

MINUTES
PRINCETON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
March 10, 2014
Community Meeting Room
Witherspoon Municipal Building

Present: Robert Altman, Jo Butler (Council liaison), Sam Bunting, Pamela Hersh, Robert Kiser (staff liaison), Sgt. Tom Murray (police department liaison), Jack West (staff liaison), and Ralph Widner. **Absent:** Kristin Appelget (Princeton University liaison), Murali Balasubramanian, Anton Lahnston (Chair), Surinder Sharma, Deanna Stockton (engineering staff). **Guests:** Dan Rappaport.

Vice Chair Robert Altman convened the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

1. Review and approval of minutes for February 10, 2014.

Summarizing data from the minutes for meetings during 2013, Ralph Widner submitted a memorandum summarizing accident trends in Princeton for the full year of 2013 compared to 2010 through 2012. While the total number of accidents and the number injured are down significantly from previous years, the number of accidents involving bicycles has increased. The memorandum is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Pam Hersh moved approval of the minutes for the meeting on February 10, 2014. Her motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

2. Police Report for February, 2014

Sgt. Tom Murray reported that there were 93 occurrences in February, seven for which no report was filed. Injuries were inflicted in eight of the accidents. No accidents involved bicycles, but one pedestrian was struck and injured while walking in the middle of Prospect Street, apparently because of snow and ice on the sidewalk. The accident was recorded as a hit and run because, though the Connecticut driver stopped and asked the victim if she were hurt, left the scene after she responded. Two accidents with deer involved no injuries. The full police report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Other Safety Activities

Alexander/University Place

Sgt. Murray reported that the new roundabout at Alexander and University Place is working well, despite two minor accidents. Committee members agreed that traffic is flowing better now that the traffic light is removed. Jack West reminded everyone, however, that a new light will soon operate at the entrance to the Dinky parking lot. However, he expects the traffic backups to be less severe than those experienced with the former light at the University Place/Alexander intersection.

There are complaints about an increase in truck traffic on Alexander now that the roundabout is in operation and the light removed. Bob Kiser and Jack West said that truck route signs removed during the work on Alexander will be put back in place, clearly indicating that University Place is the truck route.

Witherspoon-Jackson and John Street

Sgt. Murray said that John Street received extra attention with snow removal during the recent storms because of earlier resident complaints. A sign inventory has been completed in both neighborhoods and improvements are under way.

Jo Butler asked if any more can be done about the blind spot at the intersection on Witherspoon at the church. Sgt. Murray responded that just about anything that can be done has been done, but that possibly increased attention and enforcement will curtail the danger of drivers not seeing children and others emerging at that intersection.

Chambers Street

The committee discussed the continuing destruction of mid-street crosswalk pedestrian warning signs near the entrance to the parking garage on Chambers Street. It was agreed that the signs are too vulnerable where vehicles must make sharp turns and that they should be removed and not used in these locations.

In addition, it was agreed that ,when occupied, the parking spot in the curb “pocket” on Chambers just south of the parking lot entrance blocks visibility of the garage entrance and Hulfish intersection for northbound drivers.

Ralph Widner moved that parking meter CH-9 be relocated and that other parking spots further north on Chambers be opened up to replace it. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The recommendation will be forwarded to Council.

Other Reports

Sgt. Murray added—

- A new speed limit control sign will be installed on Rosedale at Johnson Drive.
- A 35-mile speed limit sign on Terhune will be relocated so that it is more effective to deter speeding on that road.
- A new parking enforcement officer has been hired as of March 5.

3. Parking at Avalon Bay site

Marvin Reed said that a meeting of the Planning Board's Master Plan Committee concluded that it had not addressed the question of public parking around the Avalon Bay site, and that the Traffic and Transportation Committee should reconcile the regulations of the former borough and township on this point. He said that there is no longer need for parking meters now that the hospital has relocated and that parking regulations should be clearly signed. Overnight parking should be by permit only.

Bob Altman, Bob Kiser and Jack West all pointed out that the Traffic and Transportation Subcommittee is already working on this very issue. Sgt. Murray added, that the police department feels very strongly that some ordinance-based regulations are very much needed, or it becomes impossible for police to prevent drivers from permanently occupying parking spots.

4. Action Register

Bob Altman asked committee members to review the Action Register and send any changes or additions to Surinder Sharma.

5. Bus Shelters

Pam Hersh said that Mayor Lempert has asked her and Bob Kiser to meet with the trustees of the Mass Transit Trust Fund at 8 a.m. on April 11 to discuss the possibility that the Fund will provide \$7,500 to fund a design competition for the two "customized" bus shelters. She said that the ultimate cost for these two special shelters may well be \$40,000 each, rather than \$80,000 as reported to the committee at its last meeting. These two special shelters would be supplemented with five shelters obtained from New Jersey Transit to be located at other sites. New Jersey Transit can provide five shelters per year. Though the shelters are provided by the state, all maintenance costs are borne by the municipality. Pam Hersh said that she and Bob Kiser want to find ways to cover these costs through discrete advertising and corporate or business sponsorship.

6. Arts and Transit District Update

Jack West said that construction is on schedule and that soon most of the work will be "behind the fence," rather than on Alexander and University Place. The parking meters will be installed at the end of this week, and the new traffic light at the Dinky parking lot entrance will soon go in to operation.

Marvin Reed said that he recently saw that all of the public parking spots in the lot were occupied, but a number of the permit spots were not. Jack West said that the university intended to provide 127 public parking spots, the same number that existed prior to construction, and that it has done so. Some spots reserved for construction vehicles will soon be freed up.

7. Traffic and Transportation Subcommittee report

Bob Kiser said that proposals to study the feasibility of a light at the intersection of Mountain Road and Great Road were received today and that Deanna Stockton will report the results at the next meeting.

He is talking to the county about the timing of lights at Elm and Stockton and will report the results at a future meeting.

The draft letter to the New Jersey Department of Transportation—considered at the last meeting of the committee regarding coordination of traffic signals on Alexander with gate operations at the Dinky rail crossing on Faculty Road—has been modified to accommodate language concerns of Kristin Appelget.

Ralph Widner moved that the letter be sent to NJDOT. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
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8. Priority Goals for Mayor and Council

The committee received a spreadsheet that organized some goals and priorities. Sam Bunting remarked that he had not prepared it and was at a loss to explain it. It was agreed to postpone further discussion until its nature and origin is clarified.

Vice Chair Bob Altman adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph R. Widner
Secretary

March 10, 2014

To: Princeton Traffic and Transportation Committee
From: Ralph Widner

Subject: Accident Trends in Princeton

As Table 1 indicates, the total number of motor vehicle accidents in 2013 was down by about 18% from a high in 2011. The number injured was down by 28% compared to 2011.

While the number involving pedestrians holds relatively steady (down slightly from last year), the number involving bicycles was up, particularly compared to 2012.

Table 1
PRINCETON ACCIDENT SUMMARY
2010-2013

Total Accidents Involving Motor Vehicles, Pedestrians and Bikers, January-December

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2010	85	96	91	94	96	108	88	97	91	83	114	111	1,154
2011	146	118	83	85	99	88	100	99	91	85	104	97	1,195
2012	77	91	81	75	112	100	74	76	81	111	89	62	1,029
2013	77	91	67	79	83	79	86	66	77	88	94	94	981

Table 2
Total Persons Injured in Accidents, January-December

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2010	5	11	8	18	9	7	7	16	9	14	13	11	128
2011	11	7	14	8	8	6	16	12	13	14	19	15	143
2012	7	14	11	9	16	9	8	11	10	9	11	11	126
2013	5	10	6	7	7	10	9	7	6	7	13	16	103

Table 3
Total Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Pedestrians, January-December

Pedestrian Accidents	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2010	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	11
2011	0	2	1	1	0	1	4	0	1	0	2	4	16
2012	0	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	0	18
2013	3	1	*2	1	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	15

* One Bicycle/pedestrian accident (no mva)

Table 4
Total Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Bicycles, January-December

Bicycle Accidents	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2010	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	11
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	3	1	11
2012	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	9
2013	3	1	0	2*	1	2	1	0	2	3	1	1	15

* One Bicycle/pedestrian accident (no mva)



Princeton Police Department

Monthly Report For February 2014

93 Occurrences of the following:

Case #	Date	Time	Location	Incident / Call Type
14-02682	02/01/14	14:26	883 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
14-02687	02/01/14	15:42	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-02691	02/01/14	16:02	Princeton Kingston Rd	Motor Vehicle Crash - Deer
14-02721	02/01/14	22:56	Rollingmead Street	Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50
14-02783	02/02/14	20:35	901 Herrontown Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-02892	02/03/14	13:27	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-02810	02/03/14	07:21	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-02816	02/03/14	07:52	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-02872	02/03/14	11:55	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03022	02/04/14	14:15	172 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03046	02/04/14	19:16	Nassau Street	Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50
14-03053	02/04/14	20:00	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03024	02/04/14	14:20	125 Hamilton Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03020	02/04/14	13:47	400 Witherspoon Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03087	02/05/14	06:50	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03331	02/06/14	10:01	Palmer Square East	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
14-03198	02/05/14	11:46	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03347	02/06/14	13:22	360 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
14-03371	02/06/14	16:01	5279 Province Line Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03411	02/06/14	23:00	Prospect Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03428	02/07/14	07:35	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03437	02/07/14	08:09	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03510	02/07/14	17:49	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
14-03506	02/07/14	17:23	247 Western Way	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03512	02/07/14	17:52	144 Prospect Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03519	02/07/14	19:15	101 Walnut Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03522	02/07/14	19:23	242 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03621	02/08/14	15:46	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-03695	02/09/14	12:43	841 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-03712	02/09/14	20:20	Lawrenceville Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03714	02/09/14	21:23	Springdale Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03727	02/10/14	07:20	101 Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03833	02/10/14	15:49	Nassau Street	CDS/Possession: Influence 2C:35-10
14-03841	02/10/14	17:58	North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03840	02/10/14	17:47	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03839	02/10/14	16:55	33 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03310	02/06/14	08:54	Rosedale Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury



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14-03931	02/11/14	15:13	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-03933	02/11/14	15:32	33 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-03942	02/11/14	17:07	Rosedale Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Deer
14-04007	02/12/14	09:08	350 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04033	02/12/14	12:45	601 Ewing Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04055	02/12/14	15:33	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04061	02/12/14	16:22	108 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04075	02/12/14	21:10	138 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04170	02/14/14	09:31	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04191	02/14/14	12:15	24 Spring Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
14-04244	02/14/14	21:04	163 Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04287	02/15/14	10:50	1 Palmer Square East	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04338	02/16/14	00:23	51 Prospect Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
14-04307	02/15/14	16:14	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04388	02/16/14	12:08	234 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04416	02/16/14	20:35	Alexander Street	Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50
14-04478	02/17/14	13:43	240 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04502	02/17/14	16:07	68 William Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04655	02/19/14	08:29	412 Franklin Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04648	02/19/14	07:53	Poor Farm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04173	02/14/14	09:34	Hodge Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04306	02/15/14	16:11		Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-04676	02/19/14			Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
14-04690	02/19/14	14:48	214 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04722	02/19/14	21:46	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04727	02/19/14	23:52	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04785	02/20/14	10:58	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04792	02/20/14	11:19	301 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04797	02/20/14	12:20	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04829	02/20/14	16:57	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04954	02/21/14	17:35	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04990	02/22/14	01:40	214 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04866	02/21/14	07:19	Rosedale Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04998	02/22/14	07:58	Cherry Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05020	02/22/14	12:53	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-05032	02/22/14	15:08	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05038	02/22/14	16:06	25 Spring Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report



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14-05042	02/22/14	16:48	Palmer Square West	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05044	02/22/14	17:11	301 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05037	02/22/14	15:36	Hulfish Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05110	02/23/14	09:11	Prospect Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05027	02/22/14	15:05	North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05177	02/24/14	09:16	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-05242	02/24/14	16:30	194 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04810	02/20/14	14:01	University Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05253	02/24/14	19:34	Spring Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-04641	02/19/14	07:21	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05297	02/25/14	09:40	Faculty Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05257	02/24/14	20:20	267 Cherry Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05409	02/26/14	09:07	Province Line Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05421	02/26/14	12:16	301 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05513	02/27/14	09:26	Witherspoon Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05553	02/27/14	14:32	Lytle Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05576	02/27/14	18:51	Scott Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
14-05678	02/28/14	17:06	378 Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
14-05681	02/28/14	17:17	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**1 Valley Road
Princeton, NJ 08540**

MVA W/PEDESTRIANS

February 2014

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
14-4338	2/16/14	2345	Prospect Ave./Washington Rd.	20	Injury

MVA W/BICYCLISTS

February 2014

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
			NO REPORTS		

MVA W/DEER

February 2014

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
14-2691	2/1/14	1602	Princeton-Kingston Rd./Poe Road	49	No injury
14-3942	2/11/14	1707	Rosedale Road/Lambert Drive	54	No injury

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT SUMMONSES
FEBRUARY 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
SPEEDING	29	116
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE	50	115
FAILURE TO INSPECT	23	92
CELL PHONE	28	64
CARELESS DRIVING	42	45
MAINTENANCE OF LAMPS	10	24
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED	10	28
FAILURE TO EXHIBIT DOCUMENTS	9	31
UNLICENSED DRIVER	10	17
UNINSURED MOTORIST	7	25
FAILURE TO WEAR SEATBELT	4	13
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	3	5
FAILURE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN	1	4
ALL OTHER (ordinances and moving included in this total)	100	150
TOTAL	326	729

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT ORDINANCE ACTIVITY
FEBRUARY 2014

Failure to Remove Snow	8
Public Urination	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Overweight Vehicle	1
Total	11

PRINCETON POLICE
MONTHLY REPORT OF PARKING ORDINANCE ACTIVITY
FEBRUARY 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
BUS ZONE	0	0
LOADING ZONE	2	14
PARKING WITHIN DESIGNATED STALL	8	60
NO PARKING ZONES/ANYTIME	17	32
PARKING BETWEEN (2AM & 6AM) LIMIT 1 HR	115	166
PARK LIMIT 2 HRS BETWEEN (8AM & 6PM)	34	164
PARK BET (2AM & 6AM) IN MUNICIPAL YARD	4	22
METERS	543	1910
METER FEEDING	0	48
PARK IN HANDICAP SPACE	1	2
ALL OTHERS	115	181
TOTALS	839	2599

Parking Authority Ticketing System
PRINCETON
Tickets by Location Report
From 02/01/2014 To 02/28/2014

Location	Total Tickets	Percentage of Total
ALEXANDER ST	1	0%
BANK ST	6	1%
BIRCH AVE	1	0%
CHAMBERS ST	5	1%
CHARLETON ST	1	0%
COLLEGE RD	2	0%
GREEN ST	3	0%
GREENVIEW AVE	10	2%
GRIGGS CORNER LOT	59	9%
HAWTHORNE AVE	3	0%
HULFISH ST	67	11%
HUMBERT ST	2	0%
JEFFERSON RD	1	0%
JOHN ST	5	1%
LEIGH AVE	1	0%
LYTLE ST	1	0%
MACLEAN ST	1	0%
MADISON ST	9	1%
MOORE ST	14	2%
MURRAY PL	2	0%
N TULANE ST	2	0%
NASSAU ST	114	18%
OLDEN ST	3	0%
PALMER SQUARE E	79	12%
PALMER SQUARE W	94	15%
PARK PLACE EAST YARD	8	1%
PARK PLACE WEST YARD	7	1%
PAUL ROBESON PL	8	1%
PINE ST	1	0%
PROSPECT AVE	3	0%
S TULANE ST	2	0%
SPRING ST	6	1%
SPRING ST PARKING GARAGE	1	0%
TULANE WEST LOT	36	6%
UNIVERSITY PL	2	0%
WILLIAM ST	4	1%

03/04/2014
2:01pm

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Parking Authority Ticketing System
PRINCETON
Tickets by Location Report
From 02/01/2014 To 02/28/2014

Location	Total Tickets	Percentage of Total
WITHERSPOON ST	73	11%
Totals	637	100%