

Alexander Street and University Place Transit Task Force

March 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

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

Staff: L. Solow, J. West

Also in attendance: C. Crider; A. Lahnston; S. Sturgis

K. Wilkes advised task force members that a presentation has been scheduled for the Princeton Council meeting on April 27th. URS and AECOM will be at the meeting to make brief presentations. K. Wilkes will make introductory remarks. A copy of the final task force report would be given to Council for review prior to the meeting.

The task force discussed the draft reports provided by URS and AECOM, and several suggestions were made to change the order of the information presented in the report so that it was more readable. The members agreed that several sections of the URS report should be moved into an appendix. Edits to the URS report included the removal of “Additional Considerations” and “Next Steps”, and the need to obtain clarification regarding the costs listed on pages 53 and 54 of the draft report. Consistent language needs to be used throughout the document. The task force also noted that the costs for track replacement needed to be reviewed further by URS as the cost appeared to be the same for several options considered, regardless of the amount of track that would need to be replaced. In the draft report it appeared as if it was assumed in all instances that all track from Princeton to Princeton Junction would need to be replaced. The AECOM draft report was also discussed and it was noted that the report needed to be reordered to better coordinate with the information presented in the URS report. Alternates A through F should be on one page and Chapter VII should be in coordination with the Princeton Junction study.

K. Wilkes shared that Mr. Fisk had conversations prior to the meeting with several members of the task force regarding an alternative funding model that he has developed based on his professional experience. The committee discussed if this information should be included in the report. The committee agreed to not include the material in the report as it had not been discussed by the full committee. It was noted that Mr. Fisk could submit his material to the Mayor and Council.

N. Bottigheimer had drafted an executive summary that was intended to accompany the reports when transmitted to the Mayor and Council. The task force members made numerous suggestions for edits to the executive summary. N. Bottigheimer will incorporate the edits in an updated draft. All thanked N. Bottigheimer for his work on the executive summary.

K. Wilkes and L. Solow will share comments from the task force with the consultant teams prior to the next meeting. Copies of the updated report, drafts and executive summary to be provided to the task force members prior to the next meeting.

Minutes:

- January 16, 2015 – Motion made and seconded the motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2015. The vote was 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2015