

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
Monday, October 5, 2020

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108.

Board Members:

Michael Hauser – Present
John Hertzler –Excused
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
David Toal, The Toal Law Firm
Brian Krul, TranSystems
Lisa R. DeRosa-Costanza, Public

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Mr. Scappe conducted roll call. All Board members were present except Mr. Hertzler who was excused.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Vitale to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of September 2020. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 4-0.

Financials

a. Payment of July/August 2020 Invoices

Ms. Colosi presented and explained receipts and invoices for July/August 2020 calling out specifically the LERTA RAP revenue receipt and the PNC Standby Letter of Credit expenditure for the Thorn Run Interchange Construction project.

Motion by Mr. Weaver to approve payment of July/August 2020 invoices. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Cash Flow/Budget Update

Ms. Colosi presented two versions of the 2020 Cash Flow and 10-Year Cash Flow budgets to the Board consisting of: one that illustrated cash flow with continuation of all priority projects through Final Design; and one that illustrated suspension of all projects following completion of Preliminary Engineering of Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC), Rouser Road Connector (RRC) and Offsite Improvements. Mr. Scappe summarized the need to pause the projects for now and continue to evaluate which will be prioritized and advanced over the next few months.

Project Updates

a. Thorn Run Interchange Project

i. Construction Close-Out

Ms. Colosi reported that, although the Thorn Run Interchange project is finished, there are several outstanding items that still need to be undertaken; installation of highway lighting that is due to be delivered in early November; and punch list items that are currently being worked on. The Board, concerned about safety, inquired whether the fence along Thorn Run bridge spanning the Parkway and connecting to the 911th had been designed and installed yet. Ms. Colosi reported that it had not and, at direction of the Board, was instructed to contact PennDOT District 11 to express urgency in completing this punch list item.

Ms. Colosi presented change orders 35, 36 and 37 to the Board for their review and approval.

Motion by Mr. Hauser to approve change orders 35, 36 and 37 as submitted. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.

ii. Stream Mitigation Project

As a follow-up from September's Board meeting, Ms. Colosi reported that the stream mitigation project had been rebid and subsequently two bids were received: one by C. Crump Construction, Inc. for \$127,310; and one from Meadville Land Service, Inc. for

\$173,075.50. This is a significant reduction from the first bids that came in nearly \$200,000 over budget.

Motion by Mr. Weaver to award the project to the low bidder, C. Crump Construction, Inc. at a price of \$127,310 as recommended by Gateway Engineers, the Project Manager, and based on review and concurrence by Mills & Henry, MTA's solicitor. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Mr. Krul, TranSystems, SMC, RRC and Offsites project engineer, presented the status of preliminary engineering for all three projects. (Mr. Krul distributed a project update hand-out which is available upon request.) He summarized results of the environmental scoping field view which was conducted virtually in September with PennDOT District 11 and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Mr. Krul reported that he also scheduled a scoping field view with PennDOT District 11 for Monday, October 19th at noon. The meeting will be held onsite and attendees should meet at Port Authority's park and ride lot and then tour the project areas together.

Ms. Colosi and Mr. Krul reported that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) contacted MTA about property it leases at the end of Port Vue Drive from Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA). This revelation necessitated a meeting between FAA, ACAA, MTA and TranSystems to identify and account for FAA's needs relative to accessing and egressing their site, which is used for communications towers.

Mr. Krul again asked Mr. Henry to contact the Army about their plans to implement a fence adjacent to Port Vue Drive. Mr. Henry has contacted the Army continually over the past few months but has not yet received the fence plans. He will inquire again and report back to the Board.

Mr. Krul asked Mr. Weaver about steps that connect from the office park parking lot to the hotels and how often those are used. Mr. Weaver said that the steps are used primarily during large weekend events, which is infrequently, when guests of the hotels use the office lot for overflow parking. Mr. Krul wanted to know the status so he can account for pedestrian movements along that part of the RRC project.

c. Market Place Boulevard Master Plan

Mr. Krul provided the following updates on the Master Plan and submission to PennDOT District 11. Ms. Colosi, Mr. Krul and Scott Brillhart, Township Planner, met with District 11 on September 23rd to review the Master Plan and advise the District of the approach and desired use of the Plan. District 11 provided MTA's team with instructions on how to submit the Plan through PennDOT's E-Permitting process. District 11's traffic unit, as reported by Mr. Krul, agreed to review the Plan with their executive team and get back to us.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Hauser at 6:57 p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Weaver to exit Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 4-0.

Other Items of Interest

There we no other items of interest.

Comments from the Public

Lisa R. DeRosa-Costanza, a member of the public, attended the meeting. Ms. DeRosa Costanza resides at 142 Conair Drive, Moon Township, 15108. Ms. DeRosa-Costanza asked whether there will be bike/ped lanes on RRC and MTA's other projects. Mr. Scappe, Ms. Colosi and Mr. Krul explained that it is MTA's intention to incorporate bike/ped applications in all the Authority's projects to enhance connections to Montour Trail and key Township activity centers. As such, bike/ped shared use pathways have been included in SMC and RRC project designs.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Vitale at 7:59 p.m. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 4-0.