

Alexander Street and University Place Transit Task Force

April 9, 2014

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Appelget; Bottigheimer, Jackson, Liverman, Simon, Wilkes

Staff: R. Kiser, J. West

Also in attendance: C. Crider, R. Fisk, A. Lahnston, M. Reed, S. Sturgis

Discussion of Princeton Transit Demand Projection – Draft Report Nelson Nygaard

The draft report from Nelson Nygaard was distributed. Questions for Nygaard:

- The projections should only address data about the future (permanent) station.
- Reasons for the time differences between east-bound and west-bound travel should be addressed in the report.
- Provide number of trips per hour.
- How were the projections for the proposed station established? Do the projections include the University's Hibben Magie (Lakeside) project and other housing projects?
- Anticipated growth numbers should include development in West Windsor.
- An assessment of ridership numbers should be included if new stops are provided.
- Frequency of trips is more important than an express train or additional stops along the dinky line. Is the report independent on whether the route extends all the way to Nassau Street?
- What would it take to get the ridership numbers increased?

Future Meeting Date with Nygaard and URS

Wilkes advised that David Fields will attend the next meeting to discuss his report. The report from URS will be prepared and their representative will also be in attendance. Since the Nygaard report identifies the number of riders on the Dinky line, Appelget to provide PAW ridership numbers. All ridership information and total operating costs should be in the report.

Discussion of TIGER Grant Application

Council discussion occurred Monday, April 7th with unanimous support. Wilkes advised the Chamber of Commerce of the grant application and they are also in support. Wilkes advised that he met with Mayor Hsueh from West Windsor who appeared to be in favor of this, Wilkes advised he will request an endorsement from Mayor Hsueh. Commissioner Simpson was also supportive and assigned Dave Kuhn from his office to assist. Wilkes reached out to the County Executives and Freeholder Board chair but has received no response to date. URS reduced their fee to \$15,000 because a cost benefit analysis is not required. They will begin their work next week. Pledges totaling \$5,000 have been received; Wilkes will attend the Transit Trust Fund meeting on April 11th to request a contribution.

Other groups suggested for pledges:

- Aaron Watson, Mercer County, Director of Infrastructure
- Matt Lawson, Mercer County Transportation Planner
- Cheryl Kastrenakas, Greater Mercer Transportation

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Next Meeting: May 14, 2014