

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

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

Board Members:

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

Also, in Attendance:

Austin P. Henry, Esq., Mills & Henry
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems
David Toal, The Toal Law Firm
Mike Hnat, TranSystems
Nate Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group
Damon Rhodes, Larson Design Group

Call to Order

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Payment of July/August Invoices

Ms. Colosi presented revenues and expenditures, specifically citing several atypical expenditures including the semiannual loan payment to PNC and payment to Mark Turnley Associates for close-out audit of the 2019 Gaming and Economic Development Fund (GEDF) grant as required by Allegheny County.

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

Cash Flow Update

Ms. Colosi reviewed with the Board the 2022 budget and cash flow projections, which show that MTA could end the year with approximately \$1,467,828. Ms. Colosi reported that she is updating 10-year cash flow and projects' sources and uses budgets, and meeting internally with Delta to develop funding approaches for projects' construction phases.

Project Updates

a. Robert E. Harper Interchange

Ms. Colosi informed the Board that she and Joe Rusiewicz (TranSystems) met with Moon Township officials and public works to review the Township's responsibilities for maintaining Thorn Run Interchange as per the Tri-Party Contribution Agreement between PennDOT, MTA and Moon Township. Dawn Lane, Township Manager, confirmed that public works is aware of the Township's ongoing responsibilities and that public works is and has been handling maintenance since August 2020, the official opening of the Interchange.

Ms. Colosi also reported that she briefed the Township about a few items cited by Allegheny County Conservation District (ACCD) that need to be accomplished to close out the DEP permit. Ms. Lane confirmed that the Township will accomplish remaining items (cleaning stormwater inlet, patching concrete outlet, and replanting on hillside along ramp) this Fall and take photographs of completed work.

Mr. Henry reported that Mills & Henry was able to settle Thorn Run Interchange right-of-way acquisition for parcel #10 under the amount previously approved by the Board.

b. Public Officials/Public Meeting for MTA's Projects

As per requirements for using public and grant funds for projects, MTA will hold a meeting for public officials and the public on MTA's current projects consisting of Market Place District Improvements, Stevenson Mill Connector, Rouser Road Connector and related Offsite Improvements on University Boulevard/Business I -376 on Thursday, September 29th at the Township building. The public meeting was advertised/announced via a variety of media including in the Beaver County Times on Sunday, August 28th, on MTA's webpage, on the Township's website, automated robo call to residents, on LED signs along Thorn Run and Beaver Grade roads and by invitation emailed to public officials, public partners, and adjacent townships.

c. Stevenson Mill Connector/Rouser Road Connector

Ms. Colosi reminded the Board that TranSystems previously submitted scopes of work and price proposals for Final Design for Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC) and University

Boulevard/Business I-376 Offsites (Offsites). Now that MTA's financial position has improved, Ms. Colosi recommended that SMC and Offsites Final Design phases be advanced.

Motion by Mr. Kammerer to proceed with Stevenson Mill Connector and University Boulevard/Business I-376 Offsites Final Design. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Colosi will request updated scopes and prices for SMC and Offsites for review and finalization.

Joe Rusiewicz, Project Engineer with TranSystems, kicked-off his projects update by reporting on Rouser Road Connector (RRC), particularly discussing the types of walls for RRC project. Mr. Rusiewicz reported that cost estimates for modular wall systems, which were displayed in a PowerPoint presentation, are lower than expected. Mr. Scappe requested that TranSystems conduct a longevity analysis to compare cast in place with other options that Mr. Rusiewicz presented. Mr. Rusiewicz also reported that using a modular type of wall will significantly reduce the project's construction timeline.

d. Market Place District Improvements

Ms. Colosi provided a brief update that she requested several new work orders from Larson Design Group (LDG); one for Preliminary Engineering of Market Place Boulevard pedestrian/bike solution (i.e., Hirshinger Road) and one to conduct a Design Workshop for Market Place Boulevard Extension. Ms. Colosi reported that she will review those thoroughly, request modifications from LDG if needed and seek Board approval for those work orders once finalized.

Mr. Hokenbrough updated the Board on continuing conversations with District 11 about Montour Run Interchange and the District's request for MTA to upgrade the failing facility. In District 11's latest correspondence, they requested that LDG and MTA consider improvements that widen the roadway along the interchange ramps/transition area onto Montour Run, add thru lanes and reconfigure current lane patterns. LDG, Mr. Hokenbrough reported, reviewed this solution, and estimated it at a cost of \$2.2 million, which, as Ms. Colosi added, is about a 35 percent increase over the current Montour Run/Market Place construction cost estimate. Mr. Scappe, who has been staunch in his and the Board's position, said that the District's request is neither practical nor affordable because it doesn't solve the overall problem at the interchange, which has been failing long before MTA initiated the Market Place District Improvements Project. The Board then discussed ways to get better and more detailed traffic volume data to demonstrate MTA's position.

The next part of Market Place District Improvements Project is extending Market Place Boulevard to facilitate development on approximately 400-acres that are currently landlocked. Ms. Colosi described the first step to initiate the Extension phase is to conduct a Design Workshop (subject of the work order described previously) to determine conceptual alignments that maximize development potential. Mr. Scappe and Board briefly discussed and stated they want to advance Market Place Boulevard Extension because, not only does it facilitate private investment, but it also shifts some portion of traffic from Market Place District north to Hookstown Grade Road.

Mr. Hokenbrough reported progress on the Preliminary Engineering supplemental work on the stormwater plan for Montour Run/Market Place Boulevard.

Ms. Colosi informed the Board that she attended an event in Robinson Township called “Get to Know Robinson” where she asked Robinson officials to contribute financially to Montour Run reconstruction. The Township acknowledged the request but made no commitments or comments. Mr. Scappe asked Ms. Colosi to ask Robinson Township for any traffic volume counts they might have for Montour Run Road.

Other Items of Interest

There were no items of interest.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Executive Session – if necessary

Motion by Mr. Vitale to enter Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss potential property acquisitions and potential litigations pertaining to property acquisitions. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion to exit Executive Session by Mr. Vitale at 7:55 p.m. Second by Mr. Hertzner. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business before the MTA Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.