

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
Monday, November 1, 2021

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, November 1, 2021, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

Board Members:

Michael Hauser – Present
John Hertzner – Present
Mark Scappe - Present
James Vitale – Present
Tom Weaver - Present

Also, in Attendance:

Lynn Colosi, Delta Development Group, Inc.
Austin P. Henry, Esq., Mills & Henry
Todd Alexander, Esq., Mills & Henry
Mike Hnat, TranSystems
Nate Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group

Call to Order

Mr. Scappe called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Scappe conducted roll call. Mr. Hauser arrived at 6:31 p.m.

Prior to conducting the meeting, Mr. Scappe honored Mr. Joseph Wise, a former and longtime MTA Board member that passed away in October. The Board honored Mr. Wise with a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Weaver to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of October 2021. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.

Financials

a. Approval of September/October 2021 Invoices

Ms. Colosi presented the invoices for September/October 2021. She reported that MTA received full face amount of Tapestry's LERTA RAP diversion in the amount of \$83,202, which completes the 2021 diversions from property owners for the exempted school district real estate taxes.

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to approve payment of September/October 2021 invoices. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

b. 2021 Cash Flow

Ms. Colosi presented 2021 Cash Flow Chart, which illustrates actual year-to-date expenses and forecasts MTA's year-end cash position. According to forecasts, MTA currently anticipates ending 2021 with a balance of \$664,976 to carry over into 2022.

c. LERTA RAP Revenues

The Township issued Building Permits to Sheetz on University Boulevard for demolition and construction of a new modern convenience store and to Watermark for a multifamily apartment complex located at Market Place District. Ms. Colosi reported that she contacted respective property owners to consider diversion and contribution of their real estate tax exemptions to MTA for a 10-year period.

d. Funding Strategy Update

i. ARP Projects Submission to Senator Robinson

Mr. Colosi reported that she and Mr. Scappe set up a meeting to present Senator Devlin Robinson with a two (2) year request for American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds (the same request made previously to Representative Gaydos) and to update the Senator on latest MTA happenings. The meeting will be held November 16th.

ii. GEDT Application for Market Place District Improvements Final Design

Ms. Colosi reported that MTA submitted application to Allegheny County's Gaming and Economic Development Tourism Fund for Final Design of Market Place District Improvements. The request was for \$469,062 with a match contribution of \$117,266 from MTA. A successful award will not only enable MTA to complete design of the Market Place project but will also enable MTA to utilize other funds to complete Final Design of Stevenson Mill Connector and University Blvd/Offsites projects. Award announcements are anticipated in the first quarter 2022.

The Board asked Ms. Colosi to update County Councilmen Demarco and Baker on the ARP projects and GEDTF application submissions.

iii. Federal Appropriation for Market Place District Improvements

Ms. Colosi reiterated that Congressman Conor Lamb selected Market Place District Improvements as one of four priority community earmark projects in his District. Community projects, according to Ms. Colosi, were first expected to be included in the infrastructure bill and then the Build Back Better bill. However, as result of negotiations, Community projects will be considered during Committee Appropriations' processes that are being negotiated in November and December, according to Congressman Lamb's District Director. Ms. Colosi will keep the Board apprised of the outcome.

Project Updates

a. Thorn Run Interchange Project

i. Project Close-Out/Punch List Items

Delivery and installation of a 6' mast arm for a highway lighting pole on the ramp to Business I-376 continues to be the only outstanding Project item. The mast arm is a special item that is on back order and is now anticipated to be delivered mid to late November. Ms. Colosi will keep the Board apprised of progress.

ii. Right-of-Way

Right-of-Way, according to Mr. Henry, remains status quo from previous month's report. Required documents were previously submitted to Jackie Evans at PennDOT District 11 for her review and approval. However, Ms. Evans cannot process the documents because the Thorn Run project, according to PennDOT guidelines, is not technically finished. Mr. Hnat suggested an approach to make the case that the Thorn Run project in the Marriott area is complete even though the overall project is not considered complete because the mast arm hasn't yet been delivered or installed. Mr. Hnat and Mr. Henry agreed to develop this approach and discuss it with Ms. Evans.

b. Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC)/Rouser Road Connector (RRC)/Offsites

In the absence of Mr. Krul and Mr. Rusiewicz, Mr. Hnat provided updates on RRC, SMC, and Offsites projects. Regarding to RRC Final Design, Mr. Hnat reported that the team is still analyzing the retaining wall including using pre-cast forms and continuing geotechnical work. TranSystems also continued coordination with the Army on their fence project.

SMC and Offsites projects are completing Preliminary Engineering activities and are status quo.

c. Market Place District Improvements Project

Mr. Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group (LDG), Project Manager, provided an update on Preliminary Engineering of Montour Run Road and Market Place Boulevard. LDG is working toward accomplishing the Design Field View submission in December or January at

the latest. Mr. Hokenbrough reported that to achieve a 10-to-12-foot shared use bike and pedestrian path along the north side of Market Place Boulevard, a \$2 million retaining wall will be needed to shore up the hillside for installation of said shared use path. Mr. Hokenbrough described other more cost effective and efficient solutions to expending \$2 million for a retaining wall, including a different slope cut option that could accommodate a 5-foot sidewalk and accomplishing the bike path solution on Hershinger Road. Using Hershinger Road as a trail and park has been discussed previously with the Township, which likes this option. MTA's Board expressed its desire to further investigate and pursue the Hershinger Road option as well.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Other Items of Interest

The Board will not hold a meeting in December due to the holidays commensurate with past practice. When the December meeting is cancelled, MTA typically implements a two-step process for electronic review and approval of monthly invoices and payments.

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to authorize the Executive Director and Solicitor to review and approve December's invoices with formal ratification at January's Board meeting. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Scappe and MTA's Board recognized the leadership, excellence, and contribution of member Michael Hauser, who is completing his term on MTA's Board of Directors at the end of the year. Mr. Hauser's insight, advise and expertise in leading the MTA and accomplishing critical transportation and economic development initiatives has been invaluable. Mr. Hauser will be missed.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Motion to Adjourn

The next meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Moon Township Municipal Building.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Weaver at 6:59 p.m. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 5-0.