

MINUTES

PRINCETON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

CONFERENCE ROOM A

MAY 18, 2015

PRESENT: Robert Altman (Chair), Kristin Appelget (Princeton University liaison), Nat Bottigheimer, Sam Bunting, Jenny Crumiller (Council liaison), Surinder Sharma, Robert Kiser (Engineering liaison), Sgt. Tom Murray (Police Department liaison), Deanna Stockton (Princeton Engineering), Jack West (Princeton Engineering),

ABSENT: Amner Deleon, Ralph Widner

GUESTS: Marty Lyons, Dan Rappaport, Marvin Reed

- 1- Minutes of April 13, 2015: Unanimously approved; one abstention by Pam Hersh
- 2- Comments from the Public: Marty Lyons, a civil engineer who lives in Princeton, spoke about what he believes was the faulty reconstruction of the Alexander Road "S-bend" portion of the road as it approaches the D&R Canal crossing bridge. He said his multiple attempts to connect with West Windsor officials about the "dangerously faulty banking" of the roadway have proven futile. He wanted to know if Princeton could do anything about the situation that he perceives as a real public safety issue. T&T noted that unless the accident reports indicate a problem for motorists entering Princeton, there would be no basis for a Princeton official to interfere with a West Windsor road construction issue. Mr. Lyons was going to try to get the accident reports which should be made available from the West Winsor Police for the time period following the reconstruction. Once he had the information, he would reach out again to discuss further.

OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- **Tour Bus Parking:** The Ad Hoc Committee on Tour Buses shared its May 11, 2015 “Report with Recommendations to Princeton Council.” The report gave a very thorough overview of the problem – a great increase in the number of large tour buses loading and unloading and parking on Nassau Street in areas unsuitable and unsafe and illegal for such activities. The Ad Hoc Committee came up with some excellent recommendations to implement immediately for the purpose of gathering data and educating the tour bus operators and in the future for a permanent solution enacting and enforcing ordinances that would regulate where tour buses could park and where they could pick up and drop off. Council was scheduled to have an in depth discussion of the situation on May 18th following the T&T meeting. Thus far, nothing has been resolved. Overnight parking. the Committee got an update on Council’s considerations as it attempted to “harmonize” the overnight parking ordinance that existed in the former Borough of Princeton with the overnight parking ordinance that existed in the former Princeton Township. The Chair asked the Committee whether it wanted to take a position on the issue, No Committee members indicated “yes”, and the discussion devolved into a historical rehashing of why the town needs to have an overnight parking ban at all. Council is considering three possibilities: a) leave the overnight parking ban exactly as it now exists; b) expand the overnight parking ban slightly to cover a few more streets close to the center of town; c) implement the overnight parking ban throughout the entire community. At Council’s request, staff is preparing a draft ordinance for the second option.
- **Edgehill Street traffic safety ---** On June 8, Council will have a public hearing and final vote on a traffic safety ordinance, recommended by the T & T Committee, that reduces the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph.
- **Bus Shelters---**Bob Kiser and Pam Hersh were expected to go before the special MOU Transit Trust Fund committee on May 26 to receive final approval for funding a bus shelter installation strategy as put forth by Princeton architect and urban planning expert Jim Constantine. The result of this effort will be reported at the next T&T meeting.
- **Mountain Avenue/Great Road traffic signal.** DOT has approved the grant, but the timing of actual implementation and receipt of funds is unclear.
- **Safe Routes to School grant for Harrison Street at Hamilton and Franklin.** The \$300,000 grant was approved, but it will take two years to get the design approved.
- **Summer Construction projects:** Hamilton Avenue, Prospect Avenue, Poe road, Mt. Lucas Road all moving forward in a timely fashion.

- Valley Road sidewalks. Marvin Reed reported that the reconstruction of the sidewalks project was trying to accommodate the Complete Streets mandate and how to deal with the narrow width. The six foot width is too narrow for the cyclists, but the question is should the cyclists be required to move to the roadway. Cherry Valley Road striping – going forward.
- Walnut Avenue/NJDOT grant -- that Princeton was successful in receiving a NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant for this project. We will consult with the Princeton High School and JW Middle School during the design process. Most likely, construction won't take place until 2017
- Princeton Police Department Accident Report and Summonses Report for April 2015 (attached) submitted by Sgt Tom Murray. Significant data: MVA with pedestrians- two incidents with injury. MVA with bicyclists – none. MVA with deer – two incidents with no injuries. The number of summonses issued to motorists who failed to yield to pedestrians was double the number for the same time period in 2014 (12 summonses for April, 2015, versus 6 summonses for April, 2014.)



Princeton Police Department

Monthly Report For April 2015

69 Occurrences of the following:

Case #	Date	Time	Location	Incident / Call Type
15-09954	04/01/15	11:03	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09961	04/01/15	11:58	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10051	04/02/15	09:14	59 Paul Robeson Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10046	04/02/15	08:49	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10209	04/03/15	18:26	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10211	04/03/15	18:55	North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10339	04/04/15	17:28	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10565	04/07/15	08:51	59 Paul Robeson Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10578	04/07/15	11:06	Wiggins Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10627	04/07/15	17:41	190 Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10646	04/08/15	00:28	Wiggins Street	Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50
15-10525	04/06/15	21:05	Witherspoon Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10763	04/08/15	16:29	Jefferson Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10771	04/08/15	17:31	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10781	04/08/15	21:59	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
15-10769	04/08/15	17:15	Lawrenceville Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
15-10819	04/09/15	08:24	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-10872	04/09/15	17:44	Paul Robeson Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-10885	04/09/15	20:16	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-10880	04/09/15	20:05	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
15-10924	04/10/15	09:05	Hodge Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11119	04/12/15	12:48	43 1/2 Birch Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11209	04/13/15	12:15	601 Ewing Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11216	04/13/15	13:09	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11232	04/13/15	14:12	53 Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11239	04/13/15	15:49	10 Palmer Square West	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11260	04/13/15	20:23	518 Cherry Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Deer
15-11255	04/13/15	18:42	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11291	04/14/15	07:50	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11195	04/13/15	10:59	875 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11336	04/14/15	12:23	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11337	04/14/15	12:29	601 Ewing Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11349	04/14/15	12:35	601 Ewing Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11353	04/14/15	15:28	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11416	04/15/15	07:27	Cherry Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11418	04/15/15	07:43	470 Quaker Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11500	04/15/15	14:59	137 Hickory Court	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury



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15-11513	04/15/15	15:55	Palmer Square West	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
15-11594	04/16/15	13:26	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11621	04/16/15	17:41	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11713	04/17/15	16:11	Hulfish Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
15-11743	04/17/15	21:43	24 Spring Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11800	04/18/15	12:53	301 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-11873	04/18/15	23:28	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-12084	04/21/15	13:51	24 Spring Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12095	04/21/15	16:01	Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12093	04/21/15	15:36	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12142	04/22/15	09:00	Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12194	04/22/15	15:05	21 Running Cedar Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12216	04/22/15	18:13	4565 Province Line Road	Driving While Intoxicated 39:4-50
15-12251	04/23/15	10:03	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12296	04/23/15	15:36	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12314	04/23/15	18:49	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12318	04/23/15	20:44	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12418	04/24/15	17:31	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12414	04/24/15	17:13	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-12601	04/26/15	13:33	31 Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12599	04/26/15	13:24	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12728	04/27/15	11:16	521 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Deer
15-12743	04/27/15	12:46	Sylvia Beach Way	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12745	04/27/15	12:55	Wiggins Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12767	04/27/15	17:31	25 Chambers Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12614	04/26/15	15:32	Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12988	04/29/15	11:52	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-13012	04/29/15	15:58	Mount Lucas Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-13095	04/30/15	10:55	North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-12833	04/28/15	08:15	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-13146	04/30/15	16:35	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-13160	04/30/15	20:22	Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 Valley Road
Princeton, NJ 08540

MVA W/PEDESTRIANS

April 2015

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
15-10781	4/8/15	2159	Washington Rd./Ivy Lane	25	Injury
15-10880	4/9/15	2005	Bayard Lane/Nassau St.	71	Injury

MVA W/BICYCLISTS

April 2015

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
			NO REPORTS		

MVA W/DEER

April 2015

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
15-11260	4/13/15	2023	Cherry Valley Rd./Heather Lane	22	No Injury
15-12728	4/27/15	1116	State Rd./Arreton Rd.	70	No Injury

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT SUMMONSES
APRIL 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
SPEEDING	64	65
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE	91	63
FAILURE TO INSPECT	44	22
CELL PHONE	17	20
CARELESS DRIVING	36	27
MAINTENANCE OF LAMPS	24	4
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED	32	21
FAILURE TO EXHIBIT DOCUMENTS	19	10
UNLICENSED DRIVER	23	5
UNINSURED MOTORIST	12	13
FAILURE TO WEAR SEATBELT	13	6
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	8	0
FAILURE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN	12	6
ALL OTHER (ordinances and moving included in this total)	180	103
TOTAL	575	365

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT ORDINANCE ACTIVITY
April 2015

Public Urination	2
Overweight Vehicle	8
Open Container	1
In Park After Dark	4
Alcoholic Beverages in Park	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
Abandoned Vehicle	1
No Left Turn Prohibited	3
Total	22

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT OF PARKING ORDINANCE ACTIVITY
APRIL 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
BUS ZONE	4	1
LOADING ZONE	34	22
PARKING w/DESIGN PARK STALLS	47	35
NO PARKING ZONES/ANYTIME	74	26
PARKING BET 2A & 6A LIMIT 1 HR	141	126
PARK LIMIT 2 HRS BET 8A & 6P	182	60
PARK BET 2A & 6A IN MUNICIPAL YARD	3	8
METERS	2244	1124
METER FEEDING	14	8
PARK IN HANDICAP SPACE	3	1
ALL OTHERS	146	95
TOTALS	2892	1506

Parking Authority Ticketing System
PRINCETON
Tickets by Location Report
From 04/01/2015 To 04/30/2015

Location	Total Tickets	Percentage of Total
AIKEN AVE	3	0%
ALEXANDER ST	17	1%
BANK ST	9	0%
BAYARD LN	2	0%
BIRCH AVE	1	0%
BOUDINOT ST	4	0%
CEDAR LN	1	0%
CHAMBERS ST	67	2%
CHARLETON ST	17	1%
CHESTNUT ST	5	0%
CLAY ST	2	0%
COLLEGE RD	7	0%
DICKINSON ST	17	1%
EDWARDS PL	2	0%
FRANKLIN AVE	4	0%
GREEN ST	9	0%
GREENVIEW AVE	11	0%
GRIGGS CORNER LOT	68	3%
HAMILTON AVE	5	0%
HARRISON ST	1	0%
HOUGHTON RD	3	0%
HULFISH ST	80	3%
HUMBERT ST	6	0%
JOHN ST	26	1%
LEIGH AVE	6	0%
LIBRARY PL	5	0%
LINCOLN CT	1	0%
MACLEAN ST	6	0%
MADISON ST	14	1%
MAPLE ST	3	0%
MERCER EXTENSION	14	1%
MERCER ST	15	1%
MOORE ST	39	1%
MORAN AVE	2	0%
MORVEN PL	5	0%
MURRAY PL	15	1%

Parking Authority Ticketing System
PRINCETON
Tickets by Location Report
From 04/01/2015 To 04/30/2015

Location	Total Tickets	Percentage of Total
N TULANE ST	23	1%
NASSAU ST	809	30%
OLDEN ST	87	3%
PALMER SQUARE E	117	4%
PALMER SQUARE W	111	4%
PARK PL	19	1%
PARK PLACE EAST YARD	5	0%
PARK PLACE WEST YARD	58	2%
PATTON AVE	16	1%
PAUL ROBESON PL	30	1%
PINE ST	16	1%
PRINCETON SHOPPING CENTER	2	0%
PRINCETON STATION LOT	51	2%
PROSPECT AVE	174	6%
QUARRY ST	10	0%
S TULANE ST	27	1%
SPRING ST	80	3%
SPRING ST PARKING GARAGE	1	0%
SPRUCE ST	13	0%
SYLVIA BEACH WAY	1	0%
TRINITY CHURCH LOT	24	1%
TULANE EAST LOT	4	0%
TULANE WEST LOT	82	3%
UNIVERSITY PL	150	6%
UNIVERSITY PLACE LOT	16	1%
VANDEVENTER AVE	33	1%
WALNUT LN	2	0%
WIGGINS ST	7	0%
WILLIAM ST	86	3%
WITHERSPOON ST	153	6%
Totals	2,699	100%

Tour Buses, Public Safety, and the Quality of Life in Princeton

A Report, with recommendations, to Princeton Council
Ad Hoc Committee on Tour Buses
Traffic and Transportation Committee
May 11, 2015

An overview

- Princeton is increasingly becoming a stop-over destination for tourists arriving in large tour buses
 - about which Princeton has virtually no information
 - and over which Princeton has virtually no control
- In the absence of officially designated places to unload, park, and load, buses use any of several locations, limited only by existing ordinances on idling (3-minutes), no parking zones, and intersections
- Given that buses use many locations, with no designated zones,
 - collection of needed data is virtually impossible
 - and on-going continuous enforcement is difficult
- the ideal solution is to create a safe system for managing and controlling the buses while they are in Princeton
- The first step is a trial period, used both for collecting data and to begin the management and control of large tour buses while they are in Princeton

Some solutions– over time – to get control of the tour bus situation

- Right now
 - Begin trial period (June 1 thru September 30)
 - Create two designated places for tour buses to load and unload by bagging designated meters
 - Collect data on buses
 - Begin education and enforcement
 - Encourage use of Alexander Street locations for parking
- And then
 - Enact ordinances:
 - Requirement to park on Alexander Street
 - Creation of muni-metered tour bus parking there
 - Expand education and enforcement
 - Analyze data, evaluate trial period, and develop next steps:
 - Future bus stop locations
 - Registration, permits, and parking fees
 - Scheduling arrivals - ?

Cost of bagging 8 meters for 4 months

- Based on 12 meters (4 sets of 3) on Nassau St.
 - Average annual income: \$12,585*
 - Average annual income/meter: \$3,160
 - Average income/meter/month: \$ 260
- Lost income with 8 bagged meters
 - Average income/meter/month: \$ 260
 - Total income lost/all meters/month: \$2,080
 - Total income lost/all meters/4 months: \$8,320
- Over the past 5 years, Princeton income from its approximately 1000 single space meters has averaged \$1,791,591/year. Data provided by Bill Moraski, e-mails to Bob Kiser, 4/28/15, 5/1/15, and 5/7/15.

Locations considered for bus drop off/pick up

- A. Nassau, just east of Bayard (north side)
- B. Nassau, just east of Chambers at Nassau Christian Center (north side)
- C. Nassau, just west of Nassau Presbyterian Church (south side)
- D. Nassau, just west of Tulane (north side)
- E. Nassau, just east of Witherspoon (south side)
- F. Olden, just south of Williams at Friend Center (west side)
- G. Williams, just east of Washington at the former Frick Lab (south side)

Some criteria used to screen options

1. Reasonable access to cross walks for tourist group's crossing
2. Sufficient size for pull-in parking
3. Sight lines at intersections are not blocked
4. If on Nassau, be between Washington Road and University Place to provide for ease of safe circulation to and from Alexander St. Parking location.
5. Availability and ease of police data collection and enforcement
6. Time of tourists' walking to Nassau Hall
7. Minimize disruption of existing businesses (delivery) and church programming (drop off and parking)
8. Proximity to retailers frequented by tourists
9. Bus circulation not to impact residential neighborhoods

Using our criteria to evaluate sites

OPTIONS:	Reasonable access to cross walks	Sufficient size for pull-in parking	Sight lines at intersections not blocked	If on Nassau Street, between Washington and University	Availability and ease of enforcement	Walking time to Nassau Hall	Minimize disruption to retailers and churches	Proximity to retailers frequented	Circulation w/o impact on residential	Other Considerations
Nassau, off Bayard (north side)	YES	YES	YES	no	no	YES	YES	no	YES	Interferes w/right turn
Nassau, off Chambers (north side)	YES	YES	YES	YES	no	no	YES	no	YES	
Nassau, near Nassau Presbyterian Church	YES	YES	YES	YES	no	YES	no	YES	YES	direct conflict with drop off and pick up for Church activities
Nassau, off Tulane (north side)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	preferred by retailers frequented
Nassau, off Witherspoon (south side)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Olden, off Williams (west side)	N/A	YES	YES	N/A	no	no	YES	no	YES	Used by Univ. transit
Williams, off Washington (south side)	YES	YES	YES	N/A	no	YES	YES	no	no	Abuts construction site

And if it all comes together.....

- Regulate and control tour bus movement (to..)
- ... improve safety, decrease pollution, and enhance quality of life in Princeton
- Create an on-going revenue stream (from permitting, fines, and parking fees) to support the program and its enforcement
- Maintain business opportunities for those merchants frequented by tourists

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee

- Bob Altman, T & T Committee, Chair
- Lori Rabon, Princeton Merchants Association, Vice Chair
- Kristen Appelget, Princeton University
- Jenny Crumiller, Princeton Council
- Amner Deleon, T & T Committee
- Bob Kiser, Princeton Engineering Department
- Bernie Miller, Princeton Council
- Sgt. Tom Murray, Princeton Police Department
- Mimi Omiecinski, Princeton Tour Company
- Jack West, Princeton Engineering Department
- Ralph Widener, T & T Committee