



RESOLUTION 20-203

Resolution Authorizing The Installation Of Slow Streets During The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

WHEREAS, the Stay at Home order for the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in reduced vehicle traffic in New Jersey, and;

WHEREAS, traffic fatalities have not decreased proportionately year-on-year, and;

WHEREAS, certain residential roads have seen significant increases in non-motorized activity and;

WHEREAS, taking walks, bicycle rides, and other exercise on the low traffic streets constitute activities important for physical and mental health, and;

WHEREAS, Princeton residents and especially families are using streets as shared public spaces, and;

WHEREAS, sidewalks are not sufficiently wide to maintain 6 feet of distance from others, forcing pedestrians to seek alternatives to the sidewalks, and;

WHEREAS, Princeton's Master Plan, with the inclusion of its Complete Streets Policy, acknowledges the need for a community-wide bicycle system that allows riders of all abilities and all ages to use the streets, with special emphasis on the safety of school-aged children, and;

WHEREAS, Slow Streets restrict motor vehicle use to local residents, emergency vehicles, and residential deliveries and are closed to through motor vehicle traffic; and permit pedestrians, cyclists and other mobility devices to freely use the roadway; and have been implemented across the state of New Jersey and around the world in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and;

WHEREAS, drivers are urged to drive slower on every street, but especially Slow Streets, and;

WHEREAS, Slow Streets are consistent with Princeton's Bicycle Mobility Plan which promotes the safety of pedestrians and bicycle riders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Council of Princeton, New Jersey, that:

Section 1. Princeton as a Bike-Friendly Community and based on Complete Streets principles incorporated in the Circulation Element of the Community Masterplan, recognizes the need for Slow Streets during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. Princeton proposes to support the health and well-being of its residents during the public health emergency COVID-19 pandemic by installing Slow Streets on selected residential streets.

Section 3. The following street segments are designated as Slow Streets:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
John St	Paul Robeson Pl	Community Park
Linden Ln	Guyot St	Hamilton Ave
Patton Ave	Murray St	Cedar Ln
Cuyler Road	Jefferson Road	Ewing Street
Dempsey Ave & Walnut Lane	Terhune Rd	Terhune Rd
Clay St	John St	Witherspoon St
Library Place & Westcott Rd	Mercer St	Bayard Ln
Ridgeview Rd	Cherry Hill Rd	Great Rd
Hutchinson Dr	Mercer Rd	Rt 206
Littlebrook Rd	Rollingmead St	Tyson Ln

Section 4. The Princeton Department of Public Works will install barriers along Slow Streets and at key intersections of the streets with a sign designating the street as a “Slow Street” with “No Thru Traffic”. These barriers, in the event of emergent needs related to closure of other roadways, may be relocated by Public Works on an as-needed basis.

Section 4a. Additional signs will be posted explaining what is expected of users of the Slow Streets; if and when enabled by ordinance or resolution of Council, such signage may designate reduced motor vehicle speed limits among the listed user expectations.

Section 4b. Resident volunteers on Slow Streets will be asked to help maintain the condition of installed barriers and signs.

Section 5. The Princeton Bicycle Advisory Committee will seek feedback from residents.

Section 6. The Slow Streets program will be evaluated semi-monthly by the Princeton Bicycle Advisory Committee and reported to Council, with adjustments, including installation on additional or alternative streets, to be made based on feedback from residents and the public safety committee.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X	X		X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang		X		X	X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X			X			
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Williamson		X			X			
Mayor Lempert		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held June 15, 2020.

Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk