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WITHERSPOON STREET NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN MEETING #1

Dear Witherspoon Street Property Owners and Businesses,

The Princeton Engineering and Planning Departments invite you to attend a public meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 to share your ideas and vision for Witherspoon Street and Hinds Plaza. This meeting will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Main Meeting Room at One Monument Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08542 (Monument Hall / former Borough Hall).

This Neighborhood Design Meeting will be the first of three public meetings to formulate a master plan for this very important corridor. We are seeking your ideas and feedback for pedestrian, bicyclist, transit and motor vehicle improvements; street lighting; tree and other vegetation additions; public art; seating and other street furniture; and any other features that will enhance the vibrancy of Witherspoon Street and Hinds Plaza. Plans of the roadway and plaza will be on display and attendees are encouraged to draw and write comments on the documents; a very short presentation will be given at 7:00 pm to review the goals of this master planning process and to provide more details on the following schedule:

- February – April 2020 – Conduct public engagement events, surveys and other outreach to gather input regarding the needs and desires for Witherspoon Street.
- April – Prepare schematic design drawings for the entire Witherspoon Street corridor reflecting the master plan for imminent and future improvements.
- May – November 2020 – Prepare construction plans for Witherspoon Street (Nassau Street to Green Street). It is anticipated that the construction project will include the following work:
 - Curb and sidewalk replacement from face of building to face of building.
 - Crosswalk replacements.
 - Traffic signal improvements at Paul Robeson Place / Wiggins Street / Witherspoon Street.
 - Road repaving.
 - Updated street lighting.
 - Street tree removals and replacements.
 - Storm and sanitary sewer improvements, as needed.
 - Placemaking and streetscape improvements such as benches, bike racks, bike corrals, newspaper receptacles, and trash receptacles.
 - Other utility company improvements. *Utility companies and property owners are advised to make necessary upgrades to water, electric, telecommunications, and*

natural gas systems now to avoid the 5-year moratorium that will be enacted upon completion of roadway paving.

Stakeholder meetings with residents and business owners within the construction area may be held to further discuss the logistics of construction within this very busy area. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring / summer 2021, in accordance with New Jersey Department of Transportation grant funding requirements.

- Spring – Autumn 2021 – Construction of improvements on Witherspoon Street (Nassau Street to Green Street).
- 2022 – 2025 – Design and construct improvements to the remainder of Witherspoon Street, as priorities and budgets allow.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact me at (609) 921-7077 or dstockton@princetonnj.gov

Best regards,



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