

Princeton

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Public Transit Advisory Committee

Thursday March 19, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

East Conference Room, Monument Municipal Building

AGENDA

1. February “FreeB” Report –
 - a. Passenger Counts -- Commuter Route
 - b. Passenger Counts – Mid-Day Neighborhood Route
 - c. On-Time Tally
2. Up-Grading the System
 - a. Recent Equipment Breakdowns
 - b. Extra back-up vehicle from Mercer County
 - c. Specifications to Bid for New Vehicles
 - d. Transponders to Show FreeB on Tiger Tracker
3. Inquiry from Affordable Housing Board re: Griggs Farm and Karin Court Service
4. Cancellation of Service:
 - a. Snow Days
 - b. Minor Holidays -- with NJ Transit Weekend Schedule
5. Update: Subcommittee on Coordination and Promotion
6. “FreeB” on Google Ecosystem
7. Promotion
 - a. Schedules Posted at Key Locations and Bus Shelters
 - b. FreeB Sandwich Boards
 - c. Other marketing
8. New Business
- 9.. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 16 ???

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Dear Councilwoman Crumiller ~

I am writing to you as Council liaison to the Traffic and Transportation Committee on behalf of the Princeton Affordable Housing Board. We are in receipt of a letter from an affordable household residing at Griggs Farm asking for our assistance regarding "...the lack of inclusion" of transportation provided by the municipal 'free-B' service. As you know, the Affordable Housing program includes 140 low- and moderate-income units within the Griggs Farm development.

The Circulation Element of the Master Plan adopted November 7, 2103 cites as a goal ~ "Continue and expand the municipally operated jitney service to accommodate the needs of local residents.

In looking at the online service map I note that the free-B route excludes several affordable developments. In addition to Griggs Farm, the service excludes the affordable units at Karin Court and Redding Circle, yet the free service is offered to affordable housing units at Elm Court, Harriet Bryant, Spruce Circle, and Princeton Community Village.

The Board is requesting that you amend the agenda for the Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for March 16th to include this issue so that the Affordable Housing Board can learn what steps are in place in the immediate future as to plans to expand the 'free-B' service to other areas of town ~ in particular Griggs Farm, so that we can respond in a timely manner to the complaint made by an Griggs Farm affordable household.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your attention to the request.

Kind regard,

Kate Warren
On behalf of the Affordable Housing Board