

Alexander Street and University Place Transit Task Force
March 27, 2013
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Appelget; Bottigheimer; Jackson; Simon; Wilkes

Staff: L. Solow; J. West; K. Philip

Also in attendance: K. Cherry; C. Crider; R. Fisk; Lahnston; M. Reed; S. Sturges

Consultants Davies and Khare (AECOM); Jacquemart (BFJ)

Minutes:

November 9, 2012 - Motion made by K. Jackson and K. Wilkes seconded to approve the minutes.

February 27, 2013 - postponed

AECOM presentation:

Mr. Khare handed out copies of:

Princeton Community Traffic Study Concerns-Opportunities-Constraints Matrix

Dated March 22, 2013

Opportunities provided by AECOM for key focus areas

- Focus Area 1 - Bayard Lane Corridor
 - Traffic calming treatments
 - Signal coordination
 - Midblock pedestrian refuges
- Focus Area 2 – Core Area
 - Prohibit left turns from and into Mercer
 - Prohibit left turns from eastbound Nassau to Bank
 - Pedestrian only zone for Mercer between Alexander and Nassau
 - Pedestrian only zone for Mercer and Alexander
 - Relocate signal at University and Nassau to Mercer and Nassau
 - Pedestrian and / or transit area for University between Nassau and Dickinson
 - Alexander one way northbound between University and Mercer
 - University one way southbound between Nassau and Alexander
 - Mercer one way eastbound between Alexander and Nassau
 - Elongated north-south or east-west town square or traffic circle to replace Mercer and University intersections along Nassau
- Focus Area 3 - Alexander Road Corridor
 - Roundabout and traffic calming measures
 - Access drive from Alexander to Lot 7
 - Intersections associated with Arts and Transit development to be shown.
- Focus Area 4 - Witherspoon Street Corridor
 - Pedestrian only area for Witherspoon between Nassau and Spring
 - Signal phasing at Nassau and Witherspoon
- Focus Area 5 - Washington Road Corridor
 - Signal phasing at Nassau and Washington to favor pedestrians
 - Improve midblock pedestrian crossing along Nassau at intersection of Nassau and Washington
 - Upgraded signal at Faculty and Washington

- Focus Area 6 - Harrison Street Corridor
 - Upgrade traffic signals
 - Explore left turn storage lanes for Harrison and Faculty
- Focus Area 7 - Alexander Road Bridge over Stony Brook
 - New pedestrian and bicycle bridge

Additional opportunities discussed:

- Focus Area 1 - Bayard Lane Corridor
 - Footbridge for Route 206
 - Discontinuous sidewalks should be improved upon.
 - Intersection of Mountain Avenue and 206 unsafe and anticipate to be busier by Princeton employees during the summer due to overcrowding in municipal parking lot.
 - To be used as a resource model for future improvements
- Focus Area 2 – Core Area
 - Residents living on University Place must be able to access their driveway.
- Focus Area 3 - Alexander Road Corridor
 - Move Olsons Furniture building for alignment of Alexander and Bayard.
 - Taking existing dinky bridge and add pedestrians and bikes.
- Focus Area 6 - Harrison Street Corridor
 - Storage lanes for left turning movements

Next steps in traffic study

- Get NJDOT involved
- Prepare a model to determine impacts
- List of potential concept evaluation criteria
- AECOM to redefine the truck route
- Consideration of a cut through on Springdale for accessing Mercer if left turn movements are prohibited from Alexander onto Mercer.
- New development in area to be shown on Figure 1.
- AECOM asked to determine if there are any restrictions to extend Alexander through the Trinity parking lot to connect to 206.

Alignment Options - URS

- Consultant will be asked to attend April meeting.
- Consultant to outline options