

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

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for a meeting on Wednesday, March 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

Louis Zotti, Vice-Chairman
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)
Joseph Pizonka, Esq., Solicitor, Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Michael Santillo, Chairman
Marvin Meneeley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

It was moved by Mr. Pinto, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "aye" to approve the meeting minutes of February 13, 2013 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Assessment Resolution 2013-01

Mr. Kraynik stated Resolution 2013-01 reflects the construction inflation figure of 2.6% that will increase the Highway Assessment from \$2,018 to \$2,070 per trip for 2013. It is calculated as it has been in the past utilizing the percentage from the Municipal Cost Index. Once the Act 209 study has been completed by Pennoni Associates, these fees will be based on the study's findings. An update of the Act 209 effort will be provided to the Authority at next month's meeting.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Pinto, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2013-01 setting the Highway Assessment at \$2,070 per trip for this calendar year. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

Henderson Road Landscaping Agreement with King of Prussia Business Improvement District (BID)

Mr. Smyth stated BSA approached the BID about landscaping on Henderson Road to ask if the BID would be willing to partner with the Authority to fund the landscaping on Henderson Road. The BID

agreed to substantially increase the \$25,000 investment that was included in the original contract with Glasgow funded by the PA Infrastructure Bank Loan and non-reimbursable.

BSA's Landscape Architect, Menke & Menke, has designed a Landscaping Plan that has been reviewed by the BID. They will be paid under BSA's design contract that is reimbursable with PennDOT. The BID is willing to partner with the Authority for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the project landscaping on Henderson Road. Glasgow will have their subcontractor Valley Seeding procure landscaping materials and install everything under the contract because there is a Highway Occupancy Permit they can use. Glasgow will separate out these items to have an itemized bill that will be paid by the Authority, then reimbursed by the BID.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Pinto, to pay for landscaping up to an amount not to exceed \$75,000 that will then be forwarded onto the BID for reimbursement for landscaping on the project. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

Henderson Road Property Owner Landscaping Maintenance Agreement Letter Authorization

BSA has approached all property owners receiving plants, trees, or shrubs and received commitments from them to maintain the planted material. There is a one year or one time replacement guarantee (one year after planting). A formal letter of commitment will be sent from the Authority to the property owners who have already granted verbal or email commitments to maintain installed landscaping. Authorization is needed by the Authority to follow up with those property owners with an Authority letter which memorializes their verbal/email commitments. The only area not covered by maintenance agreement with property owners is around the Norfolk Southern abutment at Church Road; however, the BID has committed to maintaining those small areas.

Mr. Zotti asked the Solicitor to prepare an appropriate Authority letter to be sent to the property owners.

Mr. Zotti asked if the installer will present the guarantee to the Transportation Authority. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative. He said it would be Glasgow's subcontractor, Valley Seeding.

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Hershey, seconded by Mr. Pinto, to issue a letter of authorization, prepared by the Solicitor, to the property owners for the maintenance commitment. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Pedestrian Trail from Heuser Park to Valley Forge National Historical Park

Mr. Kraynik stated the issue with Norfolk Southern has been resolved. The design engineer, T&M Associates, received approval from the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the design which will utilize an inactive spur of that line to allow a crossing over the creek at the most advantageous spot to keep it out of the flood plain. Previously Norfolk Southern was insisting on a structure that would provide 23 feet clearance above the rail line. Successful meetings were held in Harrisburg so that

the crossing will be at grade thereby minimizing the cost increase to approximately \$60,000. A requirement of the \$500,000 grant is to have this project under construction by July 2014.

Development Projects

Burger King: On February 21, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved the land development for the new Burger King with a drive-thru on US 202.

Children's Hospital: On February 21, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved the development plan for the new specialty care facility for Children's Hospital located at North Gulph Road. Groundbreaking and construction is anticipated in the next few months.

Exxon Station site at US 202 and Allendale: Final consideration for the redevelopment of this site for construction of a Chipotle Restaurant and AT&T store is on the Board of Supervisors agenda for March 14th.

Traffic Impact Study for the King of Prussia Mall Connection: Under review by the McMahon Associates is a traffic impact study for the Mall's connection which will connect the Plaza to the Court.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Henderson Road Widening

Glasgow has started back up full time and their plan is to be done by Memorial Day; however, they are working to complete sooner. Verizon relocations have prevented Glasgow from widening on the east side of Henderson Road, south of Church Road. Verizon now has full-time forces working on the utility relocation which is being done at their cost. Verizon indicated they will be out by the end of next week which frees Glasgow to get into that final area of widening. This is three months later than originally estimated. In the meantime, Glasgow is finishing sidewalk and signal work and getting into the final grading and seeding. Glasgow is getting everything else ready so that once that area opens up they can proceed with final work. A Progress Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25 to go through final comments and issues with Glasgow and the township.

Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River

Erosion and Sediment (E&S) approval received. This was a critical path element so that BSA could submit for the Joint Permit. The Joint Permit for the River Bridge has been submitted to PennDOT for their final review and will then be submitted to DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between PennDOT and the National Park Service (NPS) was delivered from PennDOT to the NPS on March 13th. The MOA outlines the steps through final design and construction phases for the NPS acceptance of the Trail and River/Norfolk Southern Bridges. Utility clearances are going well on the project. Final structures approvals and the Joint Permit are the two critical path elements needed to get out to bid.

Church Road Bridge

Gannett Fleming inquired about the configuration of the culvert going under Church Road, specifically about whether it is worthwhile to try and save a pipe to keep the cost down. It might make more sense to just take the pipe out and go with two new pipes as opposed to one existing pipe.

Mr. Philips asked when it is anticipated to go out to bid. Mr. Smyth responded it is likely toward the end of the year when Henderson Road is completed at which time traffic will be detoured from Church Road to Henderson Road. He indicated he would get a more complete picture on the bid timing by the next meeting. He also indicated that the bridge over the SEPTA Route 100 line has been approved.

Mr. Philips asked if construction could begin in 2014. Mr. Smyth responded in the affirmative, most likely early 2014.

New BSA Employee

Mr. Smyth announced that Ron Wagenmann will be joining the BSA team part-time.

422 Interchange Trooper Road

Mr. Philips asked about the status of the 422 Interchange Trooper Road and the realignment on the Valley Forge Park side. Mr. Smyth responded the Trooper Road Interchange Project is being done through PennDOT and Urban Engineers/Amman&Whitney, and they are basically on the same path as we are for the trail project and they are very close to going out to bid. The construction activities will be ongoing simultaneously. A special provision was added about concurrent work with the two different contractors.

Mr. Philips asked when construction will commence. Mr. Smyth responded if they go out to bid in the next two months, construction could begin sometime this fall.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pizonka provided an update on the Shreiner's pump situation, and a discussion followed about various options.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance, detailed the budget report for February. He reported the Authority received approximately \$100,000 back from the state on reimbursements submitted for last year's reimbursable projects. Waiting on one more to come through on the trail. PennDOT has done a good job turning the money around quickly. Gearing up for the audit of the Authority next month after tax season.

REQUISITIONS – FEBRUARY 2013

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$30,162.93	Final Design of the Multi-Use Trail Bridge over the Schuylkill River Project, January 1 – January 31, 2013, Invoice #10
Metz Engineers	\$14,076.00	S. Henderson Rd. Widening, Project No. M7519, 12/31/12 to 02/03/13, Inv. Dated February 11, 2013
Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory	\$ 675.00	Professional Services, Invoice #30375, 2/6/13 thru 2/27/13
Upper Merion Twp.	\$15,669.00	Expenses incurred and Advanced by the Twp. General Fund for 2012

			Expenses for the Transportation Authority
TOTAL:		\$60,582.93	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Pinto, seconded by Mr. Hershey, all voting "Aye" to approve the March requisitions in the amount of \$60,582.93. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Philips stated he had a chance to talk to Greg Waks before the meeting about the proposed Community Center and he wanted to make sure the Authority was still looking at the Valley Forge Road traffic situation between Caley and Keebler Road. Mr. Smyth responded he has been in touch with Dan Russell, Director, Parks and Recreation, about some conceptual ideas for dealing with the traffic flow. Mr. Kraynik suggested that a meeting be set up with him, Jack Smyth, Dan Russell, and the Community Center architect in coming up with some recommendations on how to deal with the traffic. Mr. Philips stated traffic calming, ingress/egress needs to be reviewed.

A brief discussion followed about possible options and connections to the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

LOUIS A. ZOTTI
VICE CHAIRPERSON

Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: