
BOARD MEMBERS: Ms. Allison Slizofski; Mr. Jeffrey Guzy; Mr. Tom Kohler; Mr. Scott Brown; Ms. Janet Cunningham; Ms. Laura Frein; Ms. Kourtney High; Mr. John Kennedy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Jeannette Quirus

GUESTS ATTENDING: Rob Morrison (Urban Engineers Inc.); Steve Macauley (KMRD Partners, Inc.); Susan Nimon (Keystone Acquisition Services); Nancy Lee Walter; Bucky Swider; Philip Andrew Smith

STAFF ATTENDING: Mr. Matthew Edmond; Mr. Matt Popek; Mr. Brian Phillips; Mr. Thomas Landauer; Ms. Lauren Sendel-Grant; Ms. Ann Marie Meehan

(Pre-Meeting)

Mr. Matthew Edmond thanked the Board for attending and said that the hybrid public meeting will be held and recorded via Zoom telecommunication conference call due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued limited closure of physical county offices. He stated that the meeting agenda was published online on the MCTA website and Board members who participated via teleconference received board packets electronically as PDFs (including the January 13, 2022 meeting draft minutes).

Mr. Brian Phillips of the Solicitor's Office reviewed the rules for public comment; any public comments must be germane to the meeting's agenda or future agendas and would be limited to two minutes per speaker.

Attendance was taken; eight of nine Board members were present, therefore, a quorum was present.

I. Call to Order

The Montgomery County Transportation Authority (MCTA) meeting was called to order by Ms. Allison Slizofski, MCTA Board Chair.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the January 13, 2022 MCTA meeting were approved by the Board.

Motion: Mr. Kohler motioned and Mr. Guzy seconded to approve the January 13, 2022 Authority Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all present.

IV. Finance Director's Report

Two handouts were presented to the Authority: MCTA Cash Report as of February 10, 2022, and the MCTA Check Register (Transaction Detail), February 2022.

Mr. Thomas Landauer, on behalf of the Finance Director, reported that there were three deposits from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a partial reimbursement for previously paid project costs, a deposit from the County Redevelopment Authority for \$6,972.14 for two months of Battaglia mortgage payments and an interest deposit in the amount of \$23.21. Four checks totaling \$4,574.43 are being issued in February.

V. MCTA Administration

A. Authorization to Purchase Directors and Officers Insurance for the 2022 Policy Year

Mr. Edmond reminded the Board that it is time to renew the Transportation Authority's insurance liability coverage for its directors and officers for the 2022 policy year. The Transportation Authority's current coverage is with Old Republic Insurance Company, via the Authority's broker, KMRD Partners, Inc. who obtained 2022 quotes from multiple insurance companies. There are only a limited number of carriers interested in providing this type of coverage. The current carrier, Old Republic, provided a quote with only a 1.4% rate increase, which is in line with Old Republic's previous years' increases. No comparable quotes were obtained, so KMRD and staff advised the Board to retain the current carrier and accept the quote for the 2022 policy year. The 2022 coverage with Old Republic would expire March 1, 2023.

Motion: Ms. Frein motioned and Mr. Kennedy seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 22.2.1 authorize the purchase of directors and officers liability insurance from Old Republic Insurance Company at a cost of \$5,621.00 for the policy period of March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023. The motion was approved by all present.

VI. County Road/Bridge Projects

A. Authorizations for Property Acquisition

i. Joanne C. and Alan M. Rowe (Old Gravel Pike Bridge (CB 101), Parcel 2)

Mr. Popek described the county-owned bridge on Old Gravel Pike over Swamp Creek in Lower Frederick Township. A total of 2,526 square feet of fee simple area and 3,441 square feet of temporary construction easement is required from Parcel 2 for the project. The appraisal value and cost for Parcel 2 is \$1,600.00 for the fee simple and easements; as well, \$19.50 for estimated tax prorations, a \$400.00 administrative settlement and \$611.50 in settlement costs are required. Total acquisition cost is \$2,631.00.

Motion: Mr. Brown motioned and Mr. Guzy seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 22.2.2 to acquire a portion of 1114 Old Gravel Pike owned by Joanne C. and Alan M. Rowe to further the County Bridge 101 Rehabilitation Project in Lower Frederick Township. The motion was approved by all present.

B. Authorization to Reimburse Professional Services Fees**i. Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (Butler Pike Bridge (CB 83A), Parcel 1)**

Mr. Popek provided background on the bridge replacement project on Butler Pike over Prophecy Creek. The land acquisition with Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) was handled by the board at the January 2022 meeting; The action before the Board in February is to reimburse Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association for \$817.65 in eligible attorney's fees to Timoney Knox, LLP incurred during right-of way negotiations as part of the statutorily permitted professional services fee reimbursement.

Motion: Mr. Kohler motioned and Ms. Frein seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 22.2.3 to pay Timoney Knox, LLP \$817.65 for attorney fees incurred by Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association during right-of-way negotiations for Parcel 1 of the County Bridge 83A Replacement Project in Upper Dublin Township. The motion was approved by all present.

VII. Lafayette Street Project**A. Authorization for Right-of-Way Negotiation Contract Extension****i. Century Engineering (Section MGL, Parcel 200)**

Mr. Edmond explained that Interstate Negotiation Services (IAS) were responsible for the right-of-way acquisition as a subconsultant to McCormick Taylor for Lafayette Street section MGL, including Parcel 200, the Battaglia property. This parcel went through a Board of View process for an increased business mortgage costs issue in 2019, which is now being appealed in the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. Interstate provided assistance during the Board of View process and their services are needed once again for the Common Pleas hearing. In the interim, since then IAS was bought out by Century Engineering, and Century Engineering's on-call right-of-way negotiation contract expired in October 2021. The quote obtained for their services for the Common Pleas action is \$7,428.58, and is only for extending the on-call contract for this property.

Motion: Ms. Slizofski motioned and Ms. Cunningham seconded to approve MCTA Resolution 22.2.4 to extend the on-call right-of-way negotiation contract with Century Engineering of Pittsburgh, PA as last optioned via resolution 20.10.4 from October 31, 2021 to June 20, 2022 for services pertaining to Parcel 200 in Section MGL of the Lafayette Street Extension project only in Plymouth Township. The motion was approved by all present.

VIII. Authorization for Payment of Checks and Invoices

Motion: Mr. Kennedy motioned and Mr. Guzy seconded to approve the authorization of checks and invoices. The motion was approved by all present.

IX. County Road, Bridge and Trail Projects Update

Mr. Popek provided a brief status update on these projects; some highlights included: 1) Cross County Trail-Erdenheim Farm: County Open Space and Trails working on “Global agreement” with all parties; 2) Bridge 83A (Butler Pike, Upper Dublin)-processing paperwork for final settlements & awaiting final 710 fee submission; 3) Bridge 38 (Moreland Ave)-expecting final ROW plans next week; 4) Bridge 172 (Swamp Pike): expecting final ROW plans next week; 5) County Bridge 190 (Keim St., Pottstown)-appraisals in progress & actions on valuation properties expected soon.

X. Ridge Pike Improvement Project Update

Mr. Edmond noted that significant progress has been made on Sections A and D, and provided the following updates to the Board about each section of the project:

- A. DB-116 and County Bridge #0 (TP&D): Still awaiting safety review comments under review by PennDOT. A drilling contact has been obtained for geotechnical work for a retaining wall.
- B. Belvoir Road to Chemical Road (Pennoni): There is a new value for the right-of-way for Norfolk Southern RR and staff and consultants are finishing negotiations with them; PennDOT is reviewing bridge and DMS submittals.
- C. Butler Pike to Crescent Avenue (RK&K): Coordinating with SEPTA; awaiting 30-day public comment period for PennDOT environmental assessment of Bellfield to elapse.
- D. Crescent Avenue to Philadelphia Line (Garrett Fleming): Construction contract award recommendation has been submitted to County Commissioners for formal action at their February 17 meeting.

XI. Other Business

A. Auditing Services

Mr. Edmond reminded the Board that the Transportation Authority’s contract for auditing services is in the 2nd year of a 5 year contract. They will soon conduct the 2021 fiscal audit, and future years will require option approval by the board.

B. Upcoming Event at Noble Train Station in Jenkintown

Mr. Edmond announced that Congresswoman Madeleine Dean, the County Commissioners and local officials would hold a press event on infrastructure funding at the Noble Train Station in Jenkintown tomorrow, February 11, 2022.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Slizofski and seconded by Mr. Kohler to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by all present.

The next MCTA Board meeting will be held on March 10, 2022 at 1:00 pm.