

Alexander Street and University Place Transit Task Force
July 10, 2013
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Appelget; Jackson, Simon, Wilkes

Staff: L. Solow; J. West; R. Kiser

Also in attendance: C. Crider; R. Fisk; L. Lempert, M. Reed; S. Sturges

Minutes:

June 19, 2013 - postponed to the next meeting

June 26, 2013 - postponed to the next meeting

AECOM Alternatives

It was determined that the AECOM traffic improvement option should be shared with other municipal subcommittees for their input. Governing body review in September was suggested. AECOM should be provided with the URS material so they can determine if there are any negatives or positives from the various traffic options.

- ✓ The task force determined that they do not wish to close Mercer or Witherspoon Streets and Improvement Package #1 will not be considered. Improvements packages #2, #3 and #4 (outlined below) were discussed.
 - Improvement Package #2: One-Way Loop in Clockwise Direction
 - a) Mercer Street one-way in eastbound direction from Alexander to Nassau
 - b) University one-way in southbound direction from Nassau to Alexander
 - c) Alexander one-way in northbound direction from University to Mercer
 - d) Left turns from Nassau on to Bank Street prohibited
 - e) Witherspoon one-way in northbound direction from Nassau to Spring
 - f) Signal at Nassau and Witherspoon converted to pedestrian signal only
 - Improvement Package #3 - One-Way Loop in Counter-Clockwise Direction
 - a) Mercer Street one-way in westbound direction from Nassau to Alexander
 - b) University one-way in northbound direction from Alexander to Nassau
 - c) Alexander one-way in southbound direction from Mercer to University
 - d) Left turns from Nassau on to Bank Street prohibited
 - e) Witherspoon one-way in northbound direction from Nassau to Spring
 - f) Signal at Nassau and Witherspoon converted to pedestrian signal only
 - Improvement Package #4: One-Way Loop in Clockwise Direction
 - a) Mercer Street one-way in eastbound direction from Alexander to Nassau
 - b) University one-way in southbound direction from Alexander to Nassau
 - c) Alexander one-way in northbound direction from University to Mercer
 - d) Left turns from Nassau on to Bank Street prohibited
 - e) Witherspoon remains as two-way street
 - f) Signal at Nassau and Witherspoon converted to pedestrian signal only

The task force comments to be shared with consultants:

- ✓ Two-way traffic on Mercer Street is preferred, but one way alternatives should be studied further.
- ✓ Counterclockwise movement would appear to make traffic circulation easier.
- ✓ Turning movement onto Bank Street should be further reviewed by AECOM.

- ✓ AECOM should review if the loop on University can be modified to use College or Dickinson.
- ✓ Witherspoon Street one-way northbound traffic from Nassau to Spring Streets should be further reviewed.
- ✓ AECOM should be asked if changing the direction for one way traffic in the am rush hour to the opposite direction in the pm rush hour on University Place is possible.
- ✓ Morning peak hour traffic calculations were needed.

URS Criteria and Evaluation

Members were asked to provide a ranking (Critical, High and Low) for the categories noted in the URS Evaluation Matrix. M. Reed handed out copies of a document entitled "Transit Routes Princeton Planning Board Mercer County, New Jersey July 2013".

Next Steps

The impact on the circulation for the Spring Street garage should be reviewed.

AECOM should provide a model showing one way circulation northbound on Witherspoon Street. This approach could possibly be done as a trial to determine if this option has merit.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th.