



RESOLUTION 20-295

A Resolution by the Municipality of Princeton Requesting a Six-Month Extension of Time for Construction Contract Award from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2019 Municipal Aid Grant for the Improvement of Witherspoon Street

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), through the Fiscal Year 2019 Municipal Aid Fund, has allotted a construction grant to the Municipality in the amount of \$610,000.00 for the Improvement of Witherspoon Street; and

WHEREAS, Princeton previously entered into an agreement with the Department stipulating the terms and conditions pertaining to the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT Municipal Aid agreement stipulated that a construction contract must be awarded by March, 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering and Planning Departments prepared a schedule for community master planning and design efforts in 2020 to result in biddable construction documents in early 2021, in compliance with the above-stated construction award date; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Murphy declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency due to COVID-19 in Executive Order 120; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal resources were directed toward essential services, which delayed the project planning and design phases; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality contracted with T&M Associates on July 27, 2020 via Resolution 20-243 to complete the public master planning process and prepare construction bid documents; and

WHEREAS, T&M Associates has prepared the attached schedule (Exhibit A), which provides for completion of biddable construction documents by April 2021; and

WHEREAS, Princeton anticipates awarding a construction contract for the work during the 2021 construction season; and

WHEREAS, Princeton wishes to request a six (6) month extension of time from March 25, 2021 to September 25, 2021 for the award of a construction contract for the Improvement to Witherspoon Street project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council of Princeton request a six (6) month extension of time from March 25, 2021 to September 25, 2021 for the award of a construction contract for the Improvement of Witherspoon Street, which is partially funded through the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2019 Municipal Aid Fund.
2. Such an extension of time request is hereby made in accordance with the terms of the previous agreement with the Department of Transportation.
3. An original signed and sealed resolution shall be transmitted to Laine Rankin, NJDOT Director of Local Aid and Economic Development, at P.O. Box 600, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-066 for approval, and concurrent approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X	X		X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang		X			X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X			X			
Ms. Sacks		X		X	X			
Mr. Williamson		X			X			
Mayor Lempert		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held September 14, 2020.

Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A Witherspoon Schedule (PDF)