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**RESOLUTION 21-319**

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**Resolution Requesting the Installation of Large Bike Boulevard Pavement Markings on Various Municipal Streets Through the 2021 Traffic Striping and Pavement Marking Contract, Which was Previously Awarded by Council in Resolution 2021-296**

WHEREAS Princeton in the summer of 2020 installed signage designating certain roadways as “Bicycle Boulevards” in accordance with the Circulation Element of Princeton’s Master Plan, and

WHEREAS Bicycle Boulevards, as described in the Master Plan “are low speed, low volume roadways that are designed to prioritize bicycle movement,” and

WHEREAS Bicycle Boulevards require a level of deference from drivers toward bicyclist to ensure the prioritization of bicycle movement, and the comfort and safety of cyclists, and

WHEREAS awareness on the part of drivers that they are traveling on a Bicycle Boulevard is necessary to encourage drivers to behave in accordance with the intent of the roadway designation, and

WHEREAS Princeton’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) considers the existing pole-mounted signs as geared toward cyclists and too small and difficult for drivers to read while safely focusing on other roadway conditions, and

WHEREAS Princeton’s Master Plan indicates that “bicycle boulevards use a combination of signage, pavement markings, traffic calming, and/or volume management tools to create a comfortable, low stress environment for bicycle travel,” and

WHEREAS PBAC has reviewed the Engineering Department’s capital budget and roadway striping budget for 2021 and concluded that adding pavement markings clearly identifying the Bicycle Boulevards as such will greatly assist motorists in understanding the nature of these roadways and should be a top priority for the Council, and

WHEREAS PBAC considers the application of these pavement markings to be more important than refreshing the existing Sharrows currently in the striping contract, and

WHEREAS PBAC deems it acceptable for budgetary reason to limit the location of large Bicycle Boulevard markings to locations where pole-mounted signs are currently installed, as detailed in the Engineering presentation to PBAC on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and

WHEREAS it is PBAC’s understanding that diverting the \$10,000 already slated for refreshing Sharrows to placement of large Bicycle Boulevard markings will result in a net increase to the striping budget of less than \$13,000, which funds should be either authorized by Council, or reallocated from other sidewalk improvements at the Engineering department’s

discretion, given the urgent need for making these improvements to the Bicycle Boulevard network, and

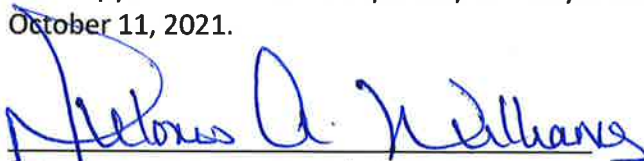
WHEREAS a concerted education campaign will also be helpful in conveying to the residents of Princeton the concepts inherent in a Bicycle Boulevard, making them a more useful and effective part of our low-stress bicycle network,

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that Princeton Council authorizes the Engineering Department to proceed with modifying the current striping contract to delete refreshing of existing Sharrows, and include large Bicycle Boulevard pavement markings in conjunction with existing pole-mounted signs, and

THEREFOR BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Princeton shall undertake a public education campaign explaining the nature and purpose of Bicycle Boulevards, with the assistance of PBAC and under the oversight of the Princeton Administrator.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X	X		X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang		X		X	X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros	X							
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Williamson		X			X			
Mayor Freda		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 October 11, 2021.



Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk