

Minutes

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Princeton Public Transit Advisory Committee

Attendees:

- Nat Bottigheimer, PTAC
- Jessica Wilson, PTAC
- Adam Bierman, PTAC
- Mia Sacks, Council Liaison
- Pallavi Nuka, PTAC Liaison
- Christine Symington, PTAC Liaison
- Joan Lockwood-Reck, PTAC Liaison
- Sharon Hurley, PTAC Liaison
- Jim Purcell, Municipality
- Charlie Tennyson, Princeton University
- Kip Cherry
- Marissa Basile
- Dossier Hammond

Agenda

1. Minutes, February 15, 2023 PTAC Meeting – N. Bottigheimer
2. WeDriveU Update – M. Basile, WeDriveU
3. Municipal Update – M. Sacks, Princeton
4. Round the Table Updates - All
5. Public Comment

Agenda Item 1 – Minutes

The minutes of the December 14th, 2022 and February 15th 2023 meetings were approved.

During discussion of the minutes, Kip Cherry raised a concern about Princeton University's long-term plans for Lot 10 on William Street. Kristen Appelget indicated that there were no plans to change Lot 10 at this time.

Agenda Item 2 – WeDriveU Service Update

Marissa Basile provided an update on municipal transit ridership. Year-over-year ridership has grown 70% and cost-per rider numbers have correspondingly declined.

Councilmember Sacks commented that these improvements are exciting to hear about, and observed that new housing near the Princeton Shopping Center should add new riders in future.

Adam Bierman asked whether there is any information about the demographics of riders. Marissa Basile indicated that there were not. Jim Purcell indicated that there is anecdotal information suggesting that senior citizens comprise a major source of ridership.

Agenda Item 3 – Municipal Update

Mia Sacks reported that the Municipality is coordinating with the University on future transit service. There are potential opportunities to coordinate municipal transit service with future University services that may result in better and expanded transit opportunities for Princeton residents.

Ms. Sacks also shared that the municipality had submitted an application for RGGI funding of electric buses which was awarded.

Agenda Item 4 – Around the Table

Christine Symington announced details of an E Commuter Fest scheduled for September 22nd, 2023 at Princeton Shopping Center

Charlie Tennyson announced that 8 out of 17 Tiger Transit buses are now fully electric, and that 8 of the remaining 9 are presently being tested for operational readiness are expected to be in service by the end of July 2023.

Mr. Tennyson also announced that a vehicle charging facility at 755 Alexander Road was under construction and expected to be complete in early August 2023, with opportunities to tour facility in fall 2023.

Agenda Item 5 – Public Comment

Dosier Hammond expressed satisfaction with progress being made in terms of transit service coordination with Princeton University.