously and were involved in the review during the Type, Size and Location stage. There is no foundation report for that bridge because it is a super structure replacement. The Final Structure Plans will be sent to Norfolk Southern. The final elements, the environmental, design, right of way elements and the utilities and utility clearance are all moving along very well. The gas relocation was a major issue that was worked out to Peco's satisfaction. The final details with Peco are being worked out and will be revised on the plans as needed.

The National Park Service is submitting a Highway Occupancy Permit for the remainder of the trail which would take it from Station Lane down to Route 23. The recommendation is to put a Rapid Flashing Beacon pedestrian crossing where the current crosswalk is located to alert drivers coming from both directions to the fact there is a pedestrian crossing. The National Park Service is going to ask if the township would maintain the Rapid Flashing Beacon. That would be something the township would be doing on behalf of the National Park Service and a request will be brought to the township for consideration.

### **Church Road Bridge**

Comments on the Type, Size and Location Plan for the culvert were received from Gannett Fleming who is acting on behalf of PennDOT as the Project Manager. Everything for the bridge over the SEPTA Route 100 line has been approved. BSA has forwarded the comments to their structural team sub-consultant, Ang Associates, who are in the process of addressing those comments for the culvert and its retaining walls. Once comments are addressed, the borings can be obtained for the Foundation Report, Final Structure Plan, and the project can go out to contractors. Henderson Road will be accepting the detour traffic from Church Road and the timing is working out with the Henderson Road Widening.

### **Relocated North Gulph Road**

Not much action in the last month as efforts are focused on completing the trail project.

### **Henderson Road Widening**

Glasgow has suspended most of their construction activities because of the weather. Mast arms were delivered and their subcontractor, Armour, has been finishing the signal work at the Church Road intersection. Existing foundations will be removed which will free up some area for Glasgow to work. Verizon is finishing up what needs to be done to relocate their utility lines. This is the critical path item because Glasgow cannot work in this area until Verizon has demobilized. Glasgow's schedule is to complete road work by Memorial Day but they have committed to beating the schedule if possible.

### **Shreiner Tree Care**

Mr. Smyth provided an update on discussions between the Solicitor and Shreiner's attorney. A discussion followed wherein Authority members inquired and were informed about the specifics of the proposed agreement to be drafted by the Solicitor.

### Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "Aye" to authorize the Solicitor to draft an agreement according to the terms outlined in the discussion. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

### **Sinkhole Payment from PennDOT**

Mr. Smyth briefed the Authority on his meeting with Scott Fletcher, PennDOT's Head of Services with regard to the payment for the sinkholes on Henderson Road near Saulin Boulevard that opened during and immediately after Superstorm Sandy. He outlined PennDOT's proposal to find another way to delete work from the Henderson Road Widening permit for the mill and overlay between Saulin Boulevard and Monroe Boulevard, an approximate distance of about 700 feet. The proposal is instead to do a pavement marking eradication and then put down new pavement markings.

A brief discussion ensued wherein it was emphasized that the pavement marking removal be done in a clean fashion.

Mr. Smyth indicated he has been in touch with PennDOT to inquire about the state's mill and overlay schedule for this stretch of road and see if it can be moved up. BSA will also convey the Authority's interest about the safety issue of the eradication of the lines and clarify the process going forward on any future sinkholes.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Carly Fenske indicated she would draft the settlement agreement for Shreiner.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance, detailed the budget report balances for January. He reported the \$7,500 was received from Kunda for the fire sprinkler connection. Auditors are scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Last wave of reimbursements sent to PennDOT for processing.

## **REQUISITIONS – FEBRUARY 2013**

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 2,060.53	Relocation of N. Gulph Rd. (SR 3039) for work for 10/01/12 to 12/31/12, Invoice #8
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$26,537.83	Multi-Use Trail Bridge Over the Schuylkill River SR 3051, Section C22, for 12/01/12 to 12/31/12, Invoice #9 (Revised)
Metz Engineers	\$14,718.00	S. Henderson Rd. Widening, 12/02/12 to 12/30/12, Invoice dated 01/09/13
Glasgow, Inc.	\$96,450.33	Henderson Rd. Widening SR 3029, Section HRD, Invoice #7, for period ending 1/26/13
Pennoni Associates, Inc.	\$11,596.00	Act 209 Study, for services thru 09/02/12, Invoice #: 521180
Pennoni Associates, Inc.	\$ 5,798.00	Act 209 Study, for services thru: 10/28/12, Invoice #: 527338
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, PC	\$ 445.50	Professional Services 1/9/13 to 1/28/13, Invoice #: 30319
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 157,606.19</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 \$157,606.19. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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

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**MICHAEL SANTILLO**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered: