

**MINUTES**  
**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 19, 2016**  
**Community Room**  
**Witherspoon Municipal Building**

**Present:** Robert Altman, Sam Bunting, Jenny Crumiller (Council liaison), Amner Deleon, Janet Heroux, Pam Hersh, Tamera Matteo, Sgt. Tom Murray (Police Department liaison), Surinder Sharma (by telephone), Deanna Stockton (Princeton Engineering), Ralph Widner. **Absent:** Kristin Appelget (Princeton University liaison), Nat Bottigheimer.

The meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

**1. Review and Approval of Minutes for June 27, 2016.**

Pam Hersh moved and Surinder Sharma seconded approval of the minutes for the meeting on June 27, 2016. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Progress Report on the Bicycle Plan**

Chairman Altman informed the committee that a five-page document summarizing policies to implement the bicycle plan will be drafted by Engineer Deanna Stockton and Planner Lee Solow. Once approved by the Master Plan Committee and adopted by the Planning Board, it will be incorporated into the Circulation Element of the Master Plan. The report prepared by the consultant will be a background reference document.

Members of CSC are invited to submit to Deanna Stockton any comments and recommendations they may have on the consultant's report. The Master Plan Committee will take them into consideration as it pursues its work on the plan..

Sam Bunting asked whether there will be public hearings during the process. Deanna Stockton replied that there will probably be at least one public hearing before the Master Plan Committee's recommendations go to the full Planning Board and that the Planning Board may receive public comments during its deliberations prior to adoption.

Ralph Widner asked whether the routes proposed by the consultant will be included in the document incorporated into the Master Plan. Deanna Stockton replied that maps of the proposed routes will be part of the document.

### **3. Progress on the “Go Princeton” Transit Information Proposal**

Ralph Widner reported that the Mass Transit Trust Fund trustees met in August to approve funding for the proposal, but a quorum was not present. Mayor Lempert has called a trustees meeting for September 27 at which funding for the proposal will probably be approved.

Implementation of the campaign is now scheduled for the spring, rather than for this fall as originally anticipated.

### **4. Ad Hoc Task Group on Traffic Calming**

Jenny Cumiller reported that the task group has met and is reviewing a considerable amount of information about experience with a sizable number of traffic calming measures. She said the group may meet with a number of experts.

Janet Herroux said that she would try to identify what help the Vorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers can provide to the task group. Her hope is that the center could help update the staff compilation provided by Deanna Stockton. The task group would then provide that list to emergency services to determine their reaction to different measures. The purpose is to give Council members authoritative guidance on how to handle proposed measures (including in the bicycle plan) when they come up for a vote.

Tamera Matteo said that she has a connection to a person within the governing body of Boulder, Colorado. If the task group thinks that Boulder's program might be useful, she could obtain the Boulder materials.

### **5. Ad Hoc Task Group on Mobility**

Ralph Widner said that he would not distribute a draft of the task group's report on mobility alternatives at this meeting because a number of last minute modifications and additions to the report were suggested in late August. This required on- the-spot surveys of ridership on the commuter *FreeB* and of individuals using local transit to get to Princeton Station to board the Dinky.

In addition, a section must be added to facilitate cooperative transit and mobility planning with Princeton University as it proceeds with its long-range campus plan, about which the Master Plan committee will be briefed tonight. *An announcement of the briefing is attached to and made a part of these minutes.*

He said the task group will review and revise the draft in the coming months and solicit comments and suggestions from the transit, bicycle, and traffic safety committees. Then the report will be submitted to CSC and the Planning Board in December.

## 6. Reports on Transit Committees

Jenny Crumiller reported that integration of the smartphone “real-time” passenger information systems for the *FreeB* and *Tiger Transit* is proceeding apace, and that the *FreeB* will soon be included in the Google transit information system so that it will come up when someone asks on Google how to get from point A to point B. She requested that committee members volunteer as testers before it is launched publicly.

Jenny Crumiller also reported that Deanna Stockton and Tamera Matteo will meet with the Princeton Merchants Association September 27 to ask them to survey their employees about whether they would take advantage of a shuttle service that would get them to their job rather than drive and pay to park downtown.

Tamera Matteo added that the objective is to help the merchants cut their costs to subsidize parking for their employees and also help reduce traffic and parking demand in the CBD.

Ralph Widner commented that this is the first of a series. Surveys of municipal and school district employees and those of other private employers are also in the works.

### ***Consolidation of Transit Committees***

Jenny Crumiller said that members of the Ad Hoc Transit Coordinating Committee suggest that it be consolidated with the Public Transit Advisory Committee since the members are the same and the mission of the Coordinating Committee will be ongoing, not temporary. She moved and Ralph Widner seconded that:

*The Ad Hoc Transit Coordinating Committee be consolidated with the Public Transit Advisory Committee for the following reasons:*

- a. Every member of the ad hoc task group is a member of the Public Transit Advisory Committee as well.*
- b. The mission to integrate the university and town transit systems is going forward and the same committee members will continue to support and encourage that effort.*
- c. Integration of the two transit systems is an on-going, not temporary, challenge*
- d. The members can create a subcommittee on coordination if they choose.*

Ralph Widner added that the municipal ordinance setting up the Public Transit Advisory Committee includes these purposes in its mission. Bob Altman asked if that means that no action by Council is required. Ralph Widner replied that this appears to be the case.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**7. “Street Smart Princeton”**

Deanna Stockton reported that the “Street Smart Princeton” traffic safety campaign will begin October 4<sup>th</sup>. For four hours from Tuesdays through Fridays at five locations for a total of 160 hours, police officers will call individual attention to behaviors by and in traffic and pass out (and collect) information.

Janet Herroux asked how officers will intervene when they see an errant behavior. Sgt. Tom Murray explained that the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association (GMTMA) has provided an “amazing” array of gimmicks for use by the officers. He anticipates an intense campaign with about 50 personal contacts per officer each day of the campaign.

After the fall campaign GMTMA will collect and interpret the data. Then, in the spring, officers will go back to the same locations to see whether there has been any change in behavior as a result of the fall education effort.

**8. “Get Active NJ”**

Deanna Stockton said that attorneys are at work on a coordinated sidewalk ordinance as part of a Health Department-related initiative to encourage more residents to walk.

**9. “Safe Routes to Schools”**

Deanna Stockton remarked that Princeton is the first municipality in the state to pursue this state-sponsored initiative to promote safe routes to schools. Parsons Brinkerhoff is at work designing new traffic light installations with pedestrian buttons, audio, and handicap ramps at Harrison and Hamilton and Harrison and Franklin. The designs will be completed in December. Everything should be designed by May and installation should begin next summer.

**10. Report of Traffic Safety Committee**

Deanna Stockton said that because of the deadlock between the governor and assembly concerning the state’s Transportation Trust Fund, work on the Carter Road bridge is still stalled, thus putting off any work on the U.S. 206 bridge over Stony Brook. However, work on Rt.518 has gone ahead.

**11. Bus Shelters**

Pam Hersh reported that the new bus shelters are all in place except the two on Witherspoon near Avalon Bay and Community Park school. The special shelter for Palmer Square is now before the State Historical Preservation Commission for approval, which is expected within a month.

She said she was distressed to discover that people are posting flyers on the shelters, which she has taken down. She also expressed concern that the solar-powered lighting does not last through the night, leaving the shelters dark in the early morning. She asked whether it is possible to find more long-lasting solar batteries.

#### **12. Police Report: June-August 2016**

Sgt. Murray submitted police reports for June through August, 2016. *They are attached to and made a part of these minutes.*

In June there were two pedestrian accidents, both involving injuries, and one bicycle accident in which no one was injured. Out of 80 motor vehicle accidents in June, only one injury was reported. In July, one pedestrian and four bicyclists were injured. Eight injuries were reported for 79 July motor vehicle accidents. No pedestrian or bicycle accidents occurred in August, although there was one with a deer. In August, there were 74 motor vehicle accidents, twelve involving injuries.

#### **13. Future Meeting Dates**

Chairman Altman announced the following future meeting dates:

December 19, 2016

March 20, 2017

June 19, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ralph R. Widner  
Secretary