

UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
September 8, 2021 Meeting – 7:00PM

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the Upper Merion Township Building and 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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the general public. Mr. Kohler disclosed that the Authority members met in an executive session to discuss professional services.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all members voted "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes from August 11, 2021. Motion approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Smyth informed the Authority that two proposals were received to provide professional services in support of the Authority's new Act 209 Study: Pennoni Associates, Inc. and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. Mr. Smyth then reviewed the selection criteria with the Authority members, noting that both firms were qualified to perform the study. The consensus of the Authority was that Pennoni provided the stronger proposal. It was moved by Mr. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Bahmueller with all members voting "Aye" to enter into an agreement with Pennoni Associates, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$111,452.00. 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 PennDOT's Hanging Rock at SR 320 Project was progressing, although an updated schedule has not yet been released. Additionally, he noted that PW crews have been focused on storm recovery efforts from the Mid-August storm and Hurricane Ida.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Hiriak told the Authority several deposits have been received, including \$108K from a new development and approximately \$200K as a reimbursement from Aqua. Workhorse Brewing has continued making their monthly payments and is on track to pay off their impact fee at year's end. Lastly, the Authority released the ninth of ten payments on the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Loan this past month.

REQUISITIONS:

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the September 8, 2021 requisitions in the amount of \$509,603.48. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the general public. Mr. Zotti inquired about the Mancill Mill development proposal that was discussed at the August meeting, and Mr. Hickman noted that no new information had been received from the developer. The Authority discussed the need for clear definitions/criteria for onsite versus offsite improvements and how these guidelines could be applied to future developments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Authority, on a motion by Mr. Kohler the meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.

THOMAS KOHLER
CHAIR