



RESOLUTION 21-237

A Resolution by the Municipality of Princeton Requesting a Project Scope Reduction and a Six-Month Extension of Time for Construction Contract Award from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2020 Municipal Aid Grant for the Improvement of Mount Lucas Road

WHEREAS, in July 2019, the Engineering Department submitted a grant application for the Improvement of Mount Lucas Road (Stuart Road East to the Municipal Boundary) at an estimated project cost of \$2.6 million; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), through the Fiscal Year 2020 Municipal Aid Fund, allotted a construction grant to the Municipality in the amount of \$558,000.00 for the Improvement of Mount Lucas Road; and

WHEREAS, Princeton previously entered into an agreement with NJDOT stipulating the terms and conditions pertaining to the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT Municipal Aid agreement stipulated that a construction contract must be awarded by November 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Murphy declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency due to COVID-19 in Executive Order 120; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection amended the stormwater management rules to require the use of smaller scale green infrastructure best management practices (bmps) instead of structural bmps; and

WHEREAS, the services of an environmental engineering consultants are required by the Engineering Department for the design of these new bmps; and

WHEREAS, the environmental engineering consultant identified that wetlands and / or riparian areas may exist adjacent to the project corridor, which may require freshwater wetland and / or flood hazard area permits for the construction of the Improvements to Mount Lucas Road; and

WHEREAS, municipal resources were directed toward essential services during the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency, which delayed the design phase; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department estimated that the updated project construction cost would be \$3.5 million to incorporate the new design features required for compliance with current regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department recommends reducing the project limits by eliminating the section of Mount Lucas Road between Poor Farm Road and the Municipal Boundary in order to reduce the estimated construction cost to approximately \$2.1 million; and

WHEREAS, Princeton anticipates awarding a construction contract for the work during the 2022 construction season; and

WHEREAS, Princeton wishes to request a six (6) month extension of time from November 21, 2021 to May 21, 2022 for the award of a construction contract for the Improvement of Mount Lucas Road project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of Princeton request the approval of an incidental project modification from NJDOT to reduce the project limits between Stuart Road East and Poor Farm Road; and

2. The Mayor and Council of Princeton request a six (6) month extension of time from

November 21, 2021 to May 21, 2022 for the award of a construction contract for the Improvement of Mount Lucas Road, which is partially funded through the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2020 Municipal Aid Fund.

3. The scope modification request and extension of time request are hereby made in accordance with the terms of the previous agreement with the Department of Transportation.

4. An original signed and sealed resolution shall be transmitted to Laine Rankin, NJDOT Director of Local Aid and Economic Development, at P.O. Box 600, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-066 for approval, and concurrent approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

| Councilperson | Absent | Present | 1 st | 2 nd | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Disqualified |
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| Mr. Cohen | | X | | | X | | | |
| Ms. Fraga | | X | | | X | | | |
| Ms. Niedergang | | X | X | | X | | | |
| Ms. Pirone Lambros | | X | | X | X | | | |
| Ms. Sacks | | X | | | X | | | |
| Mr. Williamson | | X | | | X | | | |
| Mayor Freda | | X | | | | | | |

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held July 12, 2021.


 Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk