

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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MINUTES

Monday, November 2, 2020

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Moon Township Municipal Building, 1000 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA 15108. Participation in the meeting was also available by video conference and phone due to Covid-19 protocols.

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
David Toal, The Toal Law Firm – by video conference
Brian Krul, TranSystems
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems
Mike Hnat, TranSystems

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Mr. Scappe conducted roll call. Mr. Hauser was not present at the onset but arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

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

Financials

a. Payment of September/October 2020 Invoices

Ms. Colosi presented and explained receipts and invoices for September/October 2020.

Motion by Mr. Hertzler to approve payment of September/October 2020 invoices. Second by Mr. Weaver. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Cash Flow/Budget Update

As standard operating procedure, Ms. Colosi presented two versions of the 2020 Cash Flow and 10-Year Cash Flow budgets to the Board consisting of: one that illustrates cash flow with continuation of all priority projects through Final Design; and one that illustrates suspension of all projects following completion of Preliminary Engineering of Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC), Rouser Road Connector (RRC) and Offsite Improvements. Ms. Colosi reminded the Board that continuing projects without prioritization will result in dire cash flow issues next year. Mr. Scappe reiterated the need to pause the projects for now and continue to evaluate which ones 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 highway lighting for Thorn Run Interchange project still has not been delivered. Delivery is now tentatively scheduled for mid-November.

Otherwise about one-third of the punch list items have been completed, one-third are underway, and one-third are scheduled, such as the overpass safety fence for which District 11 is responsible.

Ms. Colosi reported that Golden Triangle Construction (GTC) is seeking approximately \$103,000 for expenses incurred during the work shutdown issued by the Commonwealth as a result of Covid 19. Ms. Colosi reported that she has been working with Mills & Henry, District 11 and WSP, the construction inspection firm to determine which costs are relevant and the approach for accomplishing a successful negotiation with GTC.

The Board's position on Covid 19 related expenses presented by GTC is that MTA is not responsible for paying these charges. Discussion focused on CARES Act and Payroll Protection Program funds available to businesses like GTC and PennDOT's responsibility for the expenses because the Commonwealth ordered shutdown of the construction site.

Ms. Colosi will continue to work with Mills & Henry to determine the best approach to resolving the issue.

ii. Stream Mitigation Project

The Stream Mitigation project kicked off with a meeting between Ms. Colosi, Gateway Engineers, Montour Trail Council (MTC) and Forest Grove Sportsmen’s Club (FGSC). The project will take about 45 days to complete and will utilize MTC and FGSC properties for access to the stream and for equipment and materials staging. Ms. Colosi said she will update the Board on project progress and completion.

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

Mr. Krul, TranSystems, SMC, RRC and Offsites project engineer, and his team consisting of Mr. Rusiewicz and Mr. Hnat presented the status of preliminary engineering and right-of-way for the projects.

Ms. Colosi reported that Mr. Krul submitted a scope of work and price proposal for RRC Final Design, which MTA desires to advance because it was awarded a \$212,000 Gaming and Economic Development Fund grant. Ms. Colosi reported that Mr. Krul’s price proposal came in at \$554,000, which is more than \$300,000 over the cost estimate provided by TranSystems for the grant application. Mr. Krul said that the escalated cost is a result of alignment changes and the need for a retaining wall. Ms. Colosi asked the Board to approve the Final Design scope and price and afford her the latitude to determine what elements of Final Design can be accomplished with the grant amount and, if not prudent, either undertake Final Design in its entirety or put Final Design on hold.

Motion by Mr. Hauser to approve the scope of work and price proposal for Rouser Road Connector Final Design at the negotiated price. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 5-0.

c. Market Place Boulevard Master Plan

Ms. Colosi reported that, according to Scott Brillhart, Township Planner, three developers have submitted a combined Traffic Impact Study (TIS) to the Township for review and comment. Ms. Colosi said that the Township’s engineer has already reviewed the TIS and provided feedback to Mr. Brillhart, who will be communicating next steps with the developers. The developers are Kossman, Burns & Scalo and a national multifamily residential developer that is partnering with Burns & Scalo.

Following Ms. Colosi’s update, the Board discussed approaches to require developers, landowners and adjacent townships, all of whom would benefit from transportation infrastructure improvements led by MTA, to contribute financially to soft and hard costs of said improvements. Mr. Toal talked briefly about the concept of implementing a Transportation District. Ms. Colosi is going to convene Mills & Henry and Mr. Toal to identify approaches to present to the Board.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Weaver at 7:52 p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Second by Mr. Hauser. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Hauser to exit Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 5-0.

Other Items of Interest

The Board, commensurate with past practice, cancelled December's Board meeting. 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. Hertzler at 8:31 p.m. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 5-0.