



Municipality of Princeton

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Dear Prospect Avenue Residents:

This is a follow-up to the neighborhood preconstruction meeting for the Prospect Avenue Improvement Project held on June 25, 2015. We appreciate the feedback received regarding safety and speeding concerns, and the proposed bumpouts. For those of you not able to attend the meeting, we offer the following summary about the project:

- Several municipal trees will be evaluated for removal due to declining health. Trimming of the tree branches over the roadway will be necessary to elevate branches over the construction equipment.
- Based on the feedback received, the following improvements will be completed as a part of this project:
 - The tree canopy near the islands will be reviewed by the municipal arborist to determine if additional trimming of overhanging branches is necessary.
 - New storm drain piping will be installed along the south side of the road between Harrison and Cedar to pick up active sump pump drainage discharges.
 - New curb will be installed at the northeast corner of Riverside Drive West / Prospect Avenue (at Riverside Elementary School) to tighten the corner, move the Prospect Avenue stop bar to the west, and shorten the pedestrian crossing distance.
 - Sections of concrete sidewalk and curbing will be replaced; the locations will be identified and marked by the Engineering Department.
 - One new crosswalk over Prospect will be installed at the intersection with Forester.
 - Sharrows bicycle pavement markings and signage will be installed.
 - Roadway pavement markings and new signage will be installed.
 - Additional stop signs will be installed on Cedar Lane approaches.
 - Overhead street lighting levels will be reviewed with PSE&G to determine if upgrades are recommended to increase coverage, especially near Cedar.
- The previously proposed curb bumpouts have been eliminated from the project.
- The municipality's contractor, S. Brothers Construction, anticipates starting storm drainage construction the week of July 13, weather permitting. S. Brothers estimates construction to span one and a half months with final paving being completed prior to Labor Day.

- Except during milling and paving operations, the roadway should be open for residents and for service, emergency, and delivery vehicles to the neighborhood. Thru traffic will be discouraged through “Road Closed” signage.
- If access to your driveway is impacted by curb or sidewalk construction, Princeton Engineering staff and S. Brothers employees will endeavor to contact you prior to the work taking place.
- Information regarding the project will be disseminated through at least one of the following methods: a knock on the door by the contractor or Engineering inspector, yellow flyers taped to your front door, email blasts from Princeton Engineering, Nixle alerts, and Princeton, NJ website updates. **If you would like to receive email updates, please contact jredeyoff@princetonnj.gov to be added to the project contact group.**

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the following staff members:

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Your assistance in tolerating the temporary inconvenience associated with this work, which will lead to a permanent improvement of your neighborhood, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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