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**WITHERSPOON STREET (PAUL ROBESON PLACE TO VALLEY ROAD)
VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN MEETING
May 18, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Dear Witherspoon Street Residents, Property Owners, and Businesses,

The Princeton Engineering and Planning Departments invite you to attend a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to discuss design elements for Witherspoon Street from Paul Robeson Place to Valley Road. The Zoom webinar details are provided below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86590464222?pwd=RjFmajM4UDYyM3JmWDBhaW9pQzQrZz09>

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In 2020, we began a community discussion about Witherspoon Street, focusing on the downtown area between Nassau Street and Paul Robeson. This May 2021 design meeting is intended to continue the community discussion about Witherspoon Street from Paul Robeson to Valley Road. We are seeking your ideas and feedback for pedestrian, bicyclist, transit and motor vehicle improvements; street lighting; tree and other vegetation additions; public art; seating and other street furniture; and any other features that will enhance the vibrancy of the corridor.

On May 18, Princeton staff and our consultant, T&M Associates, will give a short presentation at 6:10 pm to review the goals of this master planning process, discuss the agenda below and to provide more details on the project schedule. The agenda will include discussion about the following items for the Paul Robeson Place to Valley Road section:

1. Existing conditions
2. Proposed improvements from Nassau Street to Paul Robeson Place
3. Bike facilities
4. Pedestrian facilities

5. Transit facilities
6. Parking and traffic movements
7. Stormwater and sanitary sewer infrastructure, including green infrastructure
8. Tree removals and replacements
9. Street lighting
10. Public art and other street amenities such as benches, bike racks, bike corrals, newspaper receptacles, and trash receptacles
11. Wayfinding signage
12. Other utility company improvements. *Utility companies and property owners are advised to make necessary upgrades to water, electric, telecommunications, and natural gas systems now to avoid the 5-year moratorium that will be enacted upon completion of roadway paving. PSE&G Gas has advised that work is necessary on their main and services in this corridor.*

More information will be posted to the project website at <https://www.princetonnj.gov/246/Witherspoon-Street-Improvement-Project>. If you have access to email or text messages, we encourage you to subscribe to updates from the Municipality of Princeton's website at <https://www.princetonnj.gov/list.aspx>.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please submit comments to the Engineering Department at engineering@princetonnj.gov. We are also trying to schedule an in-person neighborhood meeting in May or June to solicit additional feedback; we will distribute an additional notice when this meeting is scheduled. We look forward to working with the community on this next phase of improving the Witherspoon Street corridor.

Best regards,



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