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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING BANK STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT April 22, 2019

Dear Bank Street Residents and Homeowners,

We are excited to advise you that we are moving closer to constructing improvements on Bank Street. We have been advised by New Jersey American Water Company (NJAW) that they anticipate replacing their water main and your individual services this summer beginning after July 4th. Prior to construction occurring, we will invite all residents and property owners to a preconstruction meeting to meet the NJAW contractor and learn about construction coordination. NJAW anticipates that the water main and services construction will be completed before Labor Day 2019.

While we expected to be constructing sanitary sewer and roadway improvements this summer, we have been delayed by our State funding agencies for up to six months. Unfortunately, this would place the start of construction in the fall, and it is our recommendation that construction be delayed until summer 2020 if this occurs. Please advise if you would prefer that construction occurs through the fall / winter.

Provided below is the current roadway project design information:

- The sanitary sewer main will be replaced in the north south portion of the roadway, and lined in the east west portion.
- Individual sanitary sewer laterals to your homes / structures will be replaced from the main to within 5 feet of your structure.
- New storm sewer pipes will be installed under the sidewalks and connections will be made to your individual roof drain downspouts. Please note, the public / private property line is typically located where your front porch steps meet the sidewalk. Thus, we request your written permission on the attached form to connect your roof drain downspouts to an underground drainage system. If permission is not granted, we may request that you redirect your roof drains away from the sidewalk so as to minimize icing situations in the winter months.
- Granite curbing will be installed along the north south portion of the road, and concrete curbing along the east west portion of the road.
- All of the concrete sidewalk will be replaced where it currently exists with a dark grey tinted concrete. Please note, the public / private property line is typically located where your front porch steps meet the sidewalk. Thus, some of the existing sidewalk is located on your private property; in order to replace the private sidewalk, we request your written permission on the attached form to complete these improvements. If permission is not granted, the existing sidewalk will be sawcut at the property line and left in place

on private property. This is not a desirable outcome, as there may be trip hazards created as a result.

- At the southern end of Bank Street, a raised crosswalk will be installed. This treatment is included in the Nassau Streetscape Design Standards.
- If possible, we will try to incorporate new trees in the area behind curb.
- Street lighting upgrades are not in the current project scope. We are aware that one of the property owners has circulated a proposal to install free-standing street lights on Bank Street to replace the existing overhead street lighting. Additionally, Princeton has not agreed to replace the existing street lighting with a more decorative fixture, as is stated in the resident's letter.

The Engineering Department has reviewed the free-standing lighting proposal with both PSE&G (the owner of municipal street lights on Bank Street) and Princeton's electrical contractor. There is unanimous agreement among us that there is physically not enough space to accommodate free-standing street lights as well as pedestrian movements on the already substandard-width sidewalk. While a price for the delivery of lights was listed in the resident's letter, it does not include any of the underground conduits and wiring, installation, and other appurtenances to have an operational system; all of these costs would be assessable to the benefitted property owners.

It is very disappointing that we cannot give you an exact start date for the roadway improvement project; however, we will be ready to hire a contractor as soon as State funding approvals are in hand. In order to assist us in these efforts, we require your completion of the attached authorization form for sidewalk work and storm sewer connections to roof drains.

If you have any questions, please contact me or my staff at your convenience.

Best regards,



Deanna Stockton, P.E.

Municipal Engineer

Cc: Mayor and Council
Marc D. Dashield, Administrator
Jeff Grosser, Assistant Administrator
Delores A. Williams, Clerk
Robert Hough, P.E., Director of Operations and Infrastructure
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BANK STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AUTHORIZATION FORM

I / We _____, property owners of _____, hereby give permission to the Municipality of Princeton to complete the following work on the private property in our possession:

- Take video and / or photographic documentation of existing conditions on private property along the Bank Street frontage.
- Replace existing concrete, asphalt, or other surfacing materials to provide a new walking surface along Bank Street.
- Replace existing driveway aprons (area within the concrete sidewalk) with concrete and replace a portion of the driveway behind the apron as needed to provide proper slopes.
- Connect existing roof drain downspouts along the roadside façade of the building structure into an underground piped system to remove runoff from the sidewalks.

(Property Owner Signature)

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Please return the completed authorization form by May 15, 2019 by email (jredeyoff@princetonnj.gov), fax (609-688-2026) or mail / hand delivery to the Engineering Department at 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC / PRIVATE PROPERTY ON BANK STREET
The red line generally denotes the location of the property line.

