

**UPPER MERION TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MARCH 11, 2020**

The members of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Tom Kohler, Chairman
Andrew Bahmueller, Vice-Chairman
Carlton Stuart, Secretary (via telephone)
Marvin Meneeley, Treasurer
Geoff Hickman, Director of Public Works
Greg Philips, BOS Liaison
Noah Marlier, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, PC
Jack Smyth, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers, Boles Smyth Associates, Inc., (BSA)

Absent:

Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Missy Morales, Staff Liaison
Lou Zotti, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Anthony Hamaday, Executive Secretary

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

It was moved by Mr. Bahmueller, seconded by Mr. Stuart, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of Feb 12, 2020 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT- None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

**Relocated North Gulph Road, SR 0023 Section 2NG
(Including Granite Block Restoration at Valley Forge Monument)**

Mr. Smyth stated there is a meeting in regards to the Utility Clearance process. The major utilities are PECO, Verizon, and AQUA. PennDOT is determining that even though there was relocation about ten years ago in regards to another project, because of that, they will move a second time into the alignment of the relocated North Gulph Road and they will be reimbursed for that. For the Section 106 consultation, everything is going through the process with a revised effects report which states that there is no adverse effect. The National Park Service is advancing concurrence letters for two PennDOT processes in regards to Section 4(f), and the Federal Land Transfer. The National Park Service has stated the Environmental Clearance needs to be approved before they can formally submit that application. BSA is finalizing a draft alignment of a trail location down from the park entrance to the ranger station and this is in regards to the Independent Trail that is being advanced. Coordination on the stormwater design in regards to stormwater basins. A Safety Review will be submitted in the next two weeks for the Granite Curve Project.

SR 0023, Section TCB – PA Trout Creek Bridge

The Safety Review meeting at PennDOT was held in the end of February. The meeting went well but there was no indication whether it would be approved or not. The biggest questions and comments were in regards to the type of guiderail that is going along Valley Forge or Beidler Road. There were

also questions in regards to traffic control, and pavement marking. The more substantive comment was in regards to the super elevation of the road. BSA is reviewing and revising the super elevation through the site and the corridor. Early next week there will be plans to transmit back to PennDOT. BSA anticipates the Safety Review to be approved after review of the plans. PennDOT did advertise for final design services on the bridge starting on February 14, 2020.

Church Road Bridge over SEPTA Route 100 Line

Mr. Smyth stated the PS&E Package was submitted on February 18, 2020 to Gannett Fleming. That would be all of the plans, special provisions, design items, cost estimate, and construction schedule. The outstanding items that were not at hand at that time were the PECO Gas Reimbursement Agreement and the AQUA Reimbursement Agreement. Both agreements were signed and executed on February 25, 2020. These two agreements were needed to get the Utility Clearance. The Railroad Certification from SEPTA is another outstanding item. The Transfer Agreement is another thing that needs to happen before advertisement.

Prince Frederick Extension (PFE)

There was a meeting with the Glasgow Development Team. The outcome of the meeting was that the Glasgow Development Team was directed to provide a design per salvo and a design as is, what are the differences and improvements, and what is the monetary value associated with that.

Potential New PA Turnpike Interchange at Henderson Road

Continued coordination with DVRCP so they can move forward on their projections.

RFP for ACT 209 Study

Mr. Smyth stated the action has already been taken to advertise. A discussion ensued regarding clarifying how to advertise.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT-

Mr. Marlier reported Realen contacted him regarding having one more parcel receive land development and a discussion ensued regarding the matter.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Hickman reported that Mr. Rob Loeper received two new development plans. One is a subdivision of two residential units and there are no traffic impact fees there. The other is to be determined, hotel renovations that are taking place off of South Gulph Road. Mr. Hickman also reported that PECO has a gas line replacement project that will be kicking off sometime in the fall. It will affect Matsonford Road to Haven Road and Jones Road area. In addition, there is the Road Improvement program which the Township undertakes and it includes about twenty roads this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Kohler read Mr. Hiriak’s email, reporting no major changes.

REQUISITIONS – March 11, 2020

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 7,817.96	Trout Creek Bridge (SR 0023) Period 1-1-20 thru 1-31-20 INVOICE #47
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 5,589.91	Relocation of North Gulph Road (SR 3039) for Period 1-1-20 thru 1-1-20 INVOICE #74

Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 11,473.64	Transportation Engineering Consult Services Invoice #104 Period 10-1-19 thru 12-31-19
Boles, Smyth Assoc., Inc.	\$ 25,733.63	Prince Frederick Extension Planning Study Period 7-1-19 thru 2-29-20 Final Invoice #9
Upper Merion Township	\$ 21,581.00	Authority Reimbursement to General Fund for 2019 Expenses
TOTAL:	\$72,196.14	

Authority Action:

It was moved by Mr. Meneeley, seconded by Mr. Bahmueller, all voting "Aye" to approve the March 11, 2020 requisitions in the amount of \$72,196.14. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned.

THOMAS KOHLER
CHAIRMAN

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: