

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**April 14, 2021 Meeting – 7:00PM**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 via the Township's Zoom virtual meeting platform. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Tom Kohler, Chair  
Andrew Bahmueller, Vice Chair  
Carlton Stuart, Secretary  
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer  
Lou Zotti, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Greg Philips, Board Liaison  
Noah Marlier, Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC  
Jack Smyth, Engineer, Boles, Smyth Associates, Inc.  
Nick Hiriak, Director of Finance  
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works  
Rob Erickson, Hughes Park Civic Association

**NEW BUSINESS:**

For the East Church Road Bridge Project, Mr. Smyth presented a change order request from Road-Con, Inc. in the amount of \$9,702.73 for the relocation of PennDOT fiber optic lines adjacent to East Church Road (unforeseen because PennDOT typically does not respond to PA One Call requests). Mr. Zotti inquired whether the Authority would bear the full cost, and Mr. Smyth replied that costs would be shared between the County and the Authority.

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the fiber optic line change order in the amount of \$9,702.73. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Hamaday was unable to attend the Transportation Authority Meeting because his presence was required at the Planning Commission Meeting held at the same time. No report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Smyth presented status updates for the following projects: Relocated North Gulph Road, Granite Block Restoration at Valley Forge Monument, Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line, Prince Frederick Extension, and the Potential New PATK Interchange at Henderson Road (cf. attached report).

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

No report.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Mr. Hickman reported that the Township is receiving a substantial number of complaints regarding the traffic impacts due to the combination of PennDOT's SR-320 at Hanging Rock Project and PECO's Gas Main Installation Project along Matsonford Road. In an effort to assist the residents in this section of Upper Merion, the Township engaged the Police Department's Traffic Unit along the detour route.

Mr. Hickman also noted a complaint submitted by a resident who lives at the corner of Charles Street and Crooked Lane, who has requested that the intersection be converted to an all-way stop. The Director noted that it is unlikely PennDOT will take this under consideration since it the conditions here do not warrant an all-way stop.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:**

Mr. Hiriak told the Authority he had no report other than the financial data he had sent previously to each member.

**REQUISITIONS:**

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the April 14 ,2021 requisitions in the amount of \$393,419.62. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Erickson expressed his thanks to the Authority because truck traffic along Crooked Lane has decreased. However, he noted the intersection of Yerkes Road and Crooked Road is still problematic—motorists drive across the newly-striped gore area. He also requested that "STOP" be painted on the pavement instead of just relying on the stop bar. With the new configuration, the stop sign is further from the stop bar. Further, he noted that several traffic signs have been damaged/struck by vehicles and asserted that the advance warning signs installed on Shoemaker Road and Yerkes Road were installed relatively close to the intersection. Mr. Erickson inquired whether Mr. Hamaday had contacted hauling apps to discuss the truck restrictions. Mr. Hickman replied that the app may be responsible for the traffic improvements, but police enforcement has also had a positive impact. Mr. Smyth noted that the contractor is responsible for inspecting and maintaining signs along the detour route, so Road-Con would be tasked with replacing the damaged signs. Mr. Erickson then requested the completion date for the project, and Mr. Smyth noted it would be completed at the end of 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, on a motion by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Bahmueller, the meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

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**THOMAS KOHLER  
CHAIR**