

MOON TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Tuesday, September 8, 2020

The Moon Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors met on Tuesday, September 8, 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 – Excused
John Hertzler –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
Brian Krul, TranSystems
Joe Rusiewicz, TranSystems
Mike Hnat, TranSystems
Marcy Johnson, RHEA

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. Hauser who was excused.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Vitale to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of August 2020 and the Special Financial Meeting of August 2020. Second by Mr. Hertzler. Motion passed 4-0.

Financials

a. Payment of June/July 2020 Invoices

Ms. Colosi presented and explained receipts and invoices for June/July 2020 time-period.

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

Project Updates

At this point in the meeting, Ms. Colosi asked the Board to move up on the agenda TranSystems' report on Stevenson Mill Connector (SMC)/Rouser Road Connector (RRC)/Offsites Projects so Mr. Krul could depart early.

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

Mr. Krul, TranSystems, SMC, RRC and Offsites project engineer, and his colleagues, Joe Rusiewicz and Mike Hnat, and Marcy Johnson with RHEA, presented the status of preliminary engineering for SMC, RRC and Offsites projects.

Mr. Krul reported that 30 percent line and grade has been completed and he will provide PDF design plan documents to Ms. Colosi.

Mr. Rusiewicz and Ms. Johnson provided a summary of the environmental scoping field view that TranSystems conducted with FHWA, PennDOT District 11 and Ms. Colosi. All parties agreed to the approach TranSystems utilized for accounting for future land uses and indirect and cumulative impacts. Because these impacts were previously accounted for in the approach, no additional scope is required from RHEA.

Relative to RRC, Mr. Krul and Mr. Henry discussed the Army's property, particularly the Army's fence project. Mr. Henry reported that the Army will send their fence plan after they complete a walk through of the site. Mr. Henry confirmed he will contact the Army to remind them to submit the plan.

Mr. Henry provided an update on modification of Allegheny County Airport Authority's (ACAA) lease with the Army, which ACAA recently approved and submitted to the Army for their review. According to Mr. Henry, ACAA officials said they do not want to execute the lease modification until such time that RRC construction is imminent. There was a brief discussion about obtaining lease approval and then holding it until construction is confirmed.

Mr. Weaver requested that the alignment of RRC minimize parking lot/space takes, which could add considerable cost to RRC construction. Mr. Rusiewicz updated the board that the cost estimated to build the retaining wall near the hotel property had increased from \$3.5 million to \$4.4 million.

Mr. Rusiewicz inquired about how best to accommodate Port Authority's operations and

patron parking during construction of SMC. Ms. Colosi suggested that, because there is ample property at Port Authority's site, it may be possible to shift their operations and parking slightly north if approved by Port Authority.

Relative to the Offsites project, Mr. Rusiewicz reported that line and grad for the displaced left is advancing.

Mr. Krul informed the Board that he and Ms. Colosi had met about reallocating budget from several work orders that are experiencing underruns to other work orders that are experiencing overruns, due mostly to additional geo tech work. The reallocation of funds is a zero-cost impact to the overall project budgets.

b. Market Place Boulevard Master Plan

Mr. Krul informed the Board that he set up a meeting with PennDOT District 11 to discuss the Master Plan and the best way to accomplish the District's review and approval of the plan. Mr. Scappe interjected that Robinson and North Fayette townships should contribute financially to the design and construction of Montour Run Road (if the project advances) because both townships will benefit from the upgrades.

Mr. Toal advised Ms. Colosi and Mr. Krul to discuss with PennDOT District 11 how to involve the other townships and require them to participate financially in the improvements.

Financials (Resumed from Financial Workshop Meeting held on August 4, 2020)

b. Cash Flow/Budget Update

Ms. Colosi presented the 2020 Cash Flow and 10-Year Cash Flow budgets to the Board. A discussion about project priorities, budgets and benefits ensued. Mr. Scappe suggested that MTA suspend SMC/Offsites projects following completion of Preliminary Engineering and suspend Market Place District Improvements Projects until the Master Plan is approved by PennDOT District 11 and developers begin the Township's formal land development process. RRC, which recently received a \$212,000 Gaming and Economic Development (GEDF) grant continue through Final Design.

Mr. Henry and Mr. Alexander reminded the Board that the MTA's mission is to generate economic development thus creating or enhancing real estate tax revenues for the benefit of the respective taxing bodies, and that the advancement of Montour Run improvements appears to be consistent with that mission as the project with the most immediate prospects of development.

Project Updates Continued

a. Market Place District Improvements Project

Ms. Colosi provided a brief update on the Market Place District Improvements project, which is temporarily on hold.

b. Thorn Run Interchange Project

i. Construction Close-Out

Ms. Colosi reported that construction of Thorn Run Interchange is finished and that a Project inspection and walk through was conducted August 19th. The walk-through resulted in identification of about 20 punch list items, which will be reviewed and considered for implementation. Ms. Colosi asked the Board to approve six hours work for LR Kimball to provide cost estimates of the punch list items and cost estimate for design of those items that will be advanced.

PennDOT District 11 is compiling final project costs including overruns and underruns to submit to Ms. Colosi. Ms. Colosi reported to the Board that the number of change orders due to design omissions on the Project was inordinate.

ii. Stream Mitigation Project

Ms. Colosi reported that stream mitigation bids came in nearly \$200,000 over budget. The Board instructed Ms. Colosi to work with Gateway Engineers, Project Manager, to determine ways to reduce the scope and/or materials.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Weaver at 7:59 p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss Thorn Run Interchange Project change orders. Second by Mr. Hertzner. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Weaver to exit Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. Second by Mr. Hertzner. Motion passed 4-0.

Other Items of Interest

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. Weaver at 8:18 p.m. Second by Mr. Vitale. Motion passed 4-0.