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PRINCETON COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2013

A meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room in the municipal complex, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the following statement.

The following is an accurate statement concerning the providing of notice of this meeting and said statement shall be entered in the minutes of this meeting. Notice of this meeting as required by Sections 4a, 3d, 13 and 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided to the public in the form of a written notice. On March 7, 2013 at 11:45 a.m., said schedule was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, the Town Topics, and filed with the Municipal Clerk

ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mesdames Butler, Crumiller Howard and Messers Liverman, Miller and Simon and Mayor Lempert.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Bruschi, Ms. Monzo, Mr. Kiser, and Mr. Schmierer.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Brian Cige, Esq., asked why the "Smoking Ordinance" was not on the agenda for this meeting. Mayor Lempert explained that this was a Department of Health ordinance and not a Princeton Council ordinance. Mr. Cige said that he knew about the ordinance through an article in the Princeton Packet and suggested that there was no allowing for public comment. Mr. Cige said that they needed to be careful about enforcement, and that he did not think that they had the authority to restrict smoking in parks. Mr. Cige discussed the "Smoke Free Air Act", and said that it was impossible to show that second hand smoke has an impact outdoors.

Ms. Howard said the Board of Health has independent authority and worked closely with the State Department of Health to establish the authority for the ordinance under the state's Smoke Free Air Act. She also said that the Board of Health solicited public comment and there was no opposition at the public hearing. Ms. Howard said she would be happy to work off line independently with Mr. Cige.

Ms. Butler asked if anyone had seen the ordinance. Ms. Howard said that it was on the website.

MINUTES

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Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2013. The motion was seconded by Ms. Butler and carried unanimously.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013 as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Butler and carried unanimously.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2013. The motion was seconded by Ms. Butler and carried unanimously.

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PROCLAMATION: Mayor Lempert read a proclamation in regard to National Public Health Week.

PRESENTATION

Princeton University Arts and Transit Construction Report

Kristin Appleget and Robert Durkee, Princeton University, presented a power point presentation detailing the proposed construction schedule and initial impacts. It was noted that there was a website www.princeton.edu/artsandtransit for public information about the project.

There will be express bus service between Princeton and Princeton Junction (Tiger Transit) and a new multi-use parking lot. It was the consensus of Council that the bus service be advertised.

Ms. Butler asked if West Drive could be opened, even on a temporary basis during the construction. Mr. Bruschi said that the decision to open West Drive would come from the town.

Ms. Butler asked that since there were still lawsuits outstanding, would there be a problem in issuing the necessary permits without additional liability. Mr. Schmierer said that there would be no liability.

Mr. Miller asked that the University present periodic updates to the Council as the project moves forward.

(Presentation appended to this set of minutes)

WORK SESSION

2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCTION

Mr. Bruschi and Ms. Monzo presented a power point presentation to the Council in regard to the 2013 Municipal Budget. Mr. Bruschi said that this was a team developed budget and is a consolidated budget of \$61million. He said that this was \$3 million less than both municipalities combined in 2012. He said that service levels have been maintained or increased and future reserves remain stable.

Mr. Miller asked if there was any conflict of interest in regard to the library budget. Mr. Schmierer said that he could recuse himself when it came time for discussion of the library budget and that two separate resolutions could be done. As for the Mayor and Ms. Howard, Mr. Schmierer said that the Mayor serves as a statutory member and since the library budget was formulated in 2012, the Mayor can vote on the budget. There is also no problem with Ms. Howard voting on the budget.

Ms. Butler said that she would like more information by department where staff has been eliminated.

Scott Sillars said that the CFAC has not looked at individual department budgets. Ms. Crumiller said that in other towns, department heads come before Council or a Finance Committee.

Henry Singer asked the council to consider a joint service of the municipality with the schools for shared information technology.

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Anton Lahnston asked how the billing for joint services between the old Borough and Township were being counted in the budget. Mr. Sillars and Ms. Monzo explained how joint services were accounted for in past budgets. Mr. Simon asked whether the \$2.3M in double-counting was included in the overall \$3M in budget reduction shown in the presentation. Ms. Monzo confirmed that it was.

Joe Small asked for a report to the public, accounting for the actual savings realized from consolidation. He also encouraged the council to have a session where the tax assessor Mr. Snyder and the tax attorney Mr. Haushalter could answer questions about taxes. He also asked the council to adopt a code of ethics.

John Clearwater warned that the municipal budget for capital maintenance is nowhere near the level necessary for adequate maintenance of existing capital assets. He also advised that the council should take a close look at the library's requested 4.5% increase in operating budget. He also asked whether the cost of the food waste program is being attributed appropriately to users, and how dependent the municipality is on outside grants for that program.

Following up on Mr. Clearwater's comments, Mayor Lempert indicated that the food waste program is structured to be self-funding. Mr. Simon asked about the budget level for the library this year vs. last year. Ms. Monzo indicated that the library had requested a 4.5% increase, but after review by the finance committee, the municipal budget for the library this year was set at the same level as last year.

a. Ordinance Introduction:

Mayor Lempert read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON CALENDAR YEAR 2013 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A: 4-45.14)

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for May 28, 2013.

b. Resolution to Introduce 2013 Municipal Budget

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the resolution to introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget as presented minus the library appropriation. Ms. Butler seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The public hearing for the 2013 municipal budget was set for May 28, 2013.

(Budget presentation appended to this set of minutes)

REPORTS

- Ms. Howard reported that the Administrator, Mayor and Councilmembers Howard and Crumiller had met with several members of the Human Services Commission to solicit input for the job description for Human Services Director.

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- Ms. Crumiller said that Shade Tree is planting 66 trees and that the Environmental Commission was looking at better recycling at Community University.
- Mr. Miller said that there is still a need for a Public Works Facility and a need to move to offseason storage.
- Ms. Butler said that the Conflict of Interest Policy will be available shortly.
- Mr. Simon said that the Emergency Preparedness Task Force has set a list of 10 goals.
- Mr. Kiser said that Quaker Road was due to open in two weeks. The Ewing Street had a setback with an equipment fire. Westerly Road curb work and road work should be done within 30 days.

RESOLUTIONS

- Miller, Porter & Muller, Avalon Bay Litigation, Not to Exceed \$ 50,000.

Ms. Butler asked that contracts be amended to stipulate that Council be notified when contracts have met the 80% mark

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve the resolution as amended. Ms. Crumiller seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- Establishing the Parks Commission Task Force

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- Establishing the Advisory Planning District Task Force

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve the resolution as amended. Mr. Miller seconded the motion which was approved unanimously

- Appointments to Task Forces

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Simon seconded the motion which was approved unanimously

- State Of New Jersey, Department Of Community Affairs, Division Of Local Government Services, Local Finance Board, Application Certification

Mr. Simon offered a motion to approve the resolution as amended to say reasonable and appropriate Mr. Liverman seconded the motion which was approved unanimously

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Green Development Checklist

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968." AND AMENDING CHAPTER 17A OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON, NJ, 1974 CREATING A GREEN DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION STATEMENT/CHECKLIST.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

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Daniel Harris, commented regarding possible amendments to the proposed ordinance. (Written comments appended to this set of minutes).

Wendy Kazersky, recommended that the checklist be available to developers at every point. Mr. Solow said that the checklist will be available on the website.

Mr. Miller said that the intent of the Planning Board was to get the ordinance on the books as soon as possible and then to look at changes after review.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

Historic Preservation Plan Application Fee

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN APPLICATION FEE FOR PRINCETON AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Refunding Bond Ordinance

Mayor Lempert read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF PRINCETON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION RELATED TO EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON AND THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON APPROPRIATING \$2,292,580 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,292,580 REFUNDING BONDS OR NOTES FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

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Ms. Crumiller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for April 22, 2013.

Bond Ordinance, North Harrison Street Sidewalks

Mayor Lempert read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF NORTH HARRISON STREET ADJACENT TO BLOCK 5410, LOTS 5, 6 AND 7, PRINCETON TAX MAP, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$8,461.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF SAID PRINCETON AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF FIFTY (50%) PERCENT OF THE COST THEREOF ON THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTY OWNERS.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Ms. Crumiller seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for April 22, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

Contains items of a routine nature, which are approved by a single vote.

a. Bills and Claims

b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantees:

- Anthony Bordieri, Jr., Manager of Facilities, The Institute for Advanced Study, Einstein Drive Walkway – Administrative Waiver, Release of Performance Guarantee, no maintenance guarantee required.
- Mr. Alan Smith, Princeton Historical Society, Updike Farm, Release of Maintenance Guarantee.
- Project 12-01; Pedestrian Improvements, T. Fiotakis Construction LLC, Release of performance bond / acceptance of one year maintenance bond.

c. Music Amplification Requests:

- Julia Simon-Kerr, for a wedding at Mountain Lakes, June 15, 2013, 3:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Wendy Rayner for a wedding at Mountain Lakes, June 7, 2013, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

d. Professional Services Agreement:

- Miller, Porter & Muller, Arts & Transit Litigation, Not to Exceed \$27,000.

e. Final Change Order, Project 12-01; Pedestrian Improvements, Contractor: T. Fiotakis Construction LLC

f. Resolutions:

- Fire Department Associate Memberships
- Fire Department Membership

g. Resolutions: Current Fund, Affordable Housing Utility Fund and Parking Utility Fund Emergency Temporary Budgets

h. Resolutions:

- Banner Request for Princeton HealthCare for the Princeton HealthCare 10K, to be hung over Washington Road, June 3-10, 2013

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- Banner Request for Corner House for their fundraiser "Won't You Come Out Tonight", to be hung over Washington Road, April 2-8, 2013
- Banner Request for the Waldorf School of Princeton for their 2013 May Fair, to be hung over Washington Road, May 6-13, 2013

Ms. Howard offered a motion to approve the items "b-h" on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller and carried unanimously.

After clarification of "a" Bill List items, Ms. Howard offered a motion to approve item "a". The motion was seconded by Mr. Simon which was carried unanimously.

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes.)

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION (Open Public Meetings Act Sec.3)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton:

1. This body will now convene into a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of an item or items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. The general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed in said session is as follows:

Litigation/Personnel

3. Stated as precisely as presently possible, the following are the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted at said session can be disclosed to the public:

Within 90 days or upon settlement of litigation, if applicable

Litigation: Avalon Bay
Personnel: Chief Dudeck

The above referenced issue was discussed by the Princeton Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Municipal Clerk

We are thrilled that this Green Building Checklist Ordinance will be adopted. It represents much labor over the past year by the Princeton Environmental Commission, Sustainable Princeton, and the Planning Office. We owe many thanks to all those heavy-duty workers for the cause of sustainability in Princeton. And we want this ordinance to move Princeton, soon, towards Silver-certification by Sustainable Jersey.

Nevertheless, some revisions are in order for discussion after adoption—or by amendment now.

Two days before this Ordinance was to be heard by the Planning Board on March 7, Heidi Fichtenbaum (one of the chief contributors to the checklist) asked me to review it. I made a number of emendations, which Heidi approved. These you have before you, unaltered from the version I presented to the Planning Board. At that time I was advised to make my comments to you tonight.

You should know that the checklist revisions were regarded by many as minor or, as Mr. Solow stated, “stylistic.” Some items are more significant, as with 1.e and 1.f, both having to do with green space which may be open and/or public. The major exception to checklist revisions is item 3.t, “Use of Non-Toxic Materials” (Heidi’s last-minute addition). It addresses fundamental matters of public health: I hope that Council will include it tonight. Planning Board attorney Gerald Muller stated clearly that none of the revisions altered the ordinance so much as to require ordinance reintroduction. Mr. Schmierer, I hope you concur. Ms. Crumiller, you in particular stated at the Planning Board that these revisions should be considered for adoption after the ordinance is passed; Mr. Miller, you also indicated that you favored revisions after adoption. Mr. Solow, you offered to work with me on matters of language—an offer which I then accepted, and still do.

What did cause some substantive discussion was the Introduction to the Ordinance. As you know, the excellent Preamble to the current ordinance will be deleted once the ordinance is entered in Borough Code, as such preambles have in the past been excised. The Introduction will remain—as it does, for example, in the site-standards for the MRRO zone. So the text is important.

Tonight I offer a revised Introduction that reflects important remarks made at the Planning Board by Mr. Miller, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Muller, among others. As Mr. Miller and Ms. Crumiller will easily recognize, I have deleted all reference to Inherently Beneficial Uses, a term more problematic than I knew at the time. I have nevertheless retained references to Municipal Land Use Law which specifically permit municipalities to “promote” measures directed towards renewable energy and energy conservation. That is what this ordinance is partly about. As architects know, Bill Wolfe and Heidi Fichtenbaum among them, a minimum of 40% of a building’s energy efficiency depends on how a building is constructed and oriented.

It would be presumptuous of me to maintain that the wording for the Introduction should be adopted without change. Nevertheless I hope you will agree to the inclusion of such an Introduction as this, with whatever final wording you deem appropriate, with Mr. Schmierer’s guidance.

I would like you to include this new Introduction. The ordinance will then be a stronger document, a model document—both for developers in their understanding of Princeton’s commitment to sustainability, and for Sustainable Jersey, where this Ordinance will be placed on their website (and others) as an example for other municipalities. I see absolutely no reason why Municipal Land Use Law statutes should not be cited in order to show all readers of this document legal structures already on the books, anticipating others coming into play here in New Jersey, as throughout the country, as we all seek to minimize the effects of climate change soon enough. Setting forth the legal foundations for the checklist, including the safeguarding of public health, puts the checklist in its proper context. State lawmakers will notice the growing number of municipalities that have Green Building Checklist Ordinances; further statewide legislation aiming at sustainability will then become politically feasible. None of the other municipalities with checklist ordinances (West Windsor, Delmar, and Cranford) refer to existing MLUL. Princeton can thus set precedent, and I hope you will.

As we used to say: if you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem. I would like to see Princeton become part of the solution, in the best and most progressive manner.

Daniel A. Harris
28 Dodds Lane, Princeton
Remarks to Princeton Council, 4/1/13: Green Building Checklist Ordinance

The standards for sustainability included in this Ordinance, particularly those that concern energy efficiency, properly address a world in the crisis of climate change made by human beings. Any developer who does not voluntarily comply with the standards articulated in this Ordinance should be regarded by this Council and the Princeton Planning Board with great suspicion and distrust. Any developer whose site plan does not respect the environmental needs of our municipality and of our world should, at a minimum, be compelled to explain to elected and appointed officials, as well as to municipal staff, the reasons why he or she chooses not to adhere to the mandates of good science and human well-being. In the most positive scenarios, we all hope for developers who understand their responsibilities. Short of that, Council and the Planning Board should feel free to request if not demand full conformity with environmentally sustainable behavior by any developer, and to ~~reject~~ the site plans of developers who do not voluntarily comply.

~~hold accountable~~
sharply criticize JAH

Princeton University Arts and Transit Project

Construction Phasing, Circulation and
Communications Update

Princeton Council
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Arts and Transit Project

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Overview

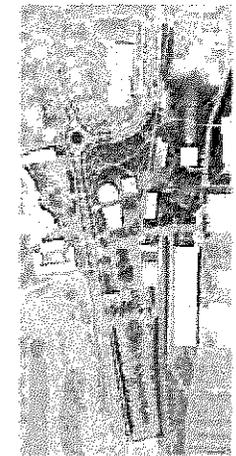
The Arts and Transit Project will transform a space that is a nexus of both campus and community life when it is completed in 2017.

New public plazas and improved traffic circulation will complement a new NJ TRANSIT Dinky station and Wawa, a restaurant, a café, other public amenities, and new University arts facilities associated with the Lewis Center for the Arts and the Department of Music. The site will make it possible to expand engagement with the arts, indoors and out, for University students, faculty and staff as well as for members of the community, in close proximity to two anchors of the Princeton community: the McCarter and Berlioz theaters.

Taken together, the proposed transportation improvements, retail, attractive public spaces and buildings for the arts will create a lively and attractive gateway to the Princeton area as well as to the University, and it will do so while meeting the highest possible standards of quality and sustainability in both the design and development of the site.

Questions?

This website provides information about the Arts and Transit Project's history, design and construction, as well as the arts at Princeton, recent news, frequently asked questions, and links to NJ TRANSIT and other transit information. For more information, you can email us or call us at 609-258-8023, and you can also sign up for email updates to be notified when new construction or transit information is posted to this site.



This comparison of the existing (above) and new (below) neighborhood configurations shows the village-like cluster of buildings along with plazas and landscaped open spaces (click on images to view larger version).

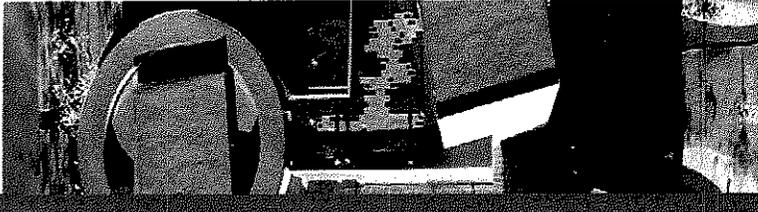
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Princeton University is interested in hearing from you.

We invite you to share your ideas, concerns and questions about the proposed Arts and Transit Project with us by sending us an [email](#), calling us at 609-258-8073, or by writing to the Office of Community and Regional Affairs at:

Office of Community and Regional Affairs
22 Chambers Street, Suite 101
Princeton, NJ 08543

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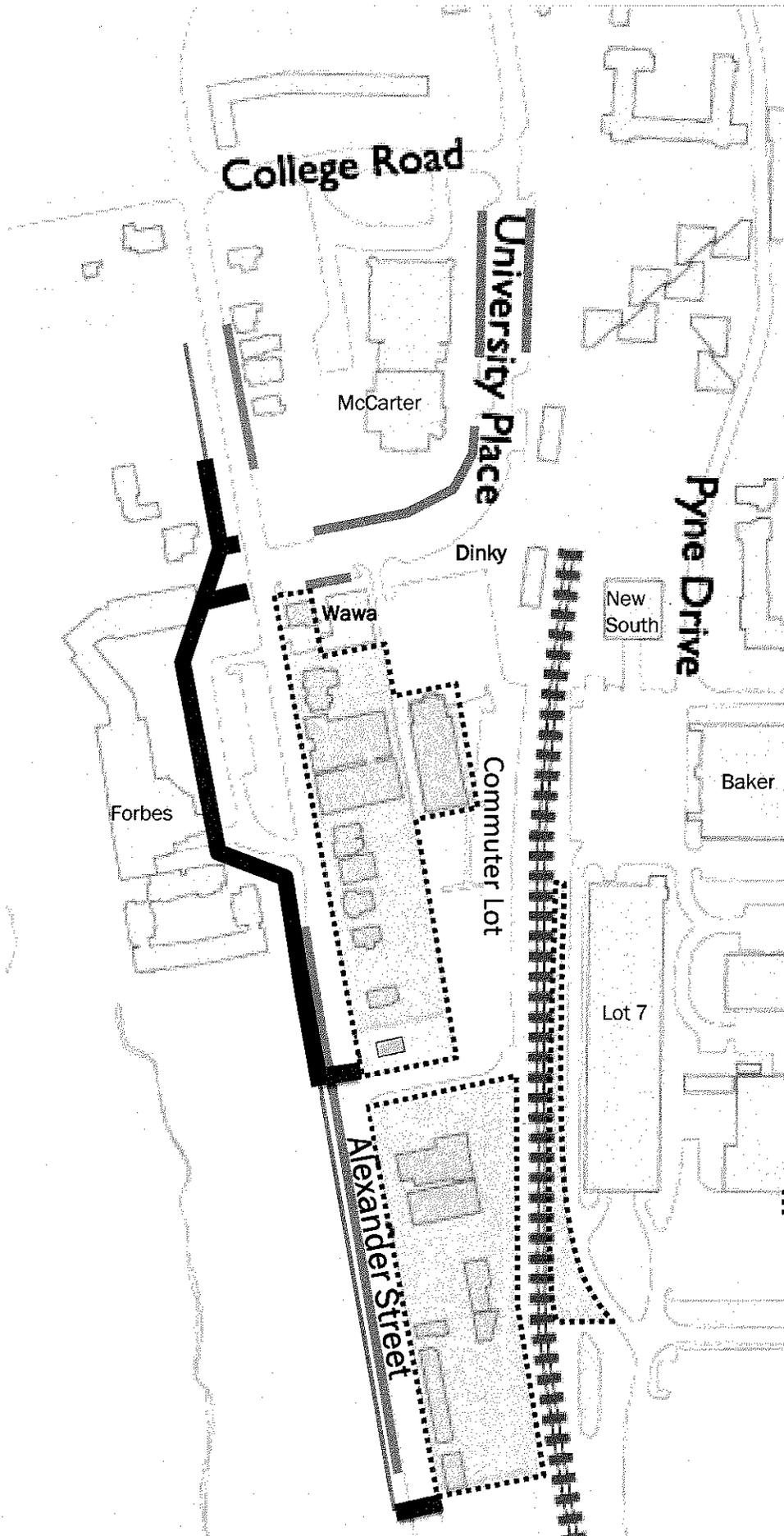
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ARTS AND TRANSIT PROJECT

Late March 2013 to
Mid June 2013

- Construction fence installed
- Sidewalk and parking along east side of Alexander Street closed
- Temporary sidewalk on west side of Alexander Street
- Demolition begins
- New crosswalks installed across Alexander at 156 and 194 Alexander Street

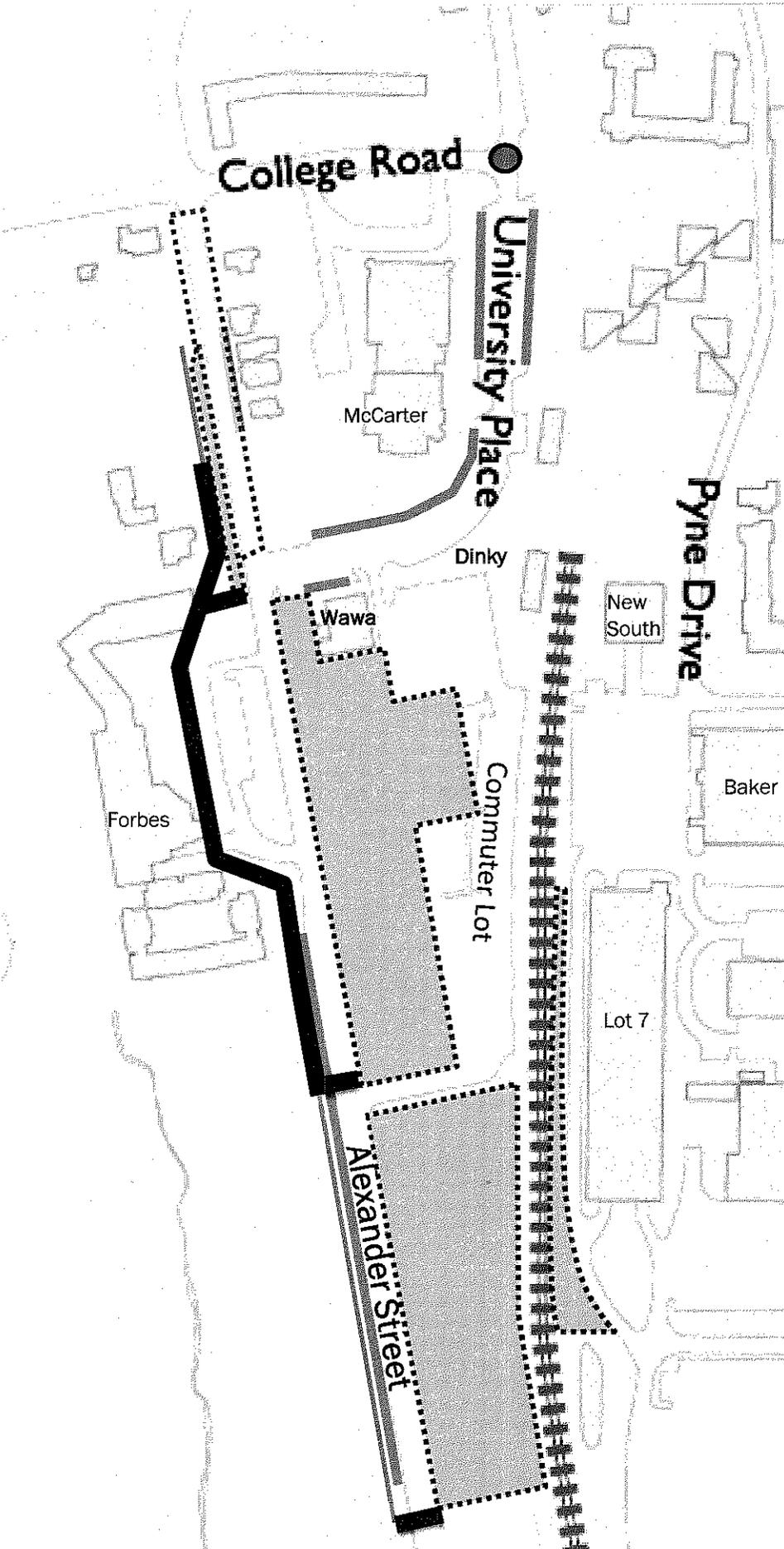


-  Crosswalk
-  Pedestrian Path
-  Street Parking
-  Construction Fence/Area

ARTS AND TRANSIT PROJECT

Six Weeks
Starting mid-June
2013

- Alexander Street between College Road and University Place closed to through traffic for utility work
- Temporary traffic light or patrol officer assists with traffic on University Place at College Road
- Underground utility work along Alexander Street begins

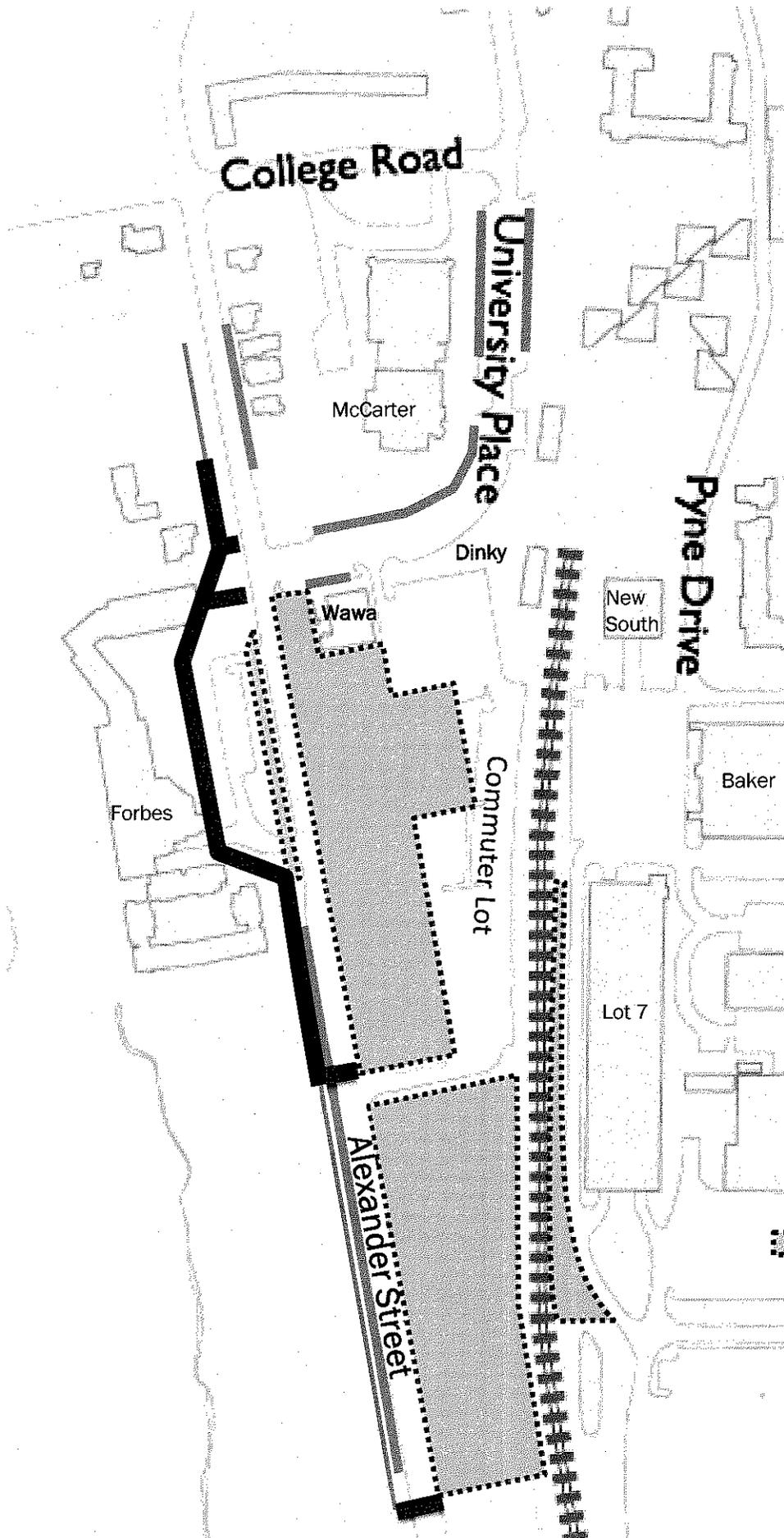


- Temporary Traffic Signal or Officer
- Crosswalk
- Pedestrian Detour
- Street Parking
- - - Construction Fence/Area
- - - Road closed to through traffic for utility work

ARTS AND TRANSIT PROJECT

Late July to
Mid-September 2013

- Alexander Street re-opens
- Underground utility work continues along Alexander Street
- Demolition complete except for Wawa



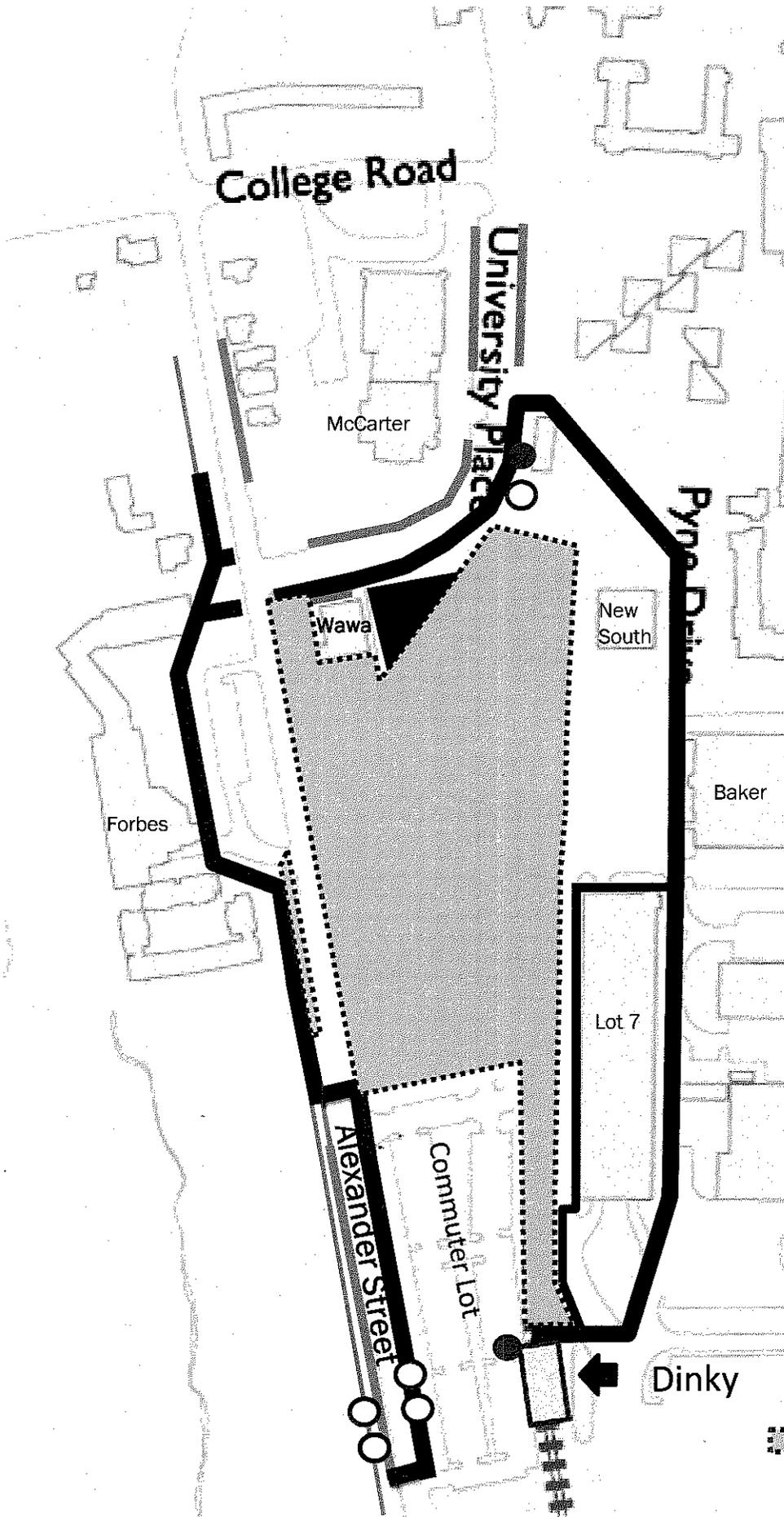
- Crosswalk
- Pedestrian Route
- Street Parking
- ▭ Construction Fence/Area

ARTS AND TRANSIT PROJECT

Mid-September 2013 to
Mid-October 2013

- New multi-use parking lot opens (meter and permit spaces)
- Temporary Dinky Station opens
- Express bus service starts between Princeton and Princeton Junction

- Tiger Transit
- NJ Transit buses
- Express bus Princeton to Princeton Jct. and back
- ▲ Wawa Parking
- ▭ Temporary Dinky Station
- ▬ Crosswalk
- ▬ Pedestrian Route
- ▬ Street Parking
- ▨ Construction Fence/Area



ARTS AND TRANSIT PROJECT

Mid-October 2013
to February 2014

- Bypass road opens

- Alexander Street and University Place intersection closed

- Alexander Street closed from College Road south to new bypass road

- Temporary traffic light at College Road and University Place intersection

- Tiger Transit

- NJ Transit buses

- Express bus Princeton to Princeton Jct. and back

- ▲ Wawa Parking

- ▭ Temporary Dinky Station

- Temporary Signal

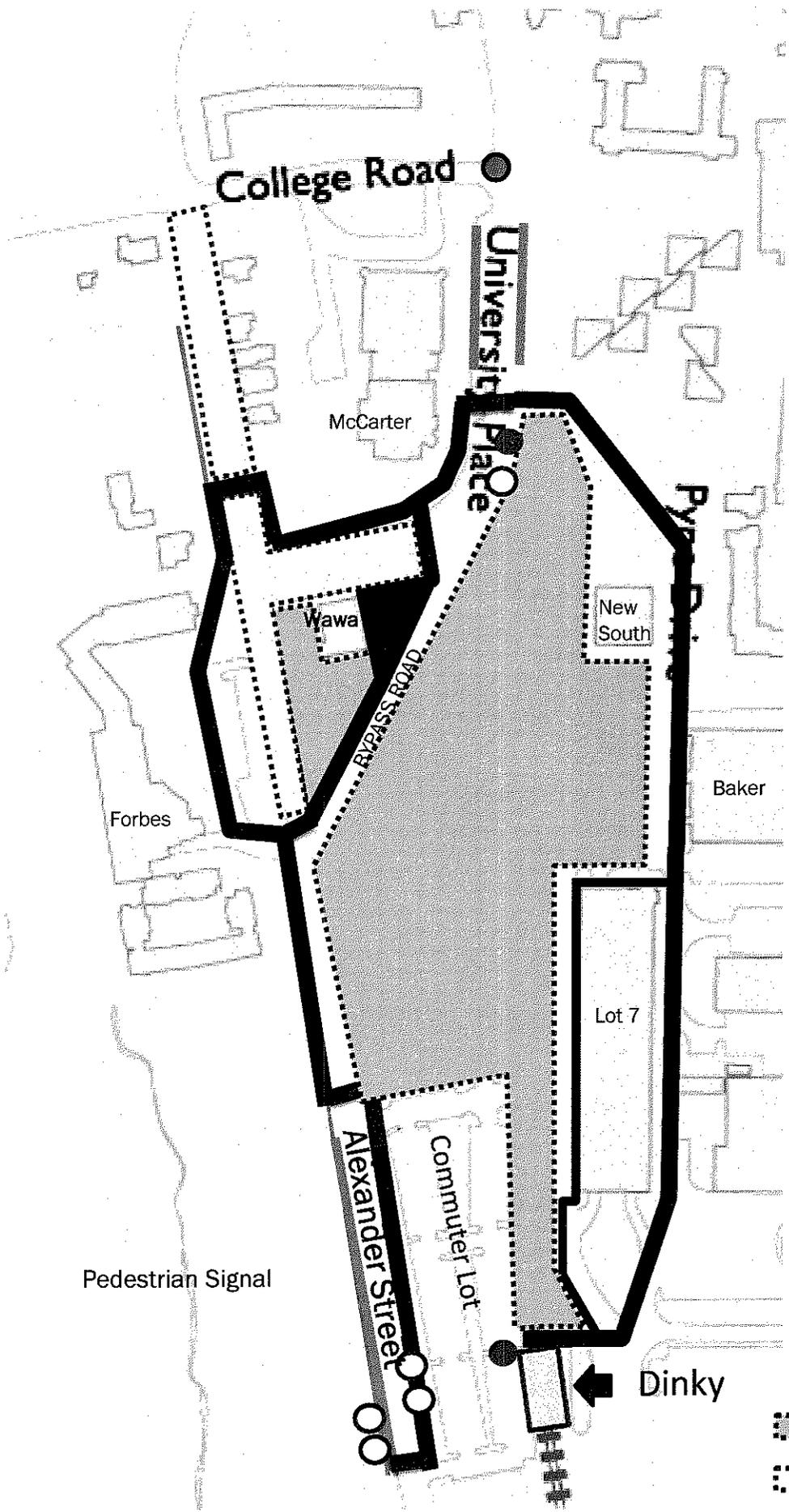
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- ▬ Pedestrian Route

- ▬ Street Parking

- ▬ Construction Fence/Area

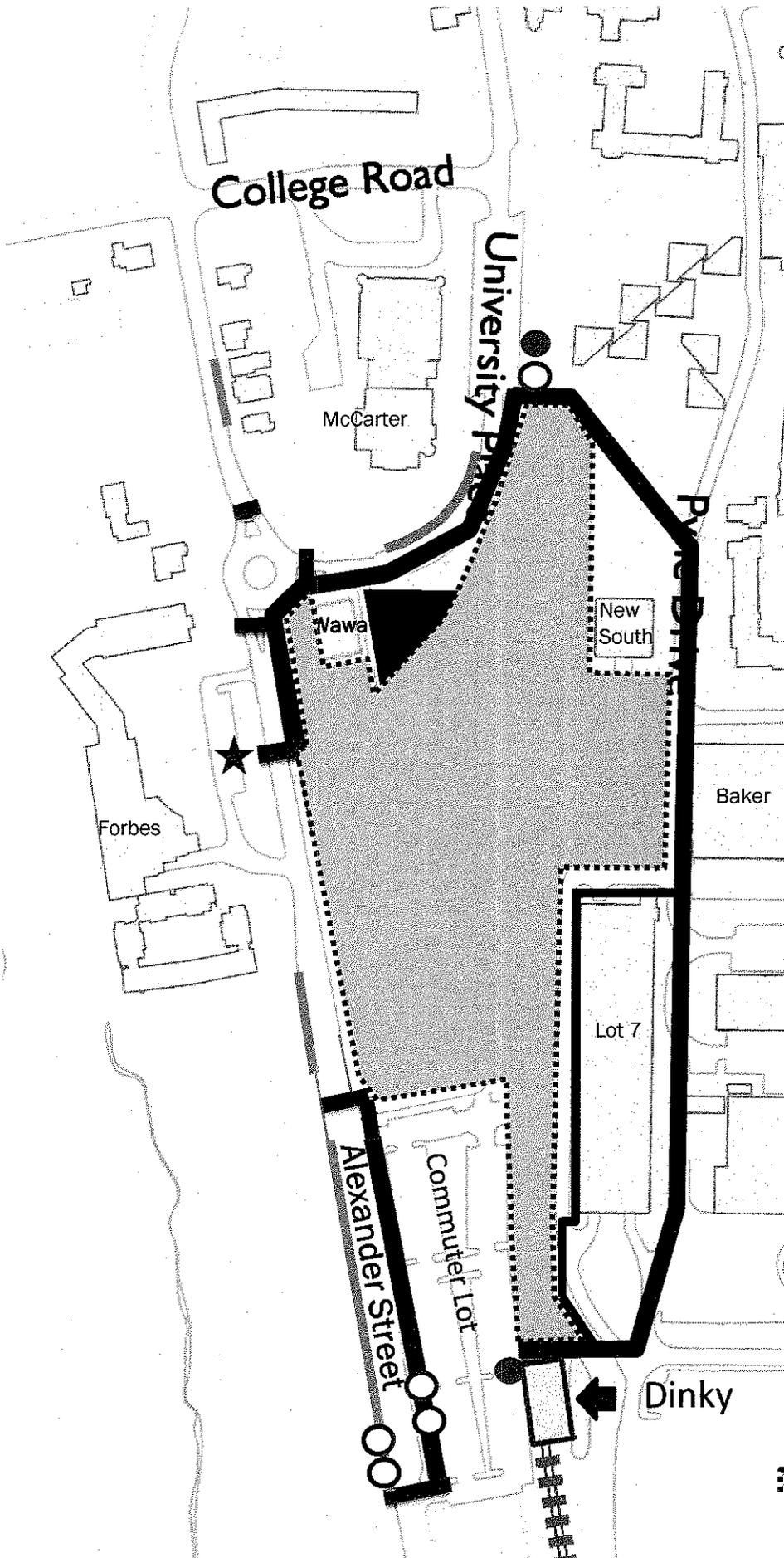
- ▬ Road closed to thru traffic



ARTS AND TRANSIT PROJECT

February 2014 to July 2014

- Alexander Street and University Place intersection re-opens with new roundabout
- Pedestrian signal and crosswalk at Forbes College operational



● Tiger Transit

○ NJ Transit buses

○ Express bus Princeton to Princeton Jct. and back

▲ Wawa Parking

▭ Temporary Dinky Station

★ Pedestrian Signal

▬ Crosswalk

▬ Pedestrian Route

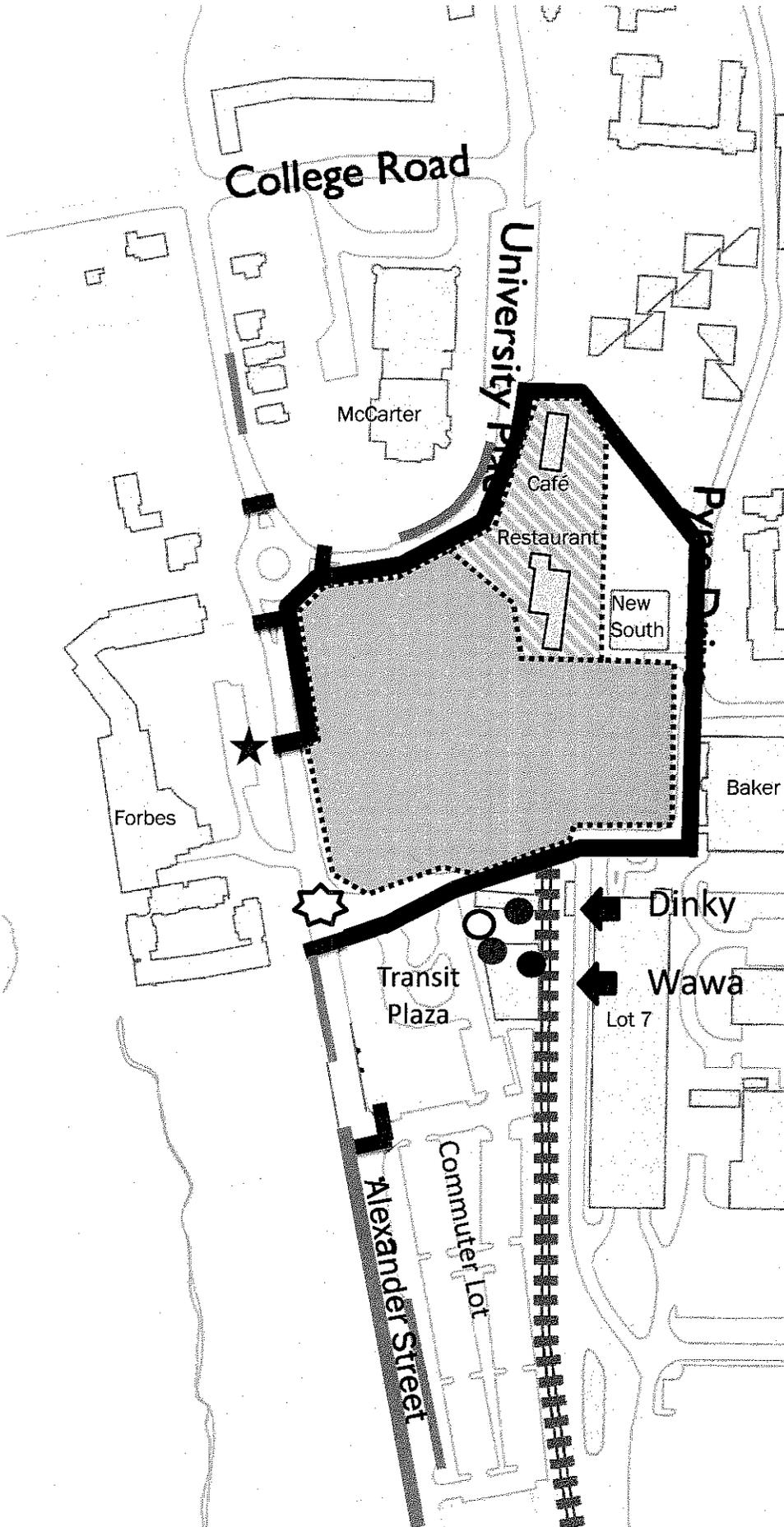
▬ Street Parking

▬ Construction Fence/Area

ARTS AND TRANSIT PROJECT

July 2014 to
September 2017

- Transit Plaza opens
- New Princeton Station opens
- Wawa opens in new location
- Road to Lot 7 Garage opens
- Traffic light at Transit Plaza operational
- Core and shell construction completed for café and restaurant, interior fit-out underway. Opening to public determined by operator

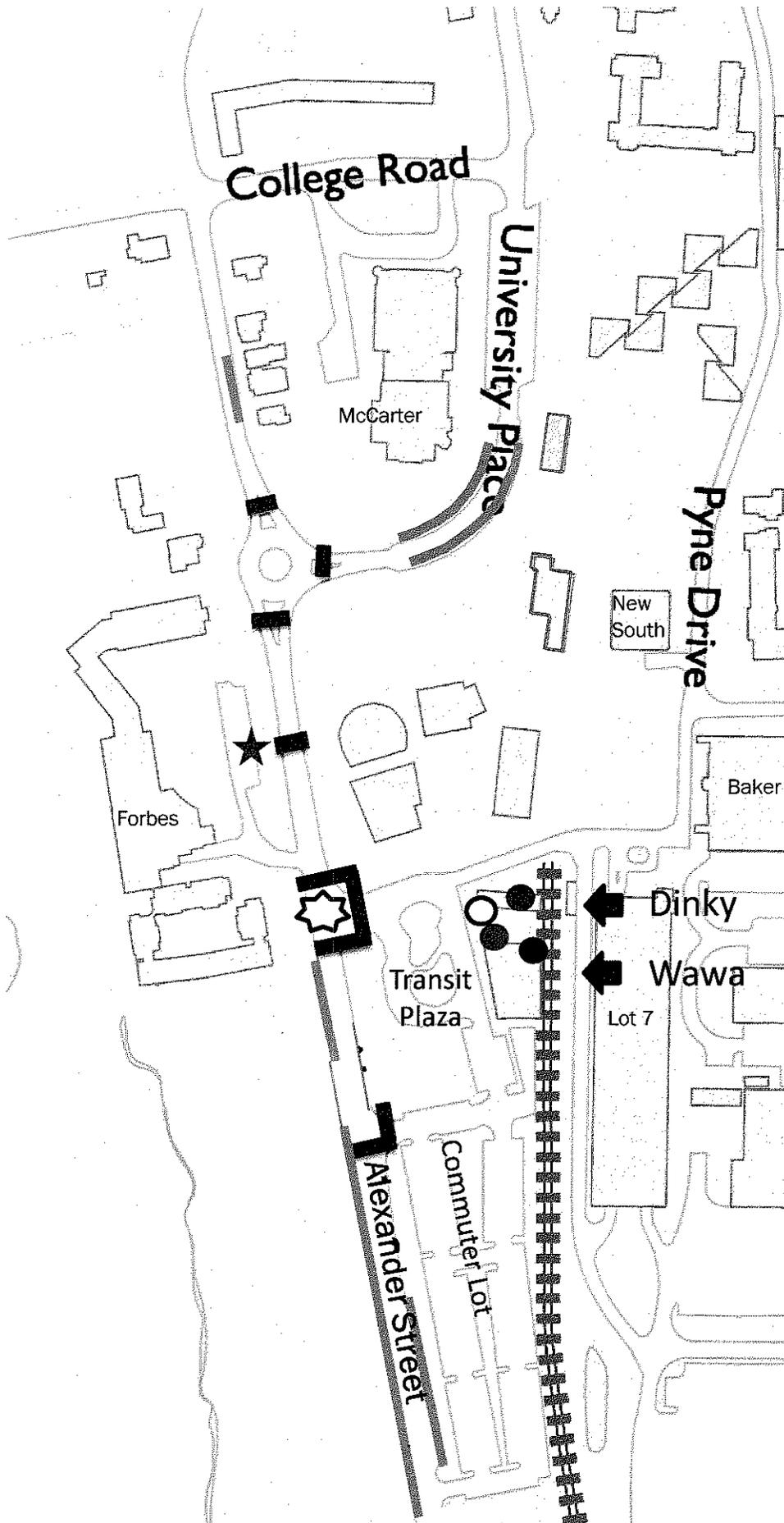


- Wawa
- Tiger Transit
- NJ Transit buses
- Dinky Station
- ★ Traffic Signal
- ★ Pedestrian Signal
- Crosswalk
- Pedestrian Route
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- ⋯ Construction Fence/Area

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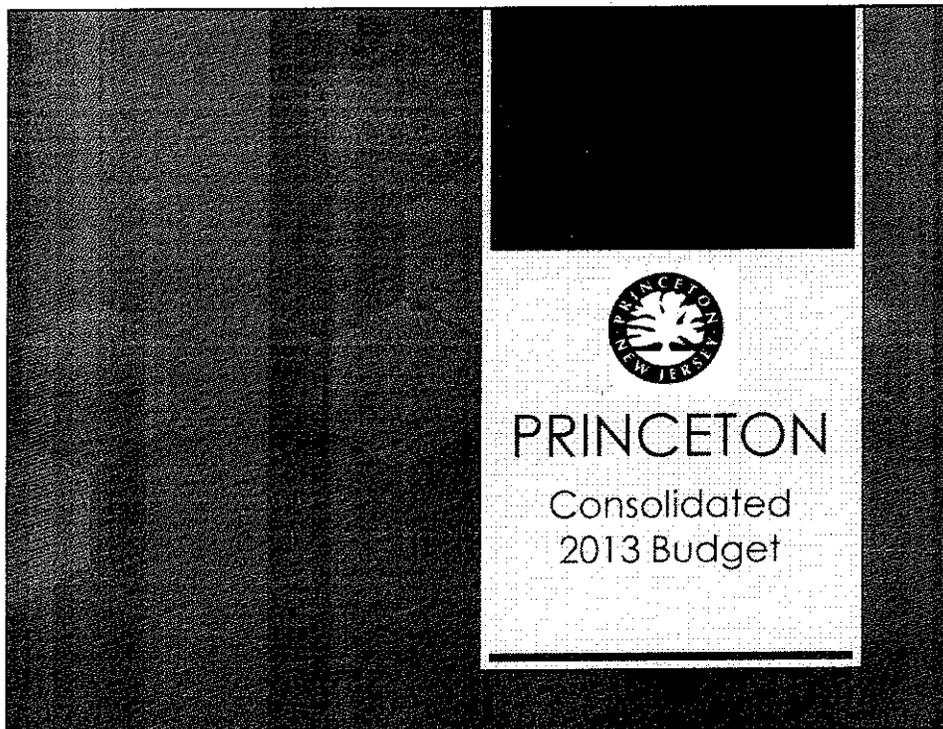
July 2017

- Construction of Lewis Center for the Arts Complete



- Wawa
- Tiger Transit
- NJ Transit buses
- Dinky Station
- ★ Traffic Signal
- ★ Pedestrian Signal
- █ Crosswalk
- ▨ Street Parking

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Budget Overview

- \$61 million consolidated budget
- \$3 million less than both municipalities combined for 2012
- Service levels maintained or increased
- Future reserves will remain stable
- The balanced budget represents a reduction in the tax rate from \$0.47 to \$0.463



Budget Goals

- Clearly indicate all savings from Consolidation
- Develop an austere budget that allows for the continuation of all programs and services, but provides flexibility to operate in a single community environment
- Recognize areas where savings may occur, and monitor the outcome.
- Our initial goal was a flat tax rate and then a reduction if possible

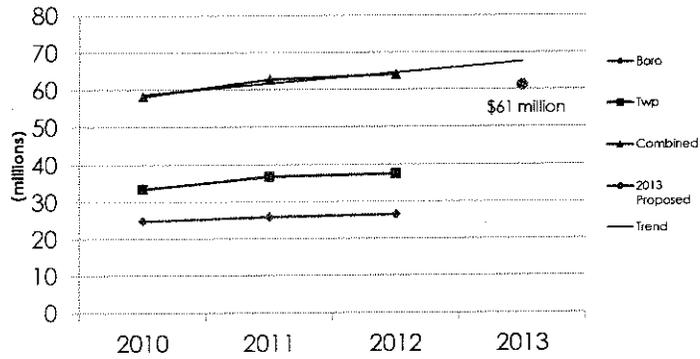


Budget Process

- Develop department budgets from the ground up
- Review and analyze with finance committee (Council and resident members)
- Council introduces and sets the Public Hearing for May 28, 2013



Budget Trend



Major Increases

- o Garbage removal extended to combined municipality
- o Contract negotiations with all 3 bargaining units
- o Reserve for uncollected taxes to cover increases in school and county tax levies
- o Emergency appropriations for storm expenses \$550,000



Major Decreases: Staffing

- Reduction in workforce of 26
 - 12 Retirements
 - 9 vacant positions eliminated
 - 5 left during the transition year
- Before consolidation a combined workforce of 287; After consolidation: 261
- Budget Salary and Wage reduction of \$1.2 million
- Largest decrease in staff was in Police



Staffing

	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Borough Staff	121	24	145
Township Staff	121	20	141
Total Staff	241	44	287
Retirements	-10	-2	-12
Eliminated/Vacant positions	-4	-5	-9
Other (left during the year)	-3	-2	-5
Total reduction in force	-17	-9	-26
Consolidated Staff	224	37	261

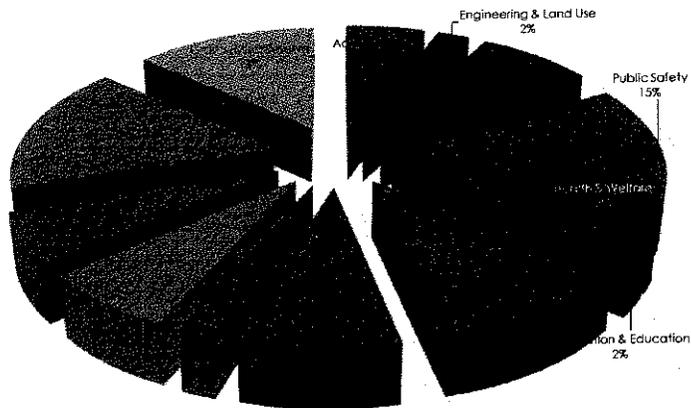


Major Decreases: Benefits

- Change in Healthcare provider for former Township employees to State Health Benefits realized a net savings of \$597,000
 - 9% rate increase for existing covered employees, but approx. 19% reduction in rates for former Township covered employees
 - Reduction of 20 covered employees
 - Additional contribution by employees to offset healthcare costs



Budget breakdown





Appropriations:

- Debt Service continues to be the largest percent of the budget @ 17%
- Public Safety, which includes dispatch and fire services is next @ 15%
- Insurances and other statutory expenses (such as FICA and pension costs) make up 15%
- Reserve for Uncollected, and emergency appropriations make up 13% of the budget
- Sewer costs, including debt service for repair and maintenance of the system is @ 11%
- Streets and Roads (including trash pickup) is 9%
- Support for the Library is 6% of the budget

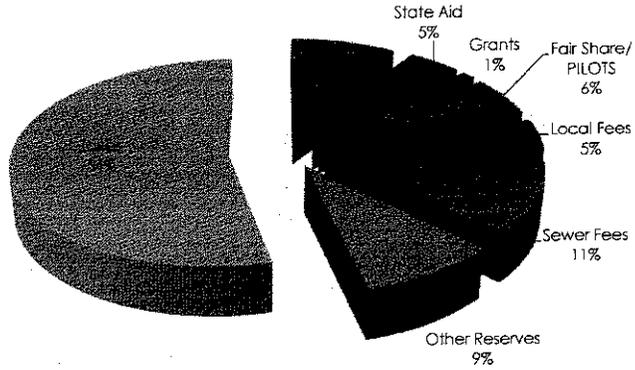


Revenues:

- State Aid remained flat
 - State contribution for consolidation costs estimated at \$458,000 in anticipated revenue
- Fair Share and PILOT contributions remained stable
- Use of surplus stayed level to help stabilize future reserves
- Utility operating surplus from Parking revenues
- Capital fund balance and other reserves used to help offset debt service
- Court fees



Sources of Revenue:



State Aid

- State Aid is 5% of our budget revenue
- It has remained flat for several years
- Local fees (such as licenses, municipal court fees, and Fire inspection fees) also make up 5% of our budget



Fund Balance- 9% of Budget

- Surplus balances remain stable as we apply other methods to replenish amounts utilized.
- The goal is to diminish our reliance on surplus as a revenue to balance the budget
- Current levels are healthy and will help us retain our AAA bond rating



Fund Balance History

Year Ended	Fund Balance	Used in Following Year's Budget	% of Available Balance	Remaining Balance	Total Budget Following Year	Surplus Remaining as a % of Budget	Surplus used as a % of Budget
12/31/02	6,088,977	4,398,906	72.2%	1,690,071	49,409,762	3.4%	8.9%
12/31/03	6,414,541	4,535,705	70.7%	1,878,836	52,173,014	3.6%	8.7%
12/31/04	6,215,771	4,728,578	76.1%	1,487,193	51,631,168	2.9%	9.2%
12/31/05	6,138,294	4,363,578	71.1%	1,774,716	53,895,782	3.3%	8.1%
12/31/06	7,694,293	4,784,980	62.2%	2,909,313	57,269,187	5.1%	8.4%
12/31/07	7,411,974	4,726,813	63.8%	2,685,161	59,791,361	4.5%	7.9%
12/31/08	8,384,957	3,999,808	47.7%	4,385,149	61,526,527	7.1%	6.5%
12/31/09	9,934,687	4,924,808	49.6%	5,009,879	60,662,170	8.3%	8.1%
12/31/10	10,142,293	4,925,000	48.6%	5,217,293	61,334,196	8.5%	8.0%
12/31/11	11,860,645	5,800,000	48.9%	6,060,645	63,981,195	9.5%	9.1%
Avg- 10 Yrs	8,028,643	4,718,818	58.8%	3,309,825	57,167,436	5.8%	8.3%
Avg- 5 Yrs	9,546,911	4,875,286	51.1%	4,671,625	61,459,090	7.6%	7.9%
Avg- 3 Yrs	10,645,875	5,216,603	49.0%	5,429,272	61,992,520	8.8%	8.4%
12/31/12	13,040,526	5,800,000	44.5%	7,240,526	61,021,670	11.9%	9.5%



Utility Operating Surplus

- Parking revenue continues to be a valued source to offset costs in the budget
- Parking operation is a \$4 million balanced budget
- The revenues cover administration of operations, staffing, and debt service
- This and all other reserves make up 9% of budget revenue



Fair Share & PILOT agreements: 6% of budget

- Princeton University Fair Share agreement is the same level of support as last year.
- Other PILOT agreements are the same or slightly higher than last year.
- Together they make up 6% of the budget



Sewer Fees:

- Sewer fees are billed based on actual water usage
- These fees are shown as a separate amount billed on your tax bill
- The revenue covers offsetting costs of sewer treatment and infrastructure repair and maintenance
- These revenues and offsetting appropriations make up 11% of the budget
- Sewer rate adjustment being analyzed

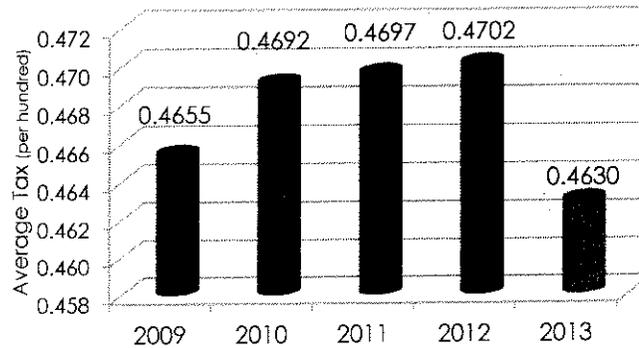


Taxes

- Current amount to be raised: \$31.1 million
- Delinquent taxes: \$1.5 million
- Local tax levy makes up less than 25% of your total tax bill
- Almost 50% of the budget revenue is being paid for by fees, and other sources of revenue
- Even with the reduced tax levy, and reduction in the tax rate we are still heavily reliant on taxes



Municipal Tax rate history



Tax Rate trend

- As separate municipalities, our tax rates continued to trend upward
- Like other municipalities we struggled to find other sources of revenue, and rely heavily on surplus reserves
- Other revenues were not sustainable
- As a consolidated municipality, we have been able to realize efficiencies, and thereby reducing expenditures
- These reductions are sustainable
- Combined reserves allows us to implement financial tools to sustain revenues, and reduce our reliance on both surplus, and local tax



Open Space Tax

- Open space tax is a separate tax, and was voted on by referendum in Nov, 2012
- The rate of \$0.017 represents a revenue neutral amount for the municipality, but is a change for taxpayers.
- When calculating our Municipal Tax rate, we took into account the change in the Open Space tax to have a level effect on taxpayers



Future Operating Budgets:

- Restructuring of all labor agreements going forward will play a critical role in keeping taxes down
- Develop a long term debt management strategy that maintains our AAA rating
- Create a policy for sustainable use of Surplus and reserve balances
- Capital budget planning for a consolidated community



Citizens Finance Advisory Committee

- Made up of residents, as well as the Mayor and 2 members of Council
- Thank you for analyzing, and making the recommendations for the budget
- And for providing guidance and direction for our first consolidated budget

