

Minutes

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Princeton Public Transit Advisory Committee

Attendees:

- Kristin Appelget, Princeton University
- Charlie Tennyson, Princeton University
- Kip Cherry
- Mia Sacks, Council
- Christine Symington, PTAC Liaison, Sustainable Princeton
- Tineke Thio, PTAC Substitute Liaison, Bike Ped
- Dossier Hammond
- Adam Bierman, PTAC
- Marco Gottardis, PTAC
- Jenny Ludmer, Sustainable Princeton
- Bob Schwartz
- Donna
- Joan Lockwood-Reck, PTAC Liaison, GMTMA
- Virginia Kerr
- Theresa Ellsworth
- Elana Berk, Sustainable Princeton
- Nat Bottigheimer, PTAC

Agenda

1. Minutes, December 14, 2022 PTAC Meeting – N. Bottigheimer
2. Princeton University Mobility Plan Update – C. Tennyson, Princeton University
3. Group Discussion – N. Bottigheimer
4. Round the Table Updates - All
5. Public Comment

Agenda Item 1

The minutes of the December 14th, 2022 were not available and were deferred to the following meeting.

Agenda Item 2

Charlie Tennyson provided an overview of Princeton University's University Mobility Plan as he had also done for the Princeton Council earlier in the week.

He explained that the plan was focused on movement around the campus, rather than from campus to campus surroundings and vice versa.

Mr. Tennyson described the plan development process, which included:

- An identification of high frequency pairs of trip origins and trip destinations
- Use of a small team of transportation experts
- An inventory of photographs of existing conditions
- Stakeholder engagement
- Use of board games to “game out” the best use of finite resources
- Route design and analysis

Key elements of the plan include:

- The addition of new Advisory Bike Lanes at selected locations
- A brand new fleet of electric buses
- Enterprise Car Share program available to the community
- In wake of Zagster going out of business, PU is working with local bike shops to repurpose the 130 bikes recovered from the Zagster program.
- An RFP is being issued for dockless, electric bike sharing
- The Stadium Drive garage will be a multimodal hub with covered bike parking available.

Adam Bierman expressed support for the plan

Tineke Thio asked if it was known how many people drive to campus alone – the last known figure was approximately 80%, but a more precise and updated answer was not available during the meeting

Dosier Hammond expressed the importance of getting people to the campus by transit, and his desire to see University bus routes extended further into town.

Kip Cherry asked whether there were plans to make improvements to the Dinky Plaza in terms of shade and suitability for children. The University has also observed a need for improvements at the plaza and is considering options.

Ms. Cherry asked if there are statistics available on taxi use at the Dinky terminus. The University did not have know of any such data.

Ms. Cherry expressed concern about the potential loss of parking spaces for the Princeton community at Lot 10 between Nassau and William Streets.

Agenda Item 3

During the roundtable discussion, Tineke Thio and Jessica Wilson both expressed interest in having more advisory bike lanes on campus.

Mia Sacks noted that the mobility plan update presentation was also available on YouTube, albeit without the slides.

Kristin Appelget offered to send the presentation slides for distribution to PTAC members.

Agenda Item 4

This item was deferred as time had concluded.

Agenda Item 5

This item was deferred as time had concluded and members of the public had offered input during the Mobility Plan discussion.