

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
Monday, March 7, 2022

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 7, 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:

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
Mike Hnat, TranSystems
Nate Hokenbrough, Larson Design Group

Call to Order

Mr. Scappe opened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Scappe conducted roll call. All Board members were present except Mr. Weaver who was excused and Mr. Kammerer who left the meeting just prior to it starting and returned at 6:44 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Vitale to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of February 2022. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 3-0.

Financials

a. Approval of Payment of January/February 2022 Invoices

Ms. Colosi presented revenues and expenditures, including consultant invoices for the January/February 2022 period.

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to approve payment of January/February 2022 invoices. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 3-0.

b. 2022 Budget and Cash Flow Review

Ms. Colosi presented the cash flow, which reflects consultant invoices and expenses paid and revenues received for the month of February. One expense of note was the annual interest only payment to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) for the loan MTA obtained for Thorn Run Interchange construction. This payment concludes two years of interest only payments; next year the payment will increase to include principal as well as interest.

c. Grant Applications

Ms. Colosi reported that MTA applied for Allegheny County's Site Development Fund for SMC and Offsites Final Design, a grant request of \$1,000,000.

Ms. Colosi also reported that she will be applying for the Local Share Account-Statewide grant program through the Department of Community and Economic Development. This grant request will be to offset the total cost (\$825,194) of Final Design of Montour Run-Market Place Boulevard.

Ms. Colosi will keep the Board posted on the outcome of the application submissions.

Project Updates

a. Thorn Run Interchange Project

Ms. Colosi reported that administrative close-out of Thorn Run construction remains status quo with close-out anticipated in May.

Mr. Henry requested an Executive Session to present information about the financial settlement for Parcel 10.

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

Mr. Krul, SMC, RRC and Offsites project executive for TranSystems, and real estate specialist Mike Hnat, TranSystems, were on-hand to discuss status of the projects. Mr. Krul reported that the Geo-Tech report is complete and will be submitted in a few weeks to Ms. Colosi for review. Also, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit will be submitted shortly and, according to Mr. Krul, will be valid for two years. Mr. Krul informed the Board that TranSystems is setting up the next meeting with Federal Aviation Administration, which has a communications tower in the RRC project area.

Ms. Colosi asked TranSystems to begin planning the next Steering Committee meeting for RRC, SMC and Offsites in late April or early May.

Mr. Hnat said that the right-of-way acquisition plan is underway and that he will need to meet separately with Mills and Henry to review the tentative plan.

c. Market Place District Improvements Project

Mr. Hokenbrough, Project Engineer with Larson Design Group (LDG), reiterated the comments PennDOT District 11 provided to MTA about mitigating traffic on Montour Run Road and issues with Business I-376 interchange traffic back-ups. As a result of those comments, LDG evaluated opportunities to enhance traffic flow on Montour Run and developed a strategy for MTA to work with District 11 in the future on accomplishing an interchange upgrade, which is a longer term and more complicated project. Enhancing Montour Run, which consists of extending a through-lane from FedEx Drive east about 200-feet, will cost \$98,000 for engineering and an additional \$1.3 million for construction.

The Board discussed these costs and strategy for working with District 11 on the interchange but also engaging Robinson, North Fayette, and Findlay townships, which are responsible for a large part of the existing traffic and stand to benefit most from an interchange reconstruction project. Ms. Colosi was instructed by the Board to utilize this strategy in the next meeting with District 11.

Mr. Hokenbrough provided an update on the analysis of converting Hirshinger Road to a shared access bike/pedestrian corridor that links the community and Market Place to the Montour Trail. Mr. Hokenbrough reported that LDG completed plans sheets, sections and alternatives matrix on potential options and will be submitting this information to Ms. Colosi in several weeks. According to Mr. Hokenbrough, LDG over-laid the path in the road right-of-way; however, the vertical grade is too steep for a typical trail. Mr. Hokenbrough also said that the environmental process for Hirshinger shared access path is likely to be a long one.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Hertzler at 7:18 p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss Right-of-Way settlement related to Thorn Run Interchange construction project. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Vitale at 7:23 p.m. to exit Executive Session. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion passed 4-0.

Other Items of Interest

Ms. Colosi reported that she will be conducting a presentation at Moon Area School District's monthly Board meeting on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. The presentation, according to Ms. Colosi, will focus on MTA's transportation infrastructure projects and what MTA spends its' money on as requested by Barry Balaski, Superintendent of Moon Area School District.

The Board discussed ways to communicate better with the School Board to convey specific legalities governing the LERTA RAP and MTA's financial obligations on past and current Township and School District priority projects.

Otherwise, there were no other items of interest.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Vitale at 7:24 p.m. Second by Mr. Kammerer. Motion passed 4-0.