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Public Transit Advisory Committee

Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 9am
Monument Hall, Princeton, NJ

Present: Fay Reiter, Chair, Jenny Crumiller, Princeton Council liaison, Susan Hoskins, Princeton Senior Resource Center; Cheryl Kastrenakas, GMTMA; Tamera Matteo, Citizen Member; Jack West, Engineering.

Kip Cherry, visitor

Minutes were approved from June 13th, 2017 meeting

There were no comments from the public

Review of June FreeB Reports- Cheryl Kastrenakas

Commuter Service- Total trips- 697

Neighborhood Service- Total trips- 2,060

Proposed Schedule Changes

A subcommittee comprised of members of the Public Transit Advisory Committee met on June 27th, 2017 to consider enhancements to the Commuter and Neighborhood FreeB service. The subcommittee recommended merging the two services by reducing the number of commuter runs and expanding the neighborhood service to provide service earlier in the day and later into the evening. These recommendations were based on the consistent underuse of the commuter FreeB and the ongoing demand for increased service on the Neighborhood FreeB.

Discussion about schedules and whether to eliminate the Dinky stop rather than reduce it. The majority felt reducing the commuter service and providing a mid-morning stop was preferable while some felt the commuter service and Dinky stop should be eliminated.

Fay will give a presentation to council outlining the committee's recommendation to merge Commuter and Neighborhood FreeB services. This would reduce the number of Dinky stops but not eliminate it and expand the hours of neighborhood service. A midmorning run to the Dinky would also be added. This would make the neighborhood service more robust while still providing some commuter service to the Dinky.

Discussion about which of the schedules that GMTMA developed we would propose. Fay and Cheryl will tweak the schedule to come up with a recommendation. The presentation to council

will take place at its July 24th meeting. Three options will be outlined – to reduce the commuter service and expand neighborhood, eliminate commuter service or leave it the same.

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Cheryl reported that they are finalizing the logo and planning a series of events for the fall.

Princeton Public Transportation Sketch Map

Chris Ieva was unable to attend the meeting, so this item was deferred for discussion at our next meeting.

Driverless Car Update

Pradeep Vachanip was unable to attend the meeting so this item was deferred for discussion at a future meeting.