

Princeton, New Jersey

Public Transit Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

East Conference Room, Monument Municipal Building

Minutes

1. Present: Ralph Widner, Jenny Crumiller, Fay Reiter, Don Mayer-Brown, Deanna Stockton, Anton Lahnston, Interim Chair
2. Review of October “FreeB” Report – The committee reviewed the report for October (both Commuter and Daytime freeB) and noted that the ridership was consistent with previous months.
 - a. A brief discussion took place regarding the possibility of having riders pay for bus passes but no decision was made.
 - b. It was noted that Copperwood is currently advertising the availability of front door bus service. Based on the action of the committee in the October meeting there was a strong feeling that the advertisement should cease. Anton volunteered to talk with Marvin and ask Marvin to discuss this with Bob Hillier in order to end this advertisement.
3. New Vehicle –
 - a. The new freeB Bus will be delivered by the end of March (which is about one month later than originally estimated).
 - b. Don Mayer-Brown informed us that the transducer will be installed once the bus is delivered and he would line up the installer now, noting the delivery date, in order to get the installation of the transducer as soon as possible after the delivery of the vehicle.
4. Posting “FreeB” Schedules at Key Bus Shelters
 - a. There needs to be a process by which the schedules are laminated before posting in the bus shelters. Don will check with the Engineering Department’s capability in this area and proceed if there is a reasonable solution.
5. Integration Planning
 - a. The committee discussed the issue of transit integration focused on the connections between the freeB and other transit options, especially Tiger Transit.
 - b. It was noted that a meeting with the University was held last March (2015) and there was no follow up. At the meeting back in March 2015 (attended by Fay Reiter, Marvin Reed, Ralph Widner, and Anton Lahnston – from Princeton, and Kristin Appelget and Kim Jackson from the University) it was decided to somehow include the University’s strategic planning process as part of any planning for transit integration – at least as a next step.
 - c. Anton volunteered to contact Kristin Appelget and Kim Jackson to have another discussion to try and move the process forward; using the University’s current planning as part of the integration process.

6. The Future of the “Public Transit Advisory Committee”
 - a. The Transit Committee discussed its original charter which was distributed prior to the meeting.
 - b. In summary the Transit Committee discussed its future using the wording of the Council resolution (2014) as a starting point.
 - c. In the discussion it was noted that the number of residents on the Transit Committee had diminished and the overlap with other committees, e.g. the T and T Committee, is pretty obvious.
 - d. The discussion led to a decision to recommend setting up a meeting of key players from the three committees involved in pedestrian, bike, traffic, and transit concerns for Princeton, including safety in all of these areas. Jenny Crumiller offered to take the lead establishing this meeting and will invite the following:
 - 1.T and T: Robert Altman, Ralph Widner
 - 2.Bike-Ped: Laurie Harmon, Steve Kruse
 - 3.Transit: Anton Lahnston, Fay Reiter
 - 4.Council: Jenny Crumiller, Heather Howard
 - 5.Engineering: Deanna Stockton
 - e. The purpose of the meeting would be to explore the feasibility of consolidating the work of these committees as well as establish strong subcommittees to carry out some of the work that is currently being done by separate committees that results in redundancy and extra demands on volunteers from the community.
7. Next meeting: December 17, 2015 @ 9:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Anton Lahnston 12.9.15
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