

MINUTES
PRINCETON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
April 13, 2015
Conference Room A
Witherspoon Municipal Building

Present: Robert Altman, Kristin Appelget (Princeton University liaison), Nat Bottigheimer (by phone), Sam Bunting, Jenny Crumiller (Council liaison), Amner Deleon, Robert Kiser (Engineering liaison); Surinder Sharma (by phone), Jack West (Princeton Engineering), Deanna Stockton (Princeton Engineering), Sgt. Tom Murray (Police Department liaison), Ralph Widner. **Absent:** Pam Hersh. **Guests:** Mimi Omiecinski (Owner, Princeton Touring Company), Dan Rappaport.

The meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

1. Approval of March 16, 2015 Minutes.

Amner Deleon moved, and Surinder Sharma seconded, that the minutes for March 16 be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Tour Bus Parking

The Chair reported that Council President Bernie Miller has asked that the Committee, or a special public task force, assume responsibility to determine where tour buses should be required to unload passengers and park.

Estimates are that about eight buses per day unload passengers on Nassau near Witherspoon or Palmer Square each day. The buses themselves frequently obstruct traffic and access to public parking. Their passengers often cross into traffic unaware of local safety rules.

Chairman Altman said that a Tour Bus Task Force, comprised of some committee members, plus representatives from Princeton University, the Convention and Tourism Bureau and business community (Lori Rabin, manager of Nassau Inn), and the engineering and police departments, will be organized to take this on.

Since the Task Force will have to work over the summer, he asked committee members to let him know about their availability during July and August.

Bob Kiser reported that the T & T subcommittee has done some preliminary analysis of sites in town where tour buses could be required to park and possibly unload and narrowed the options down to three: (a) the Princeton Shopping Center; (b) the former Fire & Rescue Squad location at Witherspoon and Valley Road; and (3) Alexander Road south of Skillman Furniture.

In the final analysis, Alexander Road was deemed the most practical.

Kristin Appelget expressed some concerns about unloading passengers near an active construction site where there may be safety problems.

Mimi Omiecinski commented that it would be far better if the passengers used rest rooms and bought their coffee at the WAWA, rather than crowd into the limited facilities on Nassau.

Chairman Altman said that, whatever the decision, new ordinances will be required, but that in the meantime, buses could be directed to a selected site on the basis of pedestrian safety and other considerations.

Sgt. Tom Murray commented that ultimately a permit system is necessary.

Jenny Crumiller stated that, before the Police Department does anything, Council should be fully aware of any planned initiative and discuss it. She said that she would bring it up at this evening's Council meeting. She asked if other sites were considered, commenting that we may want to discourage these buses from coming into Princeton at all.

Jack West responded that some consideration was given to spaces near the Arts Council building and the library, but both were ruled out for safety and traffic management reasons. In addition, because state and U.S. highways are involved, the New Jersey Department of Transportation controls parking in several other areas reviewed.

Surinder Sharma asked for Princeton University's views on the matter. Kristin Appelget said that the buses and their passengers posed real problems for the University in the years when they first began coming. Passengers would walk into Nassau Hall and take items as souvenirs and interrupt business. The university now posts guards in Nassau Hall.

It was agreed that no action will be taken until Council has discussed the matter.

3. Updates on Previous Committee Actions

- (a) Bob Kiser reported that the committee's budget recommendations concerning sidewalks will be placed before Council tonight. The municipality will finance new sidewalks that are part of a street improvement project. Property owners are partially responsible financially for renovations to existing sidewalks.
- (b) Bob Kiser said that both Council and the Mercer County Freeholders have forwarded resolutions to exclude large trucks from using Mercer Road/Princeton Pike because of the limits of the bridge over Stony Brook.
- (c) Deanna Stockton reported that she has forwarded a grant application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to help underwrite a Bike Share Program.
- (d) Deanna Stockton also said that she has prepared a grant proposal to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for technical assistance to create a Bicycle Master Plan.
- (e) Deanna Stockton has forwarded a draft ordinance establishing parking restrictions on Cleveland Lane to the Department of Public Works for review.

4. Updates from T & T Subcommittee

- (a) Bob Kiser said that a speed survey is necessary before we can respond to a request to reduce the speed limit on Mercer Road.
- (b) He reported that he has submitted the request for an additional traffic signal at U.S. 206 and Valley Road to the New Jersey Department of transportation.
- (c) Jack West stated that neighborhood meetings on summer construction projects will be held for Poe Road, Edgehill Road, and John Street.
- (d) Deanna Stockton reported that the Planning Board has reviewed plans for Valley Road improvements and that neighborhood notices will go out in a few weeks.
- (e) Jack West said that the Overnight Parking Task Force will meet next week and that the consultant, Bob Nolan, will meet with staff this Friday.
- (f) Deanna Stockton said that three actions must be taken regarding Edgehill Street: (a) an ordinance to lower the speed limit from 25 to 20 miles per hour; (b) an ordinance to modify parking on Mercer near Edgehill; (c) concurrence from the Seminary regarding a mid-block crosswalk.

5. NJ Transit Bus Route 655

Pam Hersh has informed the Chairman that NJ Transit bus route 655 may be eliminated because of very low ridership. Kristin Appelgetr commented that the University may be able to add a stop to a Tiger Transit line in order to provide a transit route to the hospital for those who have no other means to get there.

6. Police Report for March 2015

Sgt. Tom Murray submitted the Police Report for March 2015, which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

There were 95 occurrences, eight involving injuries. Two involved pedestrians, both of whom were injured. There were no bicycle accidents, but two with deer.

Because fewer officers are required as school crossing guards this year, the number of summons issued for speeding, careless driving, and unregistered vehicles is up substantially from 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph R. Widner, Secretary



Princeton Police Department

Monthly Report For March 2015

95 Occurrences of the following:

Case #	Date	Time	Location	Incident / Call Type
15-06229	03/01/15	10:39	Vandeventer Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06241	03/01/15	13:33	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06243	03/01/15	13:56	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06245	03/01/15	14:03	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06249	03/01/15	14:50	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-06257	03/01/15	15:11	Ewing Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06237	03/01/15	13:15	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06240	03/01/15	13:29	North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06246	03/01/15	14:12	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06267	03/01/15	19:33	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06339	03/02/15	15:21	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06342	03/02/15	16:53	301 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06343	03/02/15	16:54	Linden Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06404	03/03/15	07:24	Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06414	03/03/15	09:25	301 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06465	03/03/15	15:23	Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06477	03/03/15	17:13	Cherry Hill Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06481	03/03/15	17:42	Princeton Kingston Rd	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06510	03/04/15	07:30	Walnut Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06517	03/04/15	08:02	Franklin Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06508	03/04/15	07:27	1128 Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06565	03/04/15	15:49	Hamilton Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06578	03/04/15	19:35	Library Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06630	03/05/15	10:13	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06610	03/05/15	08:16	Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06622	03/05/15	09:11	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06620	03/05/15	09:40	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06654	03/05/15	12:10	290 River Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06615	03/05/15	08:51	North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06724	03/06/15	06:49	Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06728	03/06/15	07:25	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06739	03/06/15	08:32	Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06772	03/06/15	09:34	Princeton Kingston Rd	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06787	03/06/15	10:07	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06768	03/06/15	09:25	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06814	03/06/15	12:55	4 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06824	03/06/15	14:01	218 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury



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Case #	Date	Time	Location	Incident / Call Type
15-06822	03/06/15	13:56	1 Palmer Square East	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06842	03/06/15	16:46	Chestnut Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06908	03/07/15	09:53	Cherry Hill Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-06965	03/07/15	17:59	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-06771	03/06/15	09:33	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-07026	03/08/15	04:00	William Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07149	03/09/15	08:45	61 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07152	03/09/15	09:10	116 Moore Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
15-07155	03/09/15	09:22	Princeton Kingston Rd	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07234	03/09/15	16:47	108 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07312	03/10/15	10:32	North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
15-07387	03/11/15	07:10	State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Deer
15-07415	03/11/15	10:15	59 Paul Robeson Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07493	03/11/15	21:02	Vandeventer Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07492	03/11/15	20:51	Lawrenceville Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
15-07510	03/12/15	07:40	Alexander Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07545	03/12/15	09:41	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07553	03/12/15	11:32	310 Jefferson Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07213	03/09/15	14:24	199 South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07589	03/12/15	15:55	Lovers Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07298	03/10/15	09:15	Cherry Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07670	03/13/15	09:33	Franklin Avenue	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07760	03/13/15	18:21	Faculty Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07810	03/14/15	11:19	Lovers Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07145	03/09/15	08:32	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07816	03/14/15	12:42	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07937	03/15/15	12:34	Chambers Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-07991	03/16/15	07:10	Cherry Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08080	03/16/15	16:39	249 Mount Lucas Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08226	03/17/15	22:23	University Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08268	03/18/15	08:40	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08275	03/18/15	08:59	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08339	03/18/15	17:33	Paul Robeson Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-08473	03/19/15	21:40	Charlton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08321	03/18/15	14:43	Moore Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08306	03/18/15	12:10	149 Terhune Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08540	03/20/15	13:13	650 Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury



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15-08545	03/20/15	13:53	Pheasant Hill Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08557	03/20/15	16:40	Great Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08629	03/21/15	14:53	310 Elm Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Report
15-08583	03/20/15	22:17	South Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-08839	03/23/15	14:38	419 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08808	03/23/15	11:37	301 North Harrison Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08921	03/24/15	10:31	881 State Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-08857	03/23/15	16:09	17 Lovers Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - Pedestrian
15-09097	03/25/15	14:08	248 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09124	03/25/15	18:08	Murray Place	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09106	03/25/15	14:48	Houghton Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09257	03/26/15	13:46	Bayard Lane	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09418	03/27/15	13:41	30 Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09460	03/27/15	19:55	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09513	03/28/15	13:04	131 John Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09612	03/29/15	13:38	Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09641	03/29/15	22:07	Cherry Valley Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Deer
15-09650	03/30/15	01:04	1016 Mercer Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-09773	03/31/15	07:42	Stockton Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury
15-09889	03/31/15	21:37	Nassau Street	Motor Vehicle Crash - No Injury
15-09898	03/31/15	22:05	Washington Road	Motor Vehicle Crash - Injury

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**1 Valley Road
Princeton, NJ 08540**

MVA W/PEDESTRIANS

March 2015

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
15-7312	3/10/15	1032	Hamilton Ave./Harrison St.	34	Injury
15-8857	3/23/15	1609	Lovers Lane/Stockton St.	46	Injury

MVA W/BICYCLISTS

March 2015

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
			NO REPORTS		

MVA W/DEER

March 2015

CASE #	DATE	TIME	STREET	AGE	
15-7387	3/11/15	0710	State Rd./Hillside Ave.	29	No Injury
15-9641	3/29/15	2207	Cherry Valley Rd./Hillside Ave.	43	No Injury

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT SUMMONSES
MARCH 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
SPEEDING	91	68
UNREGISTERED VEHICLE	92	61
FAILURE TO INSPECT	45	58
CELL PHONE	29	36
CARELESS DRIVING	52	29
MAINTENANCE OF LAMPS	40	15
DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED	38	28
FAILURE TO EXHIBIT DOCUMENTS	24	12
UNLICENSED DRIVER	14	12
UNINSURED MOTORIST	24	12
FAILURE TO WEAR SEATBELT	24	13
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	0	4
FAILURE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN	6	4
ALL OTHER (ordinances and moving included in this total)	209	118
TOTAL	688	470

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT ORDINANCE ACTIVITY
MARCH 2015

Failure to Remove Snow	11
Overweight Vehicle	9
Noise Complaint	3
Littering	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Bicycle on Sidewalk	1
No Restraint of Dog	1
Public Urination	1
Total	29

PRINCETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT OF PARKING ORDINANCE ACTIVITY
MARCH 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
BUS ZONE	2	0
LOADING ZONE	48	5
PARKING w/DESIGN PARK STALLS	18	41
NO PARKING ZONES/ANYTIME)	62	19
PARKING BET 2A & 6A LIMIT 1 HR	205	145
PARK LIMIT 2 HRS BET 8A & 6P	71	90
PARK BET 2A & 6A IN MUN YARD	6	8
METERS	1229	1158
METER FEEDING	6	25
PARK IN HANDICAP SPACE	0	1
ALL OTHERS	185	112
TOTALS	1832	1604

Parking Authority Ticketing System
PRINCETON
Tickets by Location Report
From 03/01/2015 To 03/31/2015

Location	Total Tickets	Percentage of Total
ALEXANDER ST	3	0%
BANK ST	11	1%
CHAMBERS ST	17	1%
CHARLETON ST	5	0%
CHESTNUT ST	3	0%
CLAY ST	3	0%
DICKINSON ST	7	0%
FRANKLIN AVE	9	1%
GREEN ST	16	1%
GREENVIEW AVE	7	0%
GRIGGS CORNER LOT	48	3%
GUYOT AVE	1	0%
HARRISON ST NORTH	4	0%
HAWTHORNE AVE	6	0%
HOUGHTON RD	8	1%
HULFISH ST	80	5%
HUMBERT ST	5	0%
JEFFERSON RD	4	0%
JOHN ST	19	1%
LEIGH AVE	1	0%
MADISON ST	4	0%
MAPLE ST	5	0%
MERCER EXTENSION	1	0%
MERCER ST	3	0%
MOORE ST	9	1%
MURRAY PL	5	0%
N TULANE ST	28	2%
NASSAU ST	543	36%
OLDEN ST	22	1%
PALMER SQUARE E	98	6%
PALMER SQUARE W	90	6%
PARK PL	7	0%
PARK PLACE EAST YARD	11	1%
PARK PLACE WEST YARD	26	2%
PATTON AVE	5	0%
PAUL ROBESON PL	12	1%

Parking Authority Ticketing System
PRINCETON
Tickets by Location Report
From 03/01/2015 To 03/31/2015

Location	Total Tickets	Percentage of Total
PINE ST	10	1%
PRINCETON STATION LOT	7	0%
PROSPECT AVE	31	2%
QUARRY ST	8	1%
S TULANE ST	15	1%
SHIRLEY CT	1	0%
SPRING ST	32	2%
SPRINGDALE RD	1	0%
SPRUCE ST	4	0%
STOCKTON ST	1	0%
SYLVIA BEACH WAY	2	0%
TRINITY CHURCH LOT	3	0%
TULANE WEST LOT	38	2%
UNIVERSITY PL	40	3%
UNIVERSITY PLACE LOT	13	1%
VANDEVENTER AVE	9	1%
WALNUT LN	7	0%
WIGGINS ST	1	0%
WILLIAM ST	18	1%
WITHERSPOON ST	154	10%
Totals	1,521	100%