

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**July 12, 2023 Meeting – 7:00 PM**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Andrew Bahmueller, Chair  
Tom Kohler, Vice Chair  
Lou Zotti, Secretary  
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer  
Andrew Kang, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Noah Marlier, Solicitor, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell, & Lupin, PC  
Jack Smyth, Engineer, Boles, Smyth Associates, Inc.  
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works  
Chris Basler, KOP-BID  
Peter Simone, Simone Collins Landscape Architecture  
Anita Nardone, Simone Collins Landscape Architecture  
Rob Erickson, Resident of Hughes Park  
Vicki Walsh, Resident of Hughes Park

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Renaissance Business Park Connectivity Study Presentation: The King of Prussia Business Improvement District (KOP-BID) and its consultant, Simone Collins Landscape Architecture, presented an ongoing study to the Authority to improve pedestrian and bicyclist mobility throughout Renaissance Business Park. The study has conducted several public meetings to obtain insights and recommendations from the community, and the final draft is scheduled to be released in December 2023. Pete Simone and Anita Nardone asked the Authority for any suggestions regarding the study, and the Authority affirmed its support of the study and looks forward to seeing the findings and recommendations of the final report.

2. South Gulph Road & Henderson Road Widening – Act 209 Project Design: Jack Smyth informed the Authority that due to cost overruns on existing construction projects, PennDOT is reviewing projects on the TIP to de-fund to cover their costs. Because the design of the South Gulph Road & Henderson Road Widening Project has not progressed, PennDOT contacted the Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) to determine whether funding to this project could be pulled. Matt Edmund of MCPC contacted Mr. Smyth to schedule a meeting to discuss PennDOT's proposed action, and the Authority instructed Mr. Smyth to meet with the County to develop a plan of action to keep the project moving forward.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Due to facilitating the Planning Commission Meeting, Tony Hamaday could not attend the Authority Meeting. Geoff Hickman reported to the Authority that Mr. Hamaday had sent a letter to the Stonebrook developer directing them to pay the past due traffic impact fee. Several members of the Authority asked the Solicitor what legal means are available to the Authority to ensure fee collection (e.g. liens, charging of interest, etc.). The Solicitor advised the Authority that because the fee was required under the land development agreement approved by the Township, the Authority should allow the Township Manager and the Township Solicitor to continue pursuing the actions already set in motion. The Authority instructed Mr. Hickman to have the Township keep the Authority apprised of any developments regarding the collection of the fee from Stonebrook.

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**ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Mr. Smyth provided updates to the Authority on the Relocated North Gulph Road Project (including the proposed North Gulph Trail), the closeout of the Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line Project, the Prince Frederick Extension Technical Proposal, and the Act 209 Study.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Noah Marlier had nothing significant to report.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT:**

Mr. Hickman informed the Authority that the US 202 sinkhole remediation was just completed, with traffic restored in both directions of East DeKalb Pike. He further noted that PA-23 at Mancill Mill Road was currently closed due to a tree that had fallen into power lines; PECO and PennDOT were actively working to remove the tree and reopen the road to traffic. Lastly, Mr. Hickman reported that the Township’s road resurfacing program was ongoing, with ADA ramp installation nearly finished and milling operations to commence in less than two weeks.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Nick Hiriak was unable to attend the Authority Meeting, so he provided his financial report to the Authority Members via email. Given the low balance of funds, the Authority wanted to confirm that although they would authorize payment of all requisitions, Mr. Hiriak would not release all payments until expected reimbursements were received. Mr. Hickman confirmed that was Mr. Hiriak’s intent.

**REQUISITION APPROVALS:**

**On a by Tom Kohler, seconded by Lou Zotti, the Authority voted to approve the July 2023 requisitions in the amount of \$90,318.03, subject to the availability of funds. The motion carried 5-0, all members voting “Aye.”**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Vicki Walsh of 257 Lawndale Avenue requested that a sight distance issue at the corner of South Gulph Road and West Church Road be addressed by the Township. Mr. Hickman informed her that Public Works would inspect the issue and ensure it was corrected.

Rob Erickson of Hughes Park thanked the Authority for the completion of the East Church Road Bridge Project, but noted that a potential sight distance issue remained at the corner of East Church Road and Yerkes Road. Mr. Hickman replied that Public Works would review the issue. Mr. Erickson then discussed his views on the Renaissance Park connectivity study, noting that the connection between Crooked Lane and Renaissance Boulevard would be problematic for motorists and would negatively impact the residents along Crooked Lane.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business to come before the Authority, on a motion by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Kang, the Authority unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM.**

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**Andrew Bahmueller, Chair**