

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**April 13, 2022 Meeting – 7:00PM**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Andrew Bahmueller, Chair  
Tom Kohler, Vice Chair  
Carlton Stuart  
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer  
Lou Zotti, Secretary/Treasurer  
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.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2022 Authority meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Zotti made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, to amend the April meeting Agenda to add proposed resolution for the Authority's consideration authorizing a request for funding for the Henderson Road Widening Project to the US. Congress for consideration in the FY2023 Budget. Motion approved 4-0

1. Resolution No. 2022-1 Authorization to submit the Henderson Road Widening Project funding request to the US. Congress for consideration in the FY2023 Budget.

It was moved by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution No 2022-1. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Hamaday provided the Authority member with an update on the following proposed development projects in the Township:

- Discovery Labs (former GSK site) – Swedeland Road – The owner of the property who has submitted a land development plan for the construction of 1 million additional square feet of office and research and development/life science space on the property. The proposal is currently being reviewed by staff and the Planning Commission.
- Wayfair – The Staff has met with representatives of Simon properties and Wayfair, Inc on the possible conversion of the vacant JC Penney store at the king of Prussia Mall into a Wayfair Store. This would be Wayfair's first brick and mortar store.

- Amazon is proceeding with their plans for the conversion of the property at 260 Moore Road into a new 130,000 sq. ft last mile distribution center. The staff has meet with Amazon representatives and consultants and is awaiting the formal submission of land development plans.

#### **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 Act 209 Update Request for Consultant Qualifications. (cf. attached report).

Mr. Smyth indicated that he is looking into a revision to the bridge foundation design which would change the driven pile system to a drilled shaft system in order to eliminate the need for shutting down the power lines as well as reduce costs for SEPTA monitoring and field involvement. The redesign has been to PennDot. Mr. Kohler suggested the new design seems like a better solution so why wasn't it the original design. Mr. Smyth indicated that cost was the factor.

Mr. Kohler indicated that in the past, the Authority would take a caravan tour of the various ongoing projects and suggested that they do so again. Mr. Hamaday will look into scheduling.

Mr. Smyth also informed that Authority that PennDOT will shortly be advertising for the Trout Creek Bridge (Sr 23) Relocation Project.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

No report.

#### **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

PennDot 320 Widening project - Mr. Hickman reported to the Authority that the 320-widening project at Hanging Rock may be completed by mid-May but PennDot has not provided a projected date.

Candlebrook Area Sewer Relining project – Mr. Hickman indicated that the Township's sewer line re-lining project has started so he expects lane closures and detours in the area.

Facilities Locating and Marking Service Contract – USIC Locating Services. Mr. Hickman informed that Authority that the Township is now utilizing USIC Services for PA One Calls instead of Township personnel.

Mr. Phillips asked if anyone had any information of PennDot's Hard Shoulder Running Lanes on the Schuylkill Expressway. Mr. Smyth indicated that PennDot is still working on the process.

Mr. Bahmueller asked about the status of the Turnpike off-ramp onto South Gulph Road. Mr. Smyth indicated that it is not on PennDot's project list. Mr. Hamaday reminded the Authority that Realen Homes will be contributing funds to the Authority for any future project at the Turnpike Off-ramp/Town Center intersection

#### **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT:**

Mr. Hiriak told the Authority that the current account balances are approximately \$1,155,647.12 as outlined in his Report. He also indicated that the audit would be starting in a few weeks.

#### **REQUISITIONS:**

It was moved by Mr. Zotti, seconded by Mr. Meneeley, all voting "Aye" to approve the April 13, 2022 requisitions in the amount of \$38,823,574.14. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no comments from the general public.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Authority, on a motion by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Zotti, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

  
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Andrew Bahmueller, Chairman