

Bicycle Master Plan Study Advisory Committee Meeting – October 27, 2015 @ 9:30 – 11:30

Attendees: Wanda Gunning, Greg Hand, Sam Bunting, Dan Rappoport, Jerry Foster, Doug Rubin, Leticia Fraga, Laurie Harmon, Lisa Marcus Levine, Mayor Liz Lempert, Dan Vanmater, Sgt. Thomas Murray, Marvin Reed, Councilwoman Jenny Crumiller, David Cohen, Janet Heroux, Councilman Patrick Simon, Matt Lawson, Nancy Schreiber, Tineke Thio, Sheldon Sturges, Deanna Stockton

Presenters: Bill Riviere, NJDOT; Pete Kremer and Reed Sibley, Parsons Brinckerhoff; Susan Blickstein, Blickstein Planning

The first Bicycle Master Plan Study Advisory Committee Meeting took place in the Community Room at Witherspoon Hall Building on October 27, 2015 from 9:30 AM to 11:45 AM.

Deanna Stockton provided the opening remarks. Princeton is a progressive town, a pedestrian friendly community but does not have a strong bicycle network in place at this time. Princeton has received a grant from NJDOT for local technical assistance in developing a Bicycle Master Plan. Bill Riviere represented NJDOT at the meeting; he is providing his full support and is looking forward to public participation, which is a key element in developing a successful plan.

Pete Kremer from Parsons Brinckerhoff started the presentation by facilitating the introduction of the meeting attendees. Parsons Brinckerhoff is gathering and analyzing the data that goes into the plan, such as the roadway characteristics, widths, the use and the land use. However, the Study Advisory Committee needs to help make this plan Princeton's. The committee will provide input, represent the expertise of various stakeholder groups, assist in community outreach and comment on draft products.

There is not just one cyclist; there are four types of riders that represent a variety of skills and abilities. Our goal is to identify improvements for a broad cross-section of users. Speed is a major concern. There is a 95% pedestrian/cyclist survival rate in crashes with the automobile traveling 20 mph, and it drops to a 20% survival rate at 40 mph. The comfort level also drops off when exposed to higher speed zones. At 35 mph, only 5 -8 percent of riders are comfortable in shared lanes.

A brainstorming session was conducted by Susan Blickstein.

1. What Does Success Look Like? (Imagine what Princeton could look like in 20 years)
2. Key Benefits to Success
3. Top 3 Goals for the Plan
4. Challenges/Obstacles to Success

Attendees provided verbal input on items 1, 3 and 4. The results of this discussion were noted on paper sheets, copies of which are attached.

There will be three Study Advisory Committee meetings: goal setting, initial recommendations and comments and then final recommendations. There will also be five focus group meetings, three public outreach meetings and four Planning Board meetings along with continuous Community Outreach.

The next steps will be conducting the focus group meetings; migrating the comment sheets into an online survey monkey platform; activating the online wikimapping data collection tool; participation in Community Events by either being present or by providing Fact and Comment Sheets; and posting these meeting minutes on the website.

Attachments: Brainstorm Goals, Brainstorm Barriers, Brainstorm Success