

Public Transit Advisory Committee Minutes
Thursday April 21, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Fay Reiter, Princeton Community Housing; Deanna Stockton, Engineering; Joan Lockwood-Reck, GMTMA; Jenny Crumiller, Princeton Council & Acting Chair, Tamera Mateo, Debbie Disher, Ralph Widner, Citizen Members; Cheryl Kastrenakas, GMTMA, Susan Hoskins, Princeton Senior Resource Center, Kim Jackson, Princeton University, Don Mayer-Brown, Engineering, Kip Cherry, visitor

1. Minutes from the meeting of March 17, 2016 were approved.
2. Joan Lockwood-Reck gave the freeB reports. Ridership upslightly for neighborhood route. Tamera proposed altering the route of the FreeB to make it more useable for downtown employees who could park at the Shopping Center. Currently the FreeB does not work for them. The Shopping Center has offered free parking spots in the past. The group discussed altering the first morning route of the neighborhood loop and the last of the commuter route. Ralph is planning to ride the FreeB and do an informal survey to gather information on who is going where.
3. Debbie informed us that the Shopping Center bus stop has a high curb that proves a challenge for older users and there is no bench.
4. The new bus was set to be delivered shortly. It will need to be wrapped, which only takes a week, but bids need to be submitted for this and approved. There was no news about the transponder, which the vendor had bid at a prohibitive cost.
5. The publicity event for the new FreeB will be held at the Farmers Market, if possible.
6. The Trade bus which is currently a backup will be sold when we get the new bus.
7. The County Nutrition program for the elderly which provided lunch lunch at Mt. Pisgah has been discontinued and TRADE now provides transportation to the program in Lawrenceville. Some participants would like a second bus so they can stay later on two days but they were told no. Susan is looking for alternatives for them.
8. There was some discussion about moving the parked FreeB to Harrison St because of the need for parking for the Suzanne Patterson Center.
9. Deanna gave an update on the New Jersey Transit bus shelters. There are 8 new shelters in the works, 5 new ones and 3 replacements.
10. Kip Cherry distributed the University MOU and will review the document and offer her views on what steps should be taken at the next meeting
11. Next meeting Date: Thursday, May 19 at 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the East Conference Room of the Monument Building.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jenny Crumiller