

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
Monday, August 1, 2022

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 1, 2022, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

Board Members:

John Hertzner – Excused
William Kammerer – Present
Mark Scappe - Present
James Vitale – Present
Tom Weaver - Present

Also, in Attendance:

Austin P. Henry, Esq., Mills & Henry
Mike Hnat, TranSystems
Nate Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group
Damon Rhodes, Larson design Group

Call to Order

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Scappe conducted roll call. Mr. Hertzner was excused.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Kammerer to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of June 2022. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Weaver to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 2022. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion passed 4-0.

Payment of June and July Invoices

Motion by Mr. Weaver to pay June and July 2022 invoices as submitted by the Executive Director. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.

Cash Flow Update

In reviewing the financial reports included in the packets, Mr. Henry pointed out that the final payment to PennDOT for the construction of the Robert E. Harper Interchange was approved in June and the check was issued in June, but the check was not transacted by PennDOT until July, thus the July posting. Comment was made by Mr. Scappe and Mr. Weaver regarding the slightly improved financial situation resulting from the conservative budgeting on the Harper Interchange project. Mr. Henry reported that MTA has received drawdown requests from the ACAA against the \$250k grant on the Ewing Road improvements. After the draw, there remains approximately \$147k to be paid on that grant. Approval covered by action approving payment of invoices.

Mr. Henry further reported that Executive Director Colosi is in the process of preparing a master forecast of LERTA revenue from Marketplace Boulevard development.

2019 GEDF Grant Audit

Mr. Henry explained that the GEDF grant funding closeout requires an audit report confirming the use of funds. Turnley & Associates has submitted a reasonable proposal (\$1500) for the completion of the audit report.

Motion by Mr. Kammerer to authorize Turnley & Associates to complete the GEDF audit. Motion passed 4-0.

Robert E. Harper Interchange

Mr. Henry reported that ACCD conducted a thorough inspection of the stormwater mitigation facilities constructed by MTA as a component of the Interchange project. Executive Director Colosi participated in the inspection as did Karen Mueser from TranSystems (formerly LR Kimball). ACCD sent MTA a report that all aspects of the mitigation were properly constructed/performed with two minor exceptions, a stormwater outlet that needed to be cleaned and some small replanting.

Stevenson Mill Connector/Rouser Road Connector

Mr. Henry reported that Stevenson Mill Connector design work is presently paused after preliminary engineering but will be recommenced when funds become available to proceed with the final design phase. Mr. Hnat reported that the Geotech reports should be ready for the Board's review at the next meeting. They are also assessing whether there is enough easement width for drive connectors. He further reported that he and Ms. Colosi had a meeting with the owners of the mini-mall at University Blvd. and they were looking at drive access from Rouser Rd. after turning from University Blvd. There was some discussion by Board members regarding the extent of property needed for right of way at the intersection of University and Rouser.

Market Place District Improvements

Mr. Henry reported that Executive Director Colosi will be scheduling and preparing for a public meeting for property owners and government officials to present them with the status of the transportation improvement projects. He also reported that Congressman Lamb's office has advised that the Bill with earmarked transportation funds, including \$3.5M in funds for the Market Place Improvements, passed the House and is currently in the Senate.

Mr. Rhodes reported that the Larson-prepared transportation impact study is currently being reviewed by PennDOT. He further stated that a few final design items were being reclassified as within the scope of preliminary design. This would result in an increase in the cost of preliminary design by \$245k, with a like-amount reduction in final design cost. The cost of final design would be reduced to approximately \$580k, with no net increase in design cost.

Motion by Mr. Weaver to approve Work Order No. 1.4 expanding the scope of preliminary design contingent upon the precise amount of the increased cost being deducted from the cost of final design previously approved by the Board. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Scappe raised concern about proceeding with design, and the associated costs, without the participation of neighboring municipalities that will benefit from improvements along Montour run Road, i.e., Findlay, North Fayette, and Robinson. A discussion took place involving all Board members regarding communications with representatives of those municipalities, the timing, and strategy for seeking their participation.

It was determined that it would be prudent to wait two weeks before proceeding with design work under Work Order No. 1.4 while Executive Director Colosi reports on status of communications with neighboring municipalities. Mr. Rhodes agreed to wait two weeks before proceeding.

There being no further business before the MTA Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.