

**Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
June 3, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 6:34 p.m. and he read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated, "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was sent to the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald*, and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office."

The flag salute followed Roll Call.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Councilmember Bluth</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Egan</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Jackson</i>		ARRIVED 7:09
<i>Councilmember Misiura</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Musing</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Stults</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Quattrone</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Margaret (Peggy) Riggio, Deputy Borough Clerk; Debra Sopronyi Borough Clerk/Administrator and Fred Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2019-111 Authorizing a Meeting that Excludes the Public

Moved by Councilmember Stults; seconded by Councilmember Bluth.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Resolution adopted 3-0.

Resolution 2019-111

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

AUTHORIZING A MEETING WHICH EXCLUDES THE PUBLIC

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that this body will hold a meeting on June 3, 2019 at the Hightstown Fire House located at 140 North Main Street, Hightstown, that will be limited only to consideration of an item or items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to section 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed:

Contract Negotiations – Mills at Hightstown
Municipal Court Robbinsville

Stated as precisely as presently possible the following is the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted at said meeting can be disclosed to the public: September 3, 2019, or when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The public is excluded from said meeting, and further notice is dispensed with, all in accordance with sections 8 and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Quattrone called the public meeting to order at 7:32 and again read the Open Public Meetings Statement. Councilmember Jackson and CFO, George Lang arrived during executive session and are now present.

The Flag Salute followed roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Bluth; Seconded by Councilmember Stults.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson, Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Agenda approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 25, 2019 – Budget Workshop

Moved by Councilmember Stults; Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Bluth, Jackson Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Minutes approved 4-0.

May 6, 2019 – Public Session

Moved by Councilmember Bluth; Seconded by Councilmember Stults.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Bluth, Jackson, Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Minutes approved 4-0.

May 16, 2019 – Executive Session

Moved by Councilmember Bluth; Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson and Misiura voted yes. Councilmember Stults abstained.

Minutes approved 3-0 with 1 abstention.

May 16, 2019 – Budget Workshop

Moved by Councilmember Jackson; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson and Misiura voted yes. Councilmember Stults abstained.

Minutes approved 3-0 with 1 abstention.

PUBLIC COMMENT I

Mayor Quattrone opened public comment period I and the following individuals spoke:

Sandra Jackson, 301 Lincoln Avenue – Concerned about the removal of trees for the Lincoln Avenue road project. We need to start putting the planet ahead of our pocketbook.

Eric Post – 15 Rocky Brook Court – Rocky Brook Court needs paving and the water sewer improvements are needed. He was onboard with the sidewalks until the project encroached on 1/3 of his front lawn. There really is no need for sidewalks on Rocky Brook Court as there is very little vehicle traffic.

George Thornhill, 6 Rocky Brook Court – Concerned with sidewalks on Rocky Brook Court. Doesn't see a need for them. There are also water issues on Rocky Brook Court that need to be addressed.

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – Spoke about no sidewalks on certain streets because there is no foot traffic.

Dennis Cataldo, 14 Rocky Brook Court – Does not want to be responsible for maintaining a sidewalk. He chooses to live in a cul-de-sac for privacy. There is no need for a sidewalk on Rocky Brook.

Maryann Suto, 20 Hagemont Avenue – Asked if sidewalks were planned for both sides of Hagemont Avenue. Having a sidewalk would mean a lot of snow to shovel in the winter. Likes old time Hightstown with no sidewalks.

Nicole Oorbeek, 16 Hagemont Avenue – In favor of the sidewalk for Hagemont Avenue. This would be safer for the children walking to school and buses. Safety is most important.

There being no further comments, Mayor Quattrone closed the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS

Complete Street Committee Presentation

Council President Misiura thanked Bev Asselstine for her work with the Intersection Analysis. Council President discussed the power point presentation attached hereto.

ENGINEERING ITEMS

DOT State Aid Recommendation(s)

Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts, reviewed her letter of May 31, 2019. Council discussed the three (3) recommendations brought forward by Ms. Roberts. Council focused on recommendation #3, improvements to Railroad Avenue. With the new Municipal Facilities being located at 230 Mercer Street, a rear access road will be needed at Railroad Avenue. This needs to be done and it makes the most sense to use grant money to complete the project. Council instructed Ms. Roberts to move forward with the grant application for Improvements to Railroad Avenue.

Lincoln, Hagemount, Rocky Brook Project

Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts, reviewed several concepts for the Lincoln, Hagemount and Rocky Brook Project. She also stated that there were 3 different professionals that evaluated the trees on Lincoln Avenue. At this point, Mayor Quattrone opened the floor to comments from the public and the following individuals spoke:

Maryann Suto, 20 Hagemont Avenue – Asked how the location of the sidewalks were determined. Ms. Roberts stated that on Lincoln Avenue, the trees determined where the sidewalks would be placed.

George Thornhill, 6 Rocky Brook Court – Asked what the square footage of sidewalk would be on Rocky Brook Court. Also stated that there is a water problem already. Ms. Roberts stated that there is approximately 2,400 square feet of sidewalk proposed.

Sandra Jackson, 301 Lincoln Avenue – Asked when Council will be deciding on this project.

Dennis Cataldo, 14 Rocky Brook Court – Stated that there is no need for sidewalks on Rocky Brook.

David Zaiser, 402 South Main Street – Hopes to preserve the street trees. Need to create space for new trees. Trees will help with the water issues.

Discussion ensued. Borough Administrator/Clerk, Debra Sopronyi, stated that Public Works requested a plan with no bump outs. This makes it difficult for plowing in the winter. After discussion, Councilmember Stults moved to move forward with Plan “F” for sidewalks on Lincoln Avenue with no sidewalks for Hagemount Avenue or Rocky Brook Court. The extra funds would go to new street trees and preservation of existing trees. Councilmember Bluth seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson, and Stults voted yes. Councilmember Misiura voted no.

Council instructed Ms. Roberts to move ahead with Plan “F” for sidewalks on Lincoln Avenue with no sidewalks for Hagemount Avenue or Rocky Brook Court. 3-1.

Chemical Comparison at AWWTP

Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts, reviewed her letter to Council dated May 29, 2019. The WWTP is not operating within its limits. The current rate of septage intake will exceed the 4.0 MG level as required by Council. Ms. Roberts suggested a monthly limit be established. Once limit has been reached, the plant should cease accepting deliveries for the month. Borough Administrator/Clerk, Debra Sopronyi, will inform the Superintendent.

Resolution 2019-106 Awarding a Contract for Stockton Street Water Main Replacement – Reivax Contracting

Moved by Council President Misiura; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth.

Roll Call Vote; Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson, Misiura and Stults.

Resolution adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2019-106

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR STOCKTON STREET WATER MAIN
REPLACEMENT – REIVAX CONTRACTING**

WHEREAS, five (5) bids were received on April 24, 2019 for the Stockton Street Water Main Replacement in Hightstown Borough; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and it is the Engineer's recommendation that a contract for the Stockton Street Water Main Replacement be awarded to the low bidder, Reivax Contracting of Newark, New Jersey at the price of \$933,750.00; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program (NJEIFP), the award of this contract is conditional upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bids and has determined that the bid submitted by Reivax Contracting is in order with respect to legal compliance; and,

WHEREAS, this award is contingent upon the adoption of the appropriate bond ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the contract for the Stockton Street Water Main Replacement is hereby awarded to Reivax Contracting of Newark, New Jersey in the amount of \$933,750.00, upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolution 2019-112 Authorizing Payment #2 – JTG Construction (Improvements to First Avenue)

Moved by Councilmember Jackson; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth.

Roll Call Vote; Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson, Misiura and Stults.

Resolution adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2019-112

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT #2– JTG CONSTRUCTION (IMPROVEMENTS TO
FIRST AVENUE)**

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2018, the Borough Council awarded a contract for Improvements to First Avenue in Hightstown Borough to JTG Construction of Newark, New Jersey at the price of \$\$328,356.00; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has submitted payment #2 in the amount of \$166,608.38 for work related to site

clearing, traffic control, a concrete channel, tree removal, milling and paving driveway repair, detectable warning surfaces, topsoiling and seeding, curb, sidewalk and driveway; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of payment #2 in the amount of \$166,608.38; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available for this expenditure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that payment #2 of \$166,608.38 to JTG Construction of Newark, New Jersey is hereby approved as detailed herein.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2019-08 Final Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7 Entitled “Traffic”, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey Regarding Parking

Mayor Quattrone opened the public hearing and the following individuals spoke:

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – Questioned what changes were being made to the ordinance.

There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved for adoption by Councilmember Stults; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson, Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Ordinance adopted 4-0.

Ordinance 2019-08

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” , OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY REGARDING PARKING

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended that certain changes be made to the restricted parking on Academy Street; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has authorized a one-hour time limit on Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council agree with said recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, entitled "Traffic", Section 7-11, entitled "Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets", is hereby amended to read as follows (underline for additions, strikethroughs for deletions):

7-11-1 Time Limit Parking.

Subsection 7-11-1 Time Limit Parking.

No person shall park a vehicle in excess of the time limit specified upon any of the streets or parts of streets described below. These limits shall not apply on Sundays and public holidays.

Street	Side	Time Limit	Location
Academy Street	North	2 hrs.	From 110 feet east of Railroad Avenue to a point 170 feet west of Mercer Street
Academy Street	West	2 hrs.	From a point 35 feet distant from the southerly curblines of Grant Avenue to a point 277 feet south
North Main Street	West	1 hr.	Beginning 188 feet from the southerly curblines of Bank Street to a point 107 feet south
Rogers Avenue	Both	2 hrs.	From Mercer Street to Railroad Avenue
South Main Street	East	1 hr.	From a point 35 feet distant from the northerly curblines of Ward Street to a point 261 feet north

	East	10 min. Between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Beginning 296 feet north from the northerly curblines of Ward Street to a point 60 feet north
Stockton Street	South	15 minutes	From a point 165 feet distant from the westerly curblines of Main Street to a point 60 feet west

Section 2. That Chapter 7, entitled “Traffic”, Section 7-13, entitled “Parking Prohibited at all Times on Certain Streets”, is hereby amended to read as follows (underline for additions, strikethroughs for deletions):

Section 7-13

PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS

Subsections:

7-13-1 Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets.

Subsection 7-13-1 Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets.

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any streets or parts thereof described.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Academy Street	North	Mercer Street to easternmost Post Office driveway
Academy Street	North	Railroad Avenue to 100 feet east
Academy Street	North	For a Distance of 170 Feet West of Mercer Street
Academy Street	South	Mercer Street to Railroad Avenue
Academy Street	East	From Park Avenue to Stockton Street
Academy Street	East	From Rogers Avenue to Railroad Avenue
Academy Street	East	From Stockton Street to Rogers Avenue
Academy Street	West	From Park Avenue to Grant Avenue

Bank Street	North	From North Main Street to Mechanic Street
Bank Street	North	From the westerly curbline of the driveway entrance of the water plant, a distance of 30 feet east and 30 feet west
Bank Street	South	From North Main Street to Academy Street
Center Street	West	From Stockton Street to Morrison Avenue
Church Street	East	From Rogers Avenue to Stockton Street
Clinton Street	North	From Cole Avenue to Maxwell Avenue
	South	From the westerly curbline of Cole Avenue for a distance of 70 feet east
Cole Avenue	Both	From Franklin Street to Clinton Street
Dutch Neck Road	North	From the southerly curbline of Stockton Street 665 feet southwesterly
Dutch Neck Road	Southeast	From Gilman Place to Stockton Street
Name of Street	Side	Location
Etra Road	Both	From South Main Street to the Borough line
First Avenue	North	From Outcalt Street to Joseph Street
Forman Street	West	From the southerly curbline of Stockton Street for 205 feet south
Grape Run Road	North	From Westerlea Avenue to Pershing Avenue
Grape Run Road	South	From the easterly curbline of Westerlea Avenue to a point 120 feet east
Grape Run Road	Both	From Westerlea Avenue to Mercer Street
Hagemount Avenue	West	From Lincoln Avenue to Rocky Brook Court
Harron Avenue	East	From Stockton Street to Morrison Avenue
Hutchinson Street	East	From Grant Avenue to Park Avenue
Joseph Street	East	From Stockton Street to Second Avenue
Leshin Lane	North	From a point 50' west of the western side of the driveway of 16 Leshin Lane to Westerlea Avenue
Leshin Lane	South	From a point 50' west of the western side of the driveway of 17 Leshin Lane to Westerlea Avenue
Monmouth Street	North	From North Main Street to a point opposite the east curbline of Broad Street
Monmouth Street	South	From the east curbline of Manlove Avenue 652.67 feet east

Monmouth Street	South	From Pennsylvania Railroad to Broad Street
North Main Street	East	From the northerly curbline of Franklin Street to a point 80 feet north
North Main Street	West	From a point 239.5 feet north of the north curbline of Stockton Street to a point 242 feet north
Oak Lane	East	From Stockton Street to the north curbline of Lincoln Avenue; thence from Lincoln Avenue for 397 feet north
Oak Lane	West	From the northerly curbline of Stockton Street to a point 450 feet north
Outcalt Avenue	East	For a distance of 50 feet north or south of the First Avenue and Second Avenue intersections
Outcalt Street	West	From Rogers Avenue to Morrison Avenue
Park Avenue	South	From the westerly curbline of Academy Street to a point 50 feet west
Name of Street	Side	Location
Pershing Avenue	West	From Grape Run Road to South Street
Purdy Street	East	From Bank Street to Reed Street
Railroad Avenue	East	From Stockton Street to Academy Street
Railroad Avenue	West	From Stockton Street to Rogers Avenue
Reed Street	North	From Mechanic Street to Rev. Powell Drive
Rev. Powell Drive	East	From Reed Street to Chamberlin Avenue
Rogers Avenue	North	From Stockton Street to Mercer Street
Second Avenue	North	From Outcalt Street to Joseph Street
Second Avenue	North	From Summit Street to Joseph Street
South Main Street	West	From Ward Street to Mercer Street
South Street	North	From Mercer Street to South Main Street
Stockton Street	North	From Mercer Street to South Main Street for 199 feet west
Stockton Street	South	From Main Street to the west curbline of Dutch Neck Road; thence on Dutch Neck Road for 624 feet
Ward Street	North	From Mercer Street to South Main Street
Ward Street	North	From the easterly curbline of South Main Street to a point 793.25 feet east
Ward Street	South	From the southeasterly curbline of Mercer Street to a point 57 feet east

Ward Street	South	From the easterly curbline of South Main Street to a point 2,241 feet east
Westerlea	West	Leshin Lane to Grape Run Road

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 4. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to that portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall not be affected.

Ordinance 2019-09 First Reading and Introduction – Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$165,000 for Various Improvements to the Water-Sewer Utility in and by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$165,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Moved for introduction by Councilmember Bluth; Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson, Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Ordinance introduced 4-0. Public hearing scheduled for June 17, 2019.

Ordinance 2019-09

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$165,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER-SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$165,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance has heretofore been authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the supplemental amount of

\$165,000, such sum being in addition to the \$1,270,000 appropriated therefor by bond ordinance #2017-10 of the Borough, finally adopted August 21, 2017 (the "Original Bond Ordinance"). No down payment is required as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Borough, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance.

Section 2. In order to finance the additional cost of the improvement or purpose, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$165,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement heretofore authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is various improvements to the replacing and relining of the water mains and improvements to the sewer system, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is \$1,435,000, including the \$1,270,000 authorized by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$165,000 authorized herein.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is \$1,435,000, including the \$1,270,000 appropriated by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$165,000 appropriated herein.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes

pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a self-liquidating purpose of a municipal public utility. No part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$165,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$200,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement. Of this amount, \$185,000 was estimated for these items of expense in the Original Bond Ordinance and an additional \$15,000 is estimated therefor herein.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Borough solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for a purpose that is deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from the gross debt of the Borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-

44(c).

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. The Borough expects to finance this improvement through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust ("NJEIT"). A portion of such financing is expected to be a loan that NJEIT will forgive and treat as a grant upon the issuance by NJEIT of bonds to be used to finance a separate portion of the improvement. The portion of the loan which is forgivable pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations shall upon forgiveness by NJEIT at that point be a deduction from the Borough's debt authorized herein. The amount of the obligations authorized, but not issued hereunder, shall then be reduced to the extent, and in the amount that such loan is forgiven, that such funds are so used.

Section 9. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 10. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 11. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the

principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Ordinance 2019-10 First Reading and Introduction – Bond Ordinance Providing for Architect and Design Costs in Connection with the New Municipal Complex for Administration and the Police Department in and by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey, Appropriating \$500,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$476,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Moved for introduction by Councilmember Misiura; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson, Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Ordinance introduced 4-0. Public hearing scheduled for June 17, 2019.

Ordinance 2019-10

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ARCHITECT AND DESIGN COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW MUNICIPAL COMPLEX FOR ADMINISTRATION AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$476,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$500,000, including the sum of \$24,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more

previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$476,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is for architect and design costs in connection with the new municipal complex for Administration and the Police Department, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the

provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$476,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$500,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of

the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2019-113 Payment of Bills

Moved by Councilmember Stults; Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson, Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Resolution adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2019-113

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, certain bills are due and payable as per itemized claims listed on the following schedules, which are made a part of the minutes of this meeting as a supplemental record;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the bills be paid on audit and approval of the Borough Administrator, the appropriate Department Head and the Treasurer in the amount of \$138,560.77 from the following accounts:

Current		\$68,331.26
W/S Operating		31,964.73
General Capital		35,004.24
Water/Sewer Capital		826.50
Grant		2,323.10
Trust		110.94
Housing Trust		0.00
Animal Control		0.00
Law Enforcement Trust		0.00
Housing Rehab Loans		0.00
Unemployment Trust		0.00
Escrow		<u>0.00</u>
Total		<u>\$138,560.77</u>

Resolution 2019-114 Appoint Class II Officer – Martin A. Moreno

Moved by Councilmember Stults; Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Resolution adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2019-114

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

APPOINTING A CLASS II SPECIAL OFFICER – MARTIN A. MORENO

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council recognize that there is a need to hire a Class II Special Officer to assist the Police Department with various duties in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et. seq.; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Gendron, Chief of Police, has recommended that Martin A. Moreno, be appointed as a

Class II Special Officer for the Borough of Hightstown Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, Martin A. Moreno is qualified to serve as a Class II Special Officer and to carry out all of the duties of a Class II Special Officer; as well, if qualified, carry a Borough issued firearm only during his hours of work for the Borough Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, Martin A. Moreno shall not be eligible to receive pay and/or time off for any leave (vacation, holiday, sick leave, personal days, etc), shall not be eligible for overtime and shall not be eligible for health benefits from the Borough of Hightstown.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents to appoint Martin A. Moreno as a Class II Special Officer, pending satisfactorily passing psychological and physical testing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Martin A. Moreno is hereby appointed as a Class II Special Officer to assist the Hightstown Police Department, effective June 3, 2019, for the remainder of calendar year 2019, pending satisfactorily passing psychological and physical testing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Martin A. Moreno shall not be eligible for the following: (1) pay and/or time off for any leave (vacation, holiday, sick leave, personal days, etc); (2) overtime (whether in pay and/or compensatory time off); and, (3) health/insurance benefits of any kind from the Borough of Hightstown.

Resolution 2019-115 Extending an Agreement for Architectural and Contract Administration Services for Municipal Facilities Located at 230 Mercer Street

Moved by Councilmember Stults; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Resolution adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2019-115

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**EXTENDING AN AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES LOCATED AT 230
MERCER STREET**

WHEREAS, Resolution 2019-44, appointed the Musial Group as Architect and Contract Administrator for the municipal facilities project located at 230 Mercer Street; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2019-44 also authorized concept design at a cost not to exceed \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of Borough Council to authorize the remainder of the project at a total cost not to exceed \$459,895.00 and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are contingent upon the adoption of the appropriate bond ordinance and,

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is for the completion of the project located at 230 Mercer Street; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a “fair and open contract” pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the remainder of the Municipal Facilities Project, located at 230 Mercer Street, is hereby extended to include the entire project for a total cost of \$459,895.00.

Resolution 2019-116 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations Prior to Adoption to the 2019 Budget

Moved by Councilmember Misiura; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Jackson Misiura and Stults voted yes.

Resolution adopted 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD II

Mayor Quattrone opened the public comment period II and the following individuals spoke:

Sandra Jackson 301 Lincoln Avenue – Stated that some people did not get the letter regarding the meeting for the Lincoln, Hagemount, Rocky Brook Project meeting. Would like to see things done fairly and impartially.

Mia Kennedy, 192 Windsor Commons, East Windsor – Student at Hightstown High School. As a school project, she would like to redo the concession stand at Rocky Brook Park and turn it into a gazebo. She has spoken with Gary Grubb and Parks and Rec. Councilmembers commented that they thought this was a great idea. Councilmember Stults offered help with the drawings and figuring out what needs to be done.

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – Spoke regarding bicycles on sidewalks and having no bike lane is an issue.

Joe Cicalese, 136 Broad Street – Agrees with Mr. Caster regarding bike lane issue.

There being no further comments, Mayor Quattrone closed the public comment period.

DISCUSSION

Paving Bank Street

Borough Administrator/Clerk, Debra Sopronyi, stated that S. Brothers has given a good price to pave Bank Street. Since they are in town completing other projects, a decision would need to be made this evening. Discussion ensued. After discussion, Council agreed not to move forward with this project at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Councilmember Jackson

There was no quorum for the last Parks and Rec meeting.

Councilmember Stults

Read highlights from the Police Report. Spoke of the retirement of Officer Michael Gordy. Officer Gordy will be retiring August 1st after 25 years of service to Hightstown Borough.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Jackson moved to adjourn at 10:47 p.m.; Councilmember Stults seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Riggio
Deputy Borough Clerk



Complete Streets Committee

Intersection Analysis and
Priorities for Improvement

Presentation to Council May 20, 2019



Complete Streets Committee Members

2018

- Steven Misiura: Borough Council
- Lee Stultz: Borough Council
- Beverly Asselstine: Planning Board
- Dodie Colavecchio: Planning Board, Historic Preservation Commission
- David Zaiser: Environmental Commission

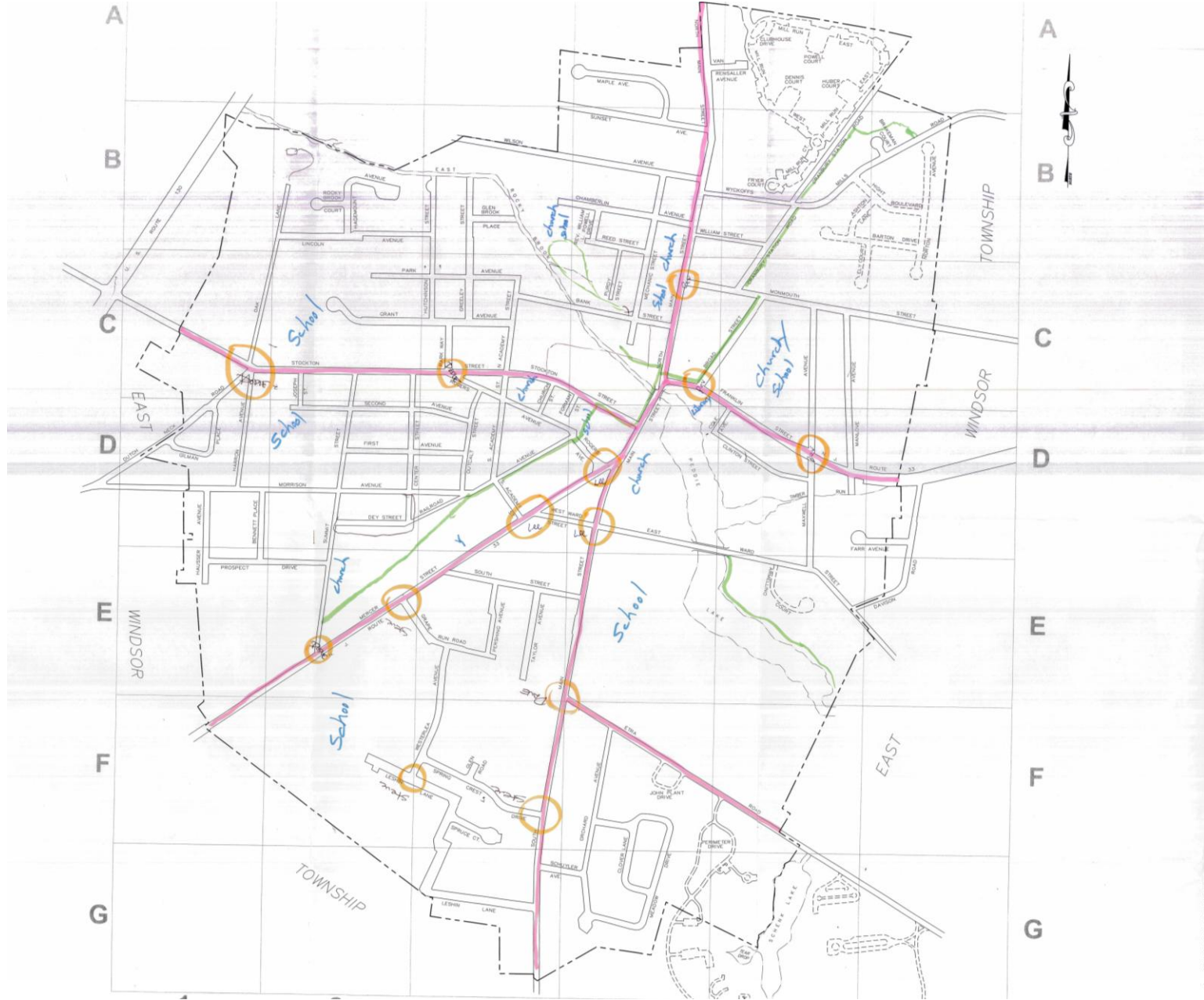
2019

- Steven Misiura: Borough Council
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- Joe Cicalese: Planning Board, Environmental Commission

PURPOSE

Set priorities for future infrastructure projects with a focus on:

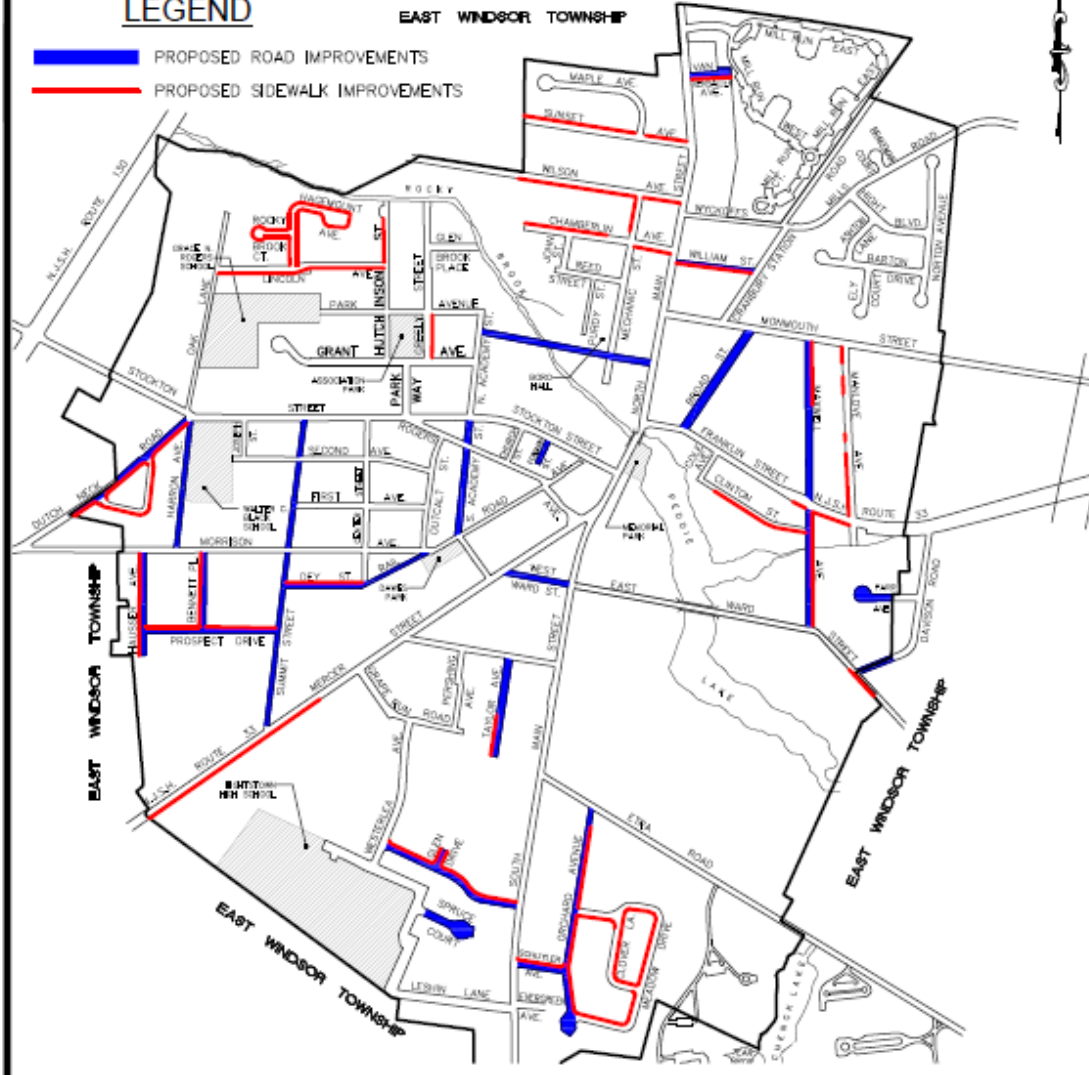
- The Downtown
- Providing a continuous network of safe intersections and sidewalks from all parts of the Borough to Hightstown High School



LEGEND

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

- PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS
- PROPOSED SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS



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LOCATION PLAN

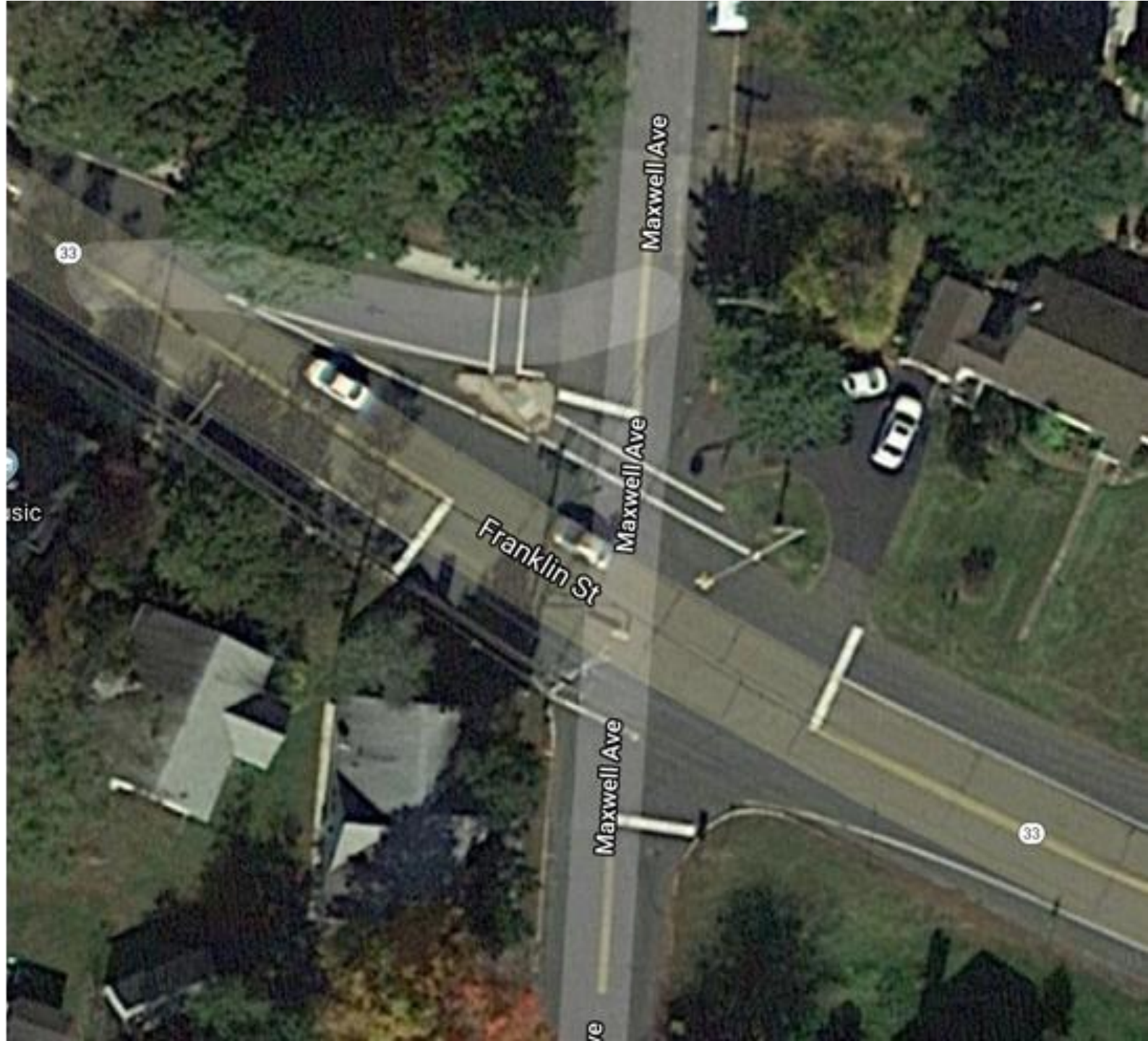
ROAD AND SIDEWALK
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SCALE: N.T.S.

DWG. No: H1606
DATE: 12/7/2017

Franklin Street (Rt 33) and Maxwell Avenue

- Provide crosswalks across all four street segments.
- Provide continental stripe crosswalk marking.
- Install walk/don't walk signals.
- Install high visibility pedestrian crossing signs.
- Repaint stop lines.
- Correct speed limits on Rt 33 eastern approach.



Franklin Street (Rt 33) and Maxwell Avenue

Provide traffic calming measures on Rt 33 eastern approach including:

- Road Diet
- Replacement of the wide shoulder with bike lanes and sidewalks.
- Street trees

Crosswalks distance could be reduced by curb extensions.

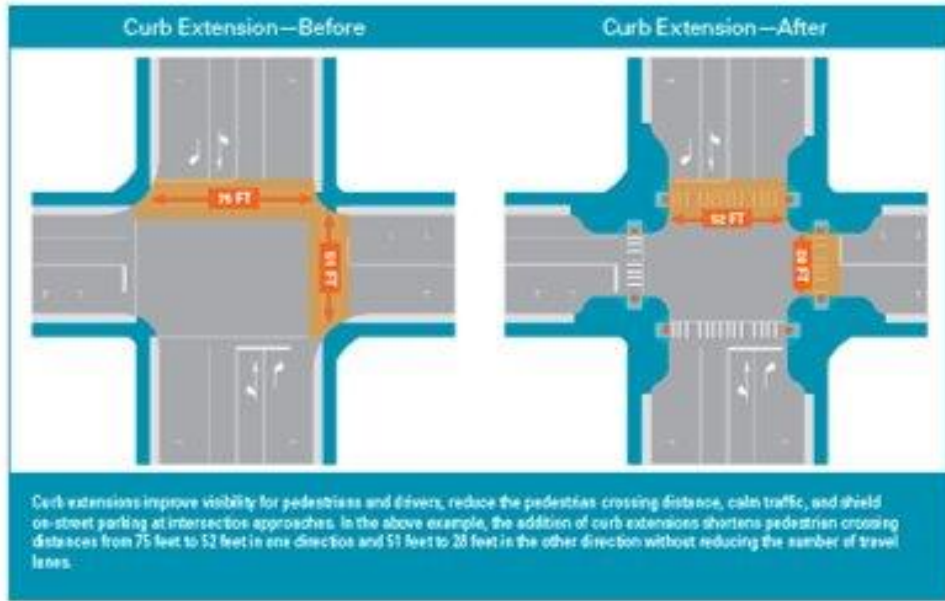
- Include rain garden

Eliminate right-turn lane and island.

No turn on red on Maxwell north approach.

New sidewalk on Maxwell from Franklin to Ward.





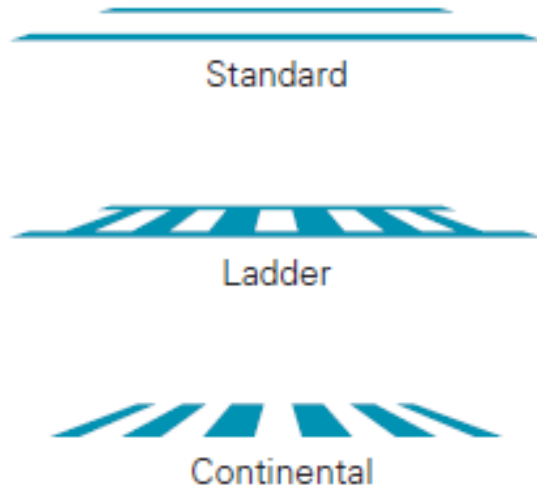
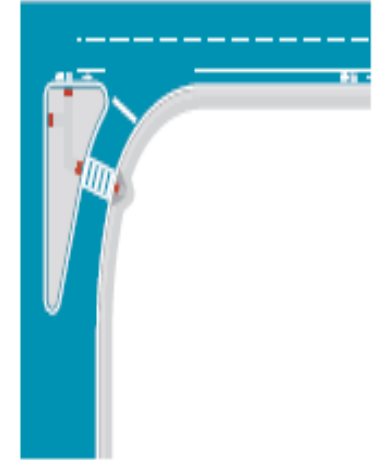
Channelized Right Turns

Where channelized right turns are necessary, they should be designed to slow driver turning speed and improve visibility of pedestrians, bicyclists, and on-coming motor vehicle traffic for the turning driver.

Before

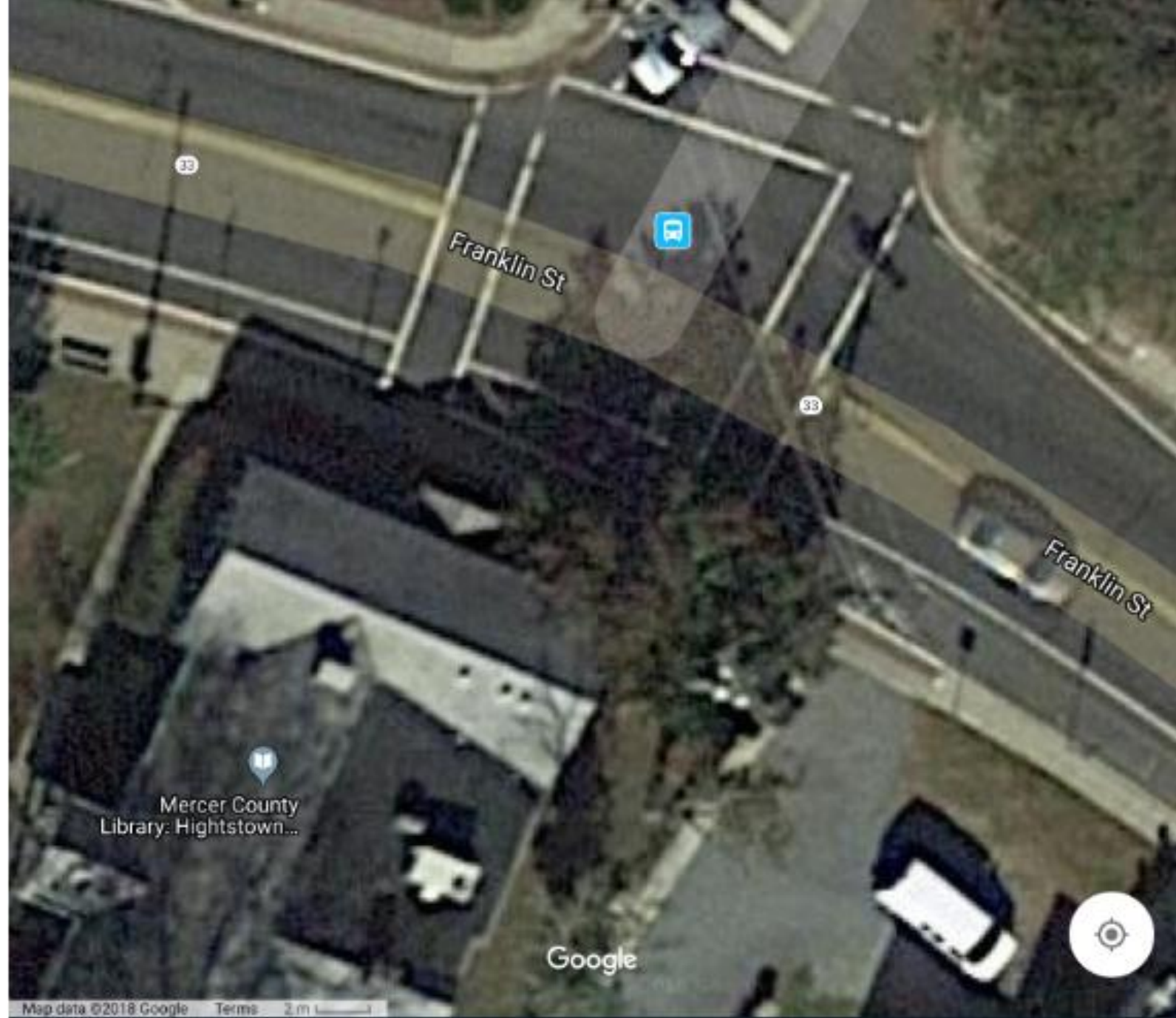


After



Franklin Street (Rt 33) and Broad Street

- Trim tree branches.
- Install Hawk or RRFB crosswalk signals.
- Provide elevated crosswalks with continental stripping.





RRFB on Alexander Street in Princeton, NJ



HAWK signal along NJ 27 improves access to the Metropark Train Station in Iselin, NJ



North Main Street (CR 539) and Monmouth Street (CR 633)

- Add a second crosswalk across N. Main St.
- Provide high visibility crosswalk signage and continental stripping.
- Provide ADA compliant curb cut ramps.
- Replace faded signage



South Main Street Street (CR 539) and Etra Road (CR 571)

- Provide a crosswalk with continental stripes at the north side of this intersection across South Main Street .
- Install high visibility pedestrian crossing signs.
- Provide RRFB crosswalk signals across South Main.
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South Main Street Street (CR 539) and Etra Road (CR 571)

- Ramp connecting to the sidewalk on the west side of South Main
- Provide bicycle pathways along both routes
- Add detectable warning surfaces to existing and new ramps.



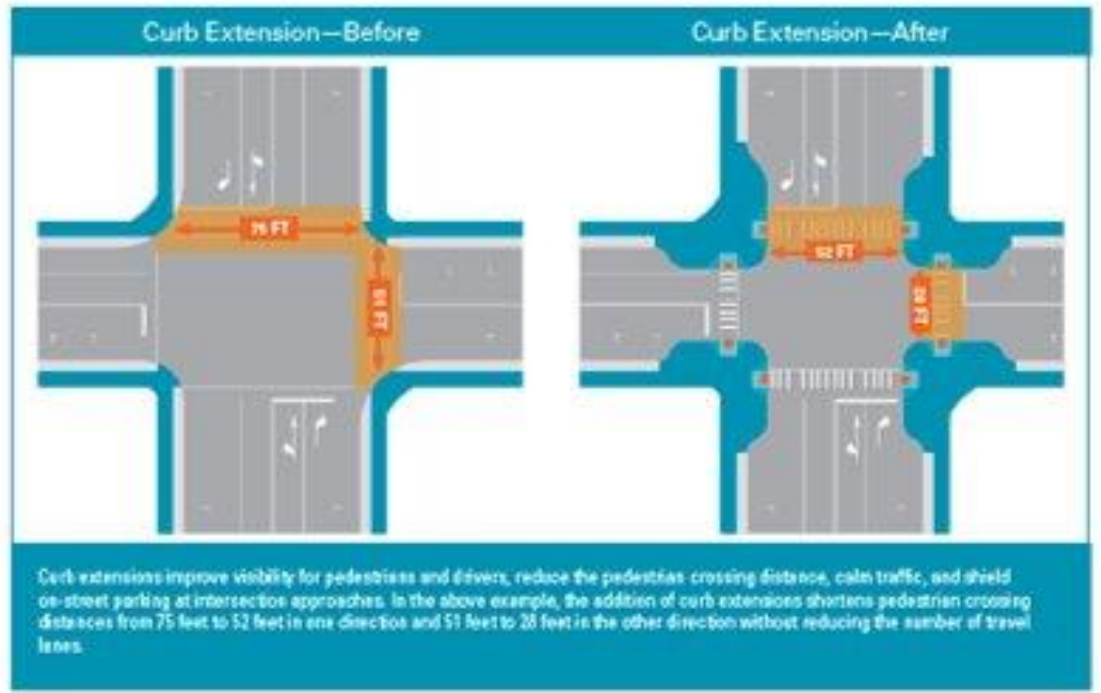


Accessible curb ramps in Highland Park, NJ

South Main Street (CR 539) and Springcrest Drive

- Restripe existing crosswalk with continental striping.
- Provide traffic calming measures along South Main St such as road narrowing or an island.
- Install RRFB crosswalk signals across South Main.
- Install a street lamp on the SW corner of Springcrest.
- Install a sidewalk along the entire length of Springcrest.
- Install ADA compliant curb cut ramps on South Main.
- Infill missing sidewalk gaps along South Main, (East side).





South Main Street (CR 539) and Leshin Lane

- Restripe crosswalk across Leshin Lane with continental stripping.
- Provide crosswalks with continental stripping, and RRFB crosswalk signals across South Main.
- Provide traffic calming measures along South Main St such as road narrowing or an island.
- Add sidewalks on the east side of South Main to fill in gaps. Provide curb cuts and detectable warning strips.
- Provide bike lane on South Main and Bike Route on Leshin Lane.



Mercer Street (RT 33) and Grape Run Drive

- Restripe existing crosswalk with continental stripping.
- Provide RRFB crosswalk signals across Mercer Street.
- Extend the shoulder stripping on Mercer Street past the intersection.
- Reduce the speed limit on Mercer Street to 25 mph.



Mercer Street (RT 33) and Grape Run Drive

- Provide traffic calming measures on Mercer Street such as curb extensions or an island.
- Streetscape improvements to better connect it to the downtown such as street trees, decorative street lamps, decorative median and decorative pavers.





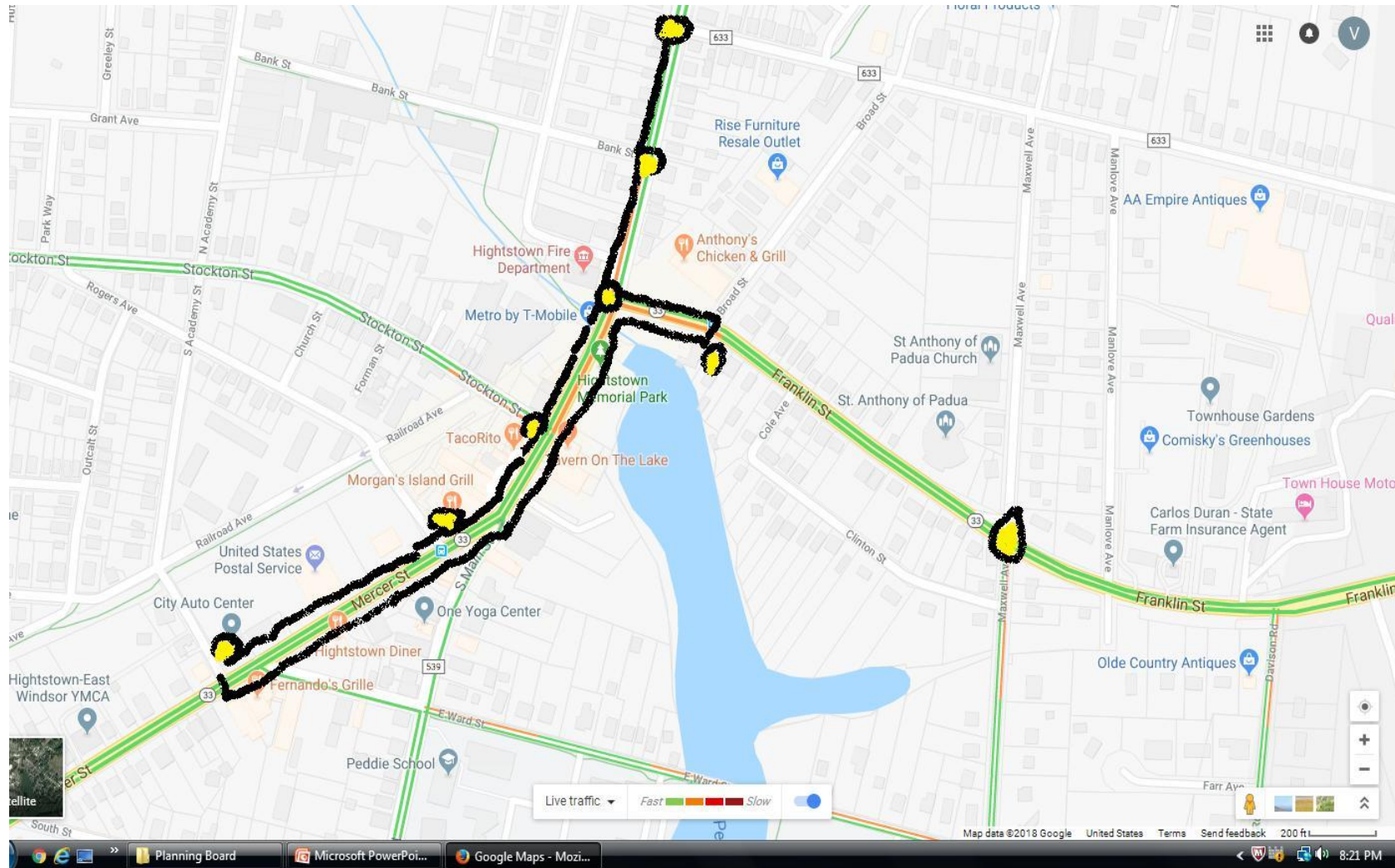
Stockton Street (CR 571) Dutch Neck Road, Harron Avenue and Oak Lane

- Provide continental stripes across all streets at the intersection.
- Provide RRFB crosswalk signals across Stockton Street.
- Study the feasibility of adding a roundabout.
- Change Harron to a one-way street from Morrison north to Stockton.





Downtown Walk Audit



Downtown Walk Audit

Participants

Streets and Sidewalks Committee

Steve Misuira, Council President

Beverly Asselstine, Planning Board

Joe Cicalese, Planning Board and Environmental Commission

Borough Staff and Professionals

Ken Lewis, Superintendent of Public Works

Frank Gendron, Police Chief

Carmela Roberts, Borough Engineer

Mercer County Planning Department

Matthew Zochowski, Assistant Planner

Community Organizations

Brian Clissold, Downtown Hightstown, Inc., also member West

Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance

Jack Curry, RISE

Cheryl Kastrenakes, Executive Director, Greater Mercer TMA

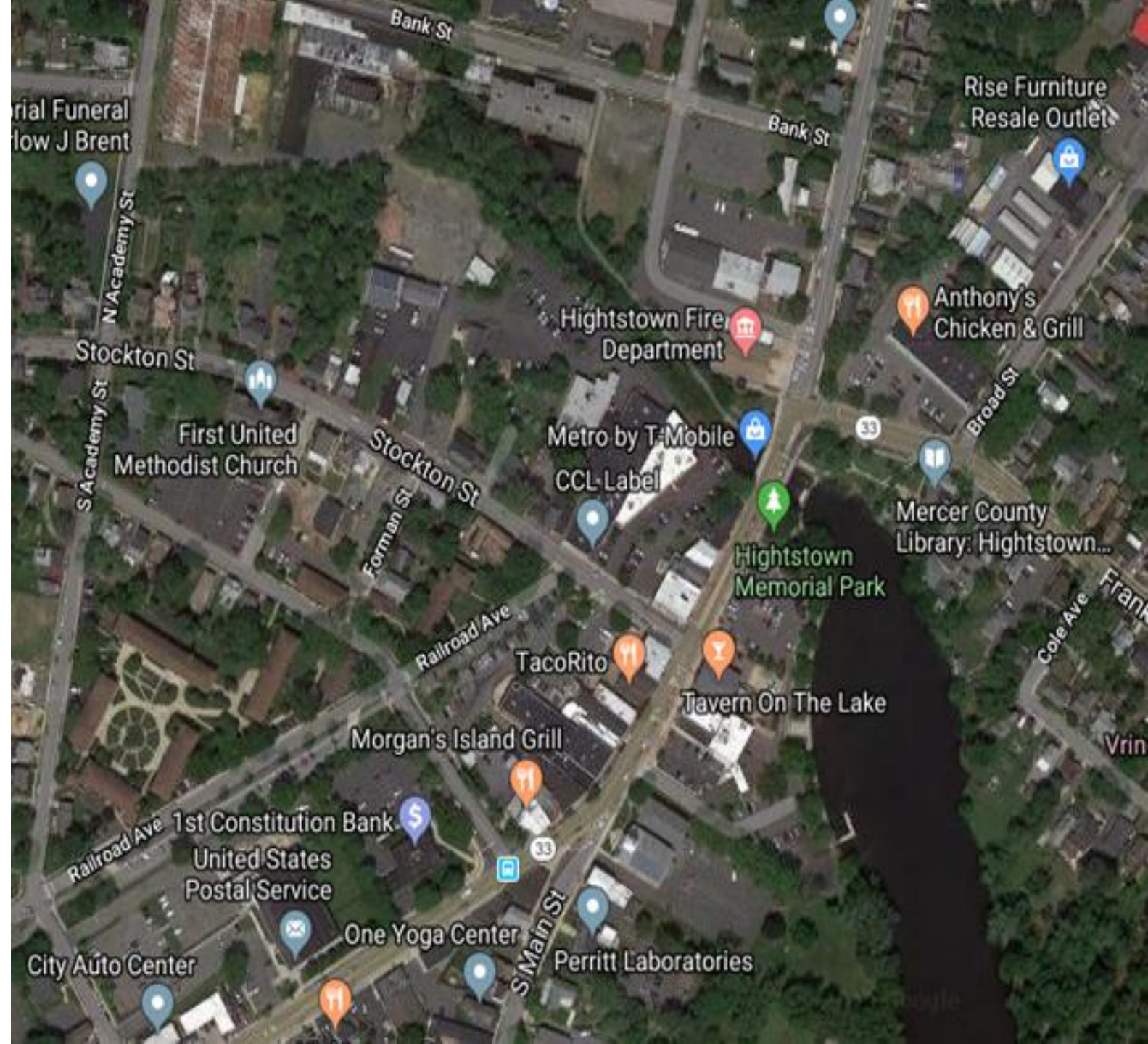
Ian Henderson, Greater Mercer TMA

Jerry Foster, Greater Mercer TMA

Downtown Walk Audit

Principal Findings.

- Numerous unmarked crosswalks.
- Lack of compliance with Complete Streets Guidelines, (markings, visibility, signage, etc.)
- Lack of traffic calming measures on the approaches to the downtown.
- Creative engineering and design adjustments are needed to address existing conditions in the downtown area

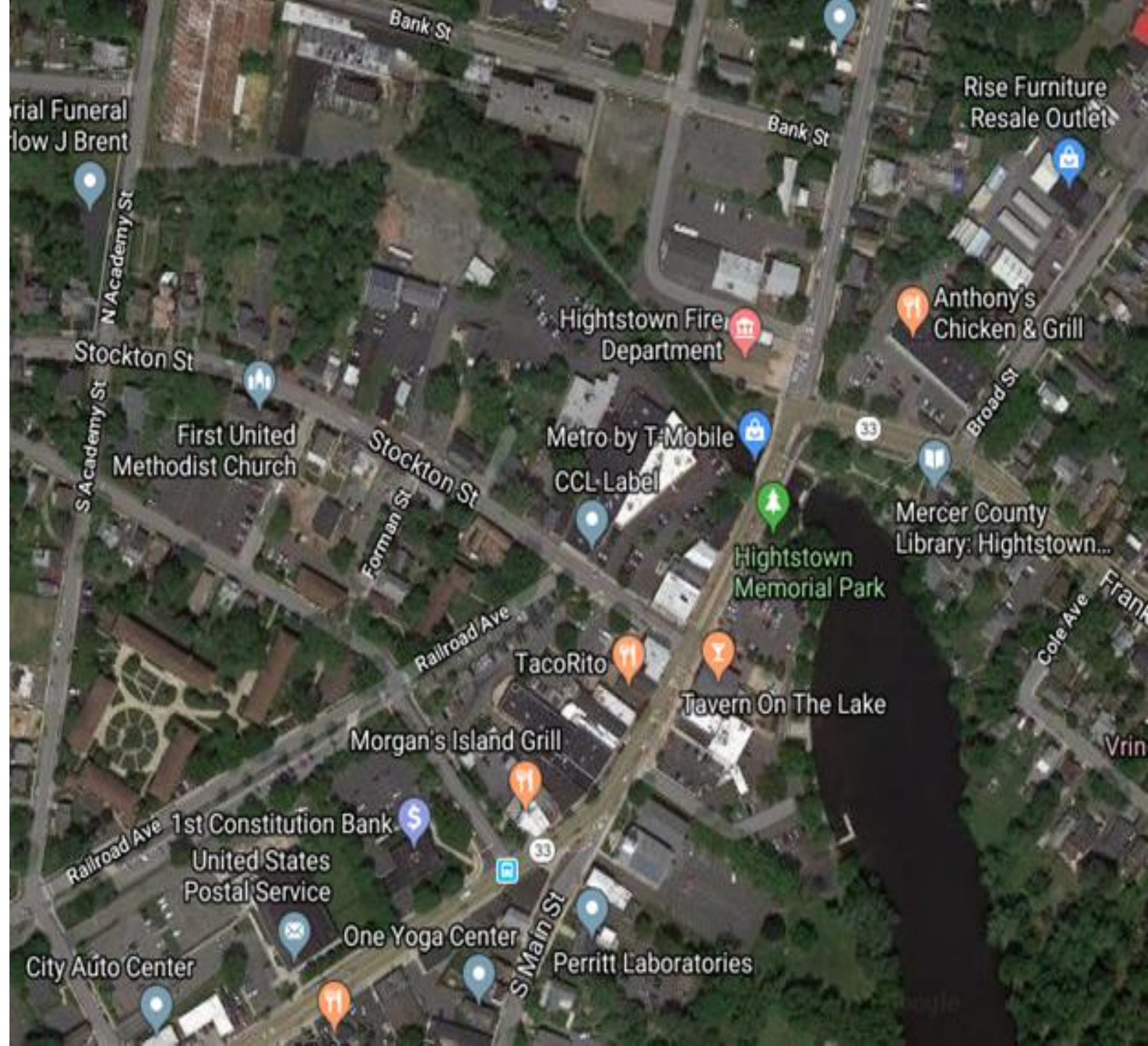


Downtown Walk Audit

Specific Recommendations.

Crosswalks on streets approaching downtown

- Add more crosswalks along North Main and South Main Streets with high visibility markings and signage.
- Improve visibility, markings and signage for crosswalks on Franklin and Mercer Streets. Expand traffic calming and crosswalks at Franklin and Maxwell.

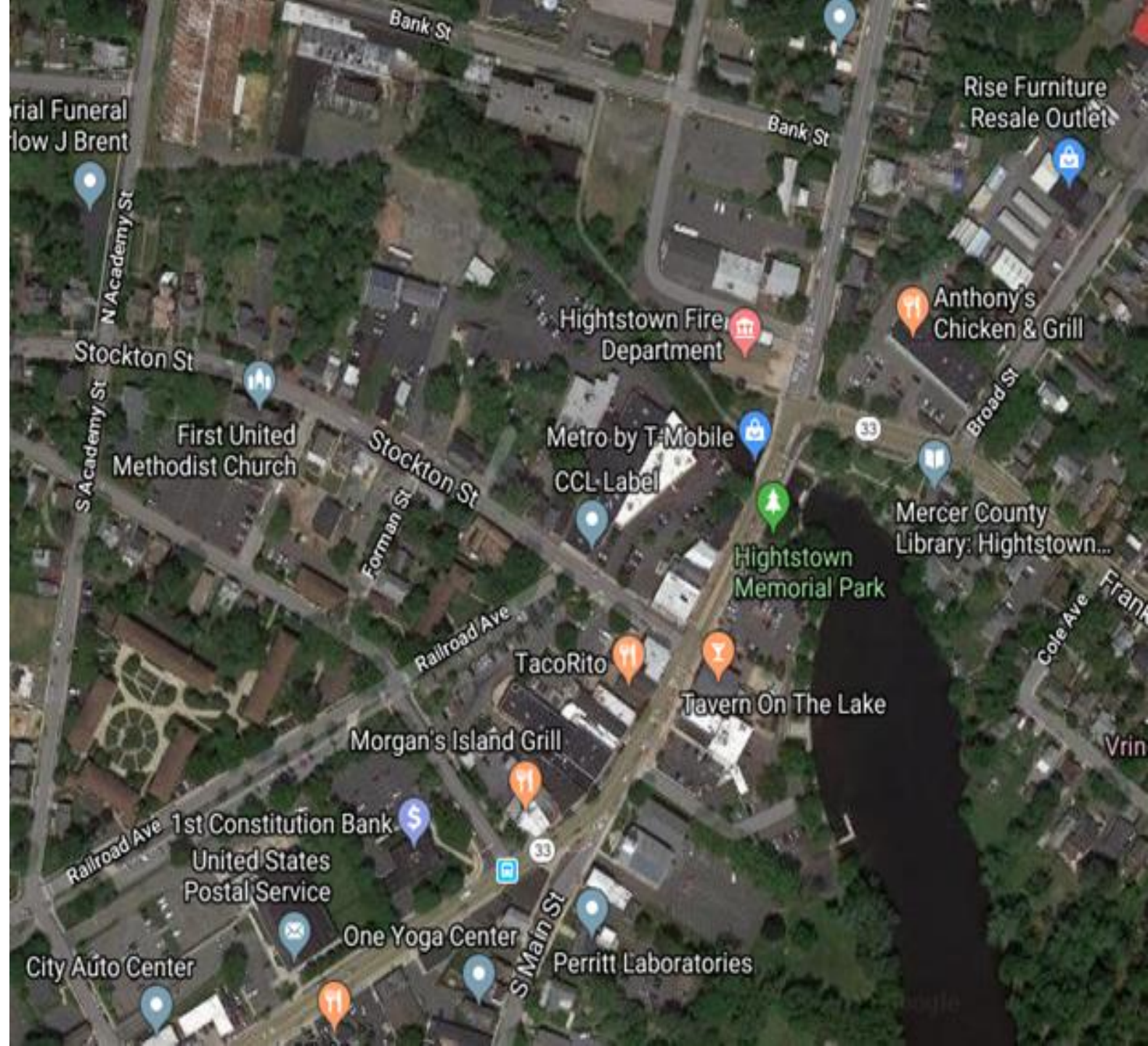


Downtown Walk Audit

Specific Recommendations.

Crosswalk Accessibility (ADA).

- North Main and Bank Street are not ADA compliant.
- Upgrade crossing signal at Franklin and Main to latest standards.
- Investigate broken crossing signal at Main and Stockton.
- Repair ramp at crosswalks at the Point and Rogers (damaged, not flush)

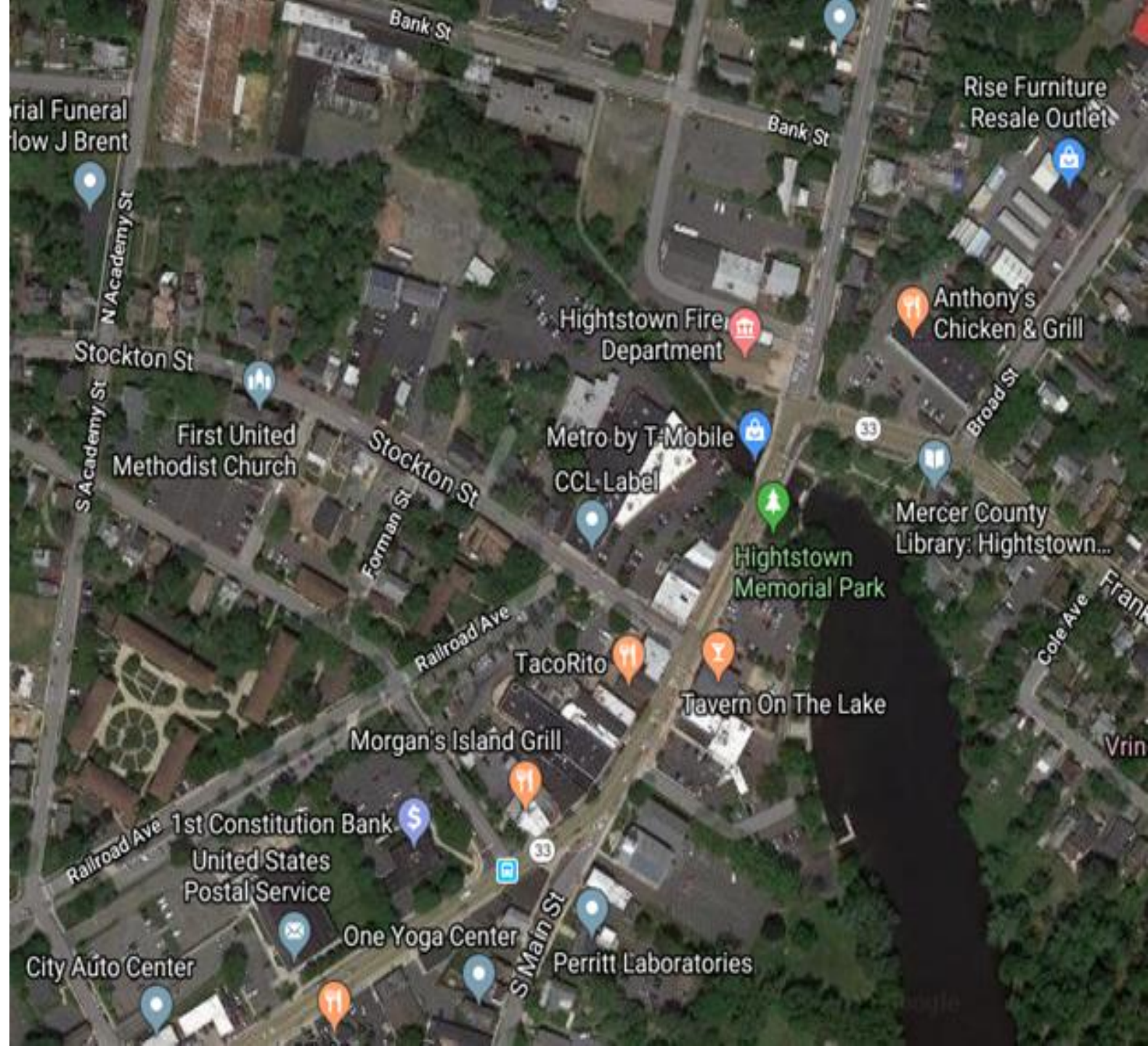


Downtown Walk Audit

Specific Recommendations.

Improve safety at crossings on Route 33.

- Franklin and Main:
 - Full stop for all traffic to allow for pedestrian crossing.
 - Add a crosswalk on the south side of the intersection with expanded island for pedestrian refuge.
- Main and Stockton:
 - Add crosswalk on north side of intersection .

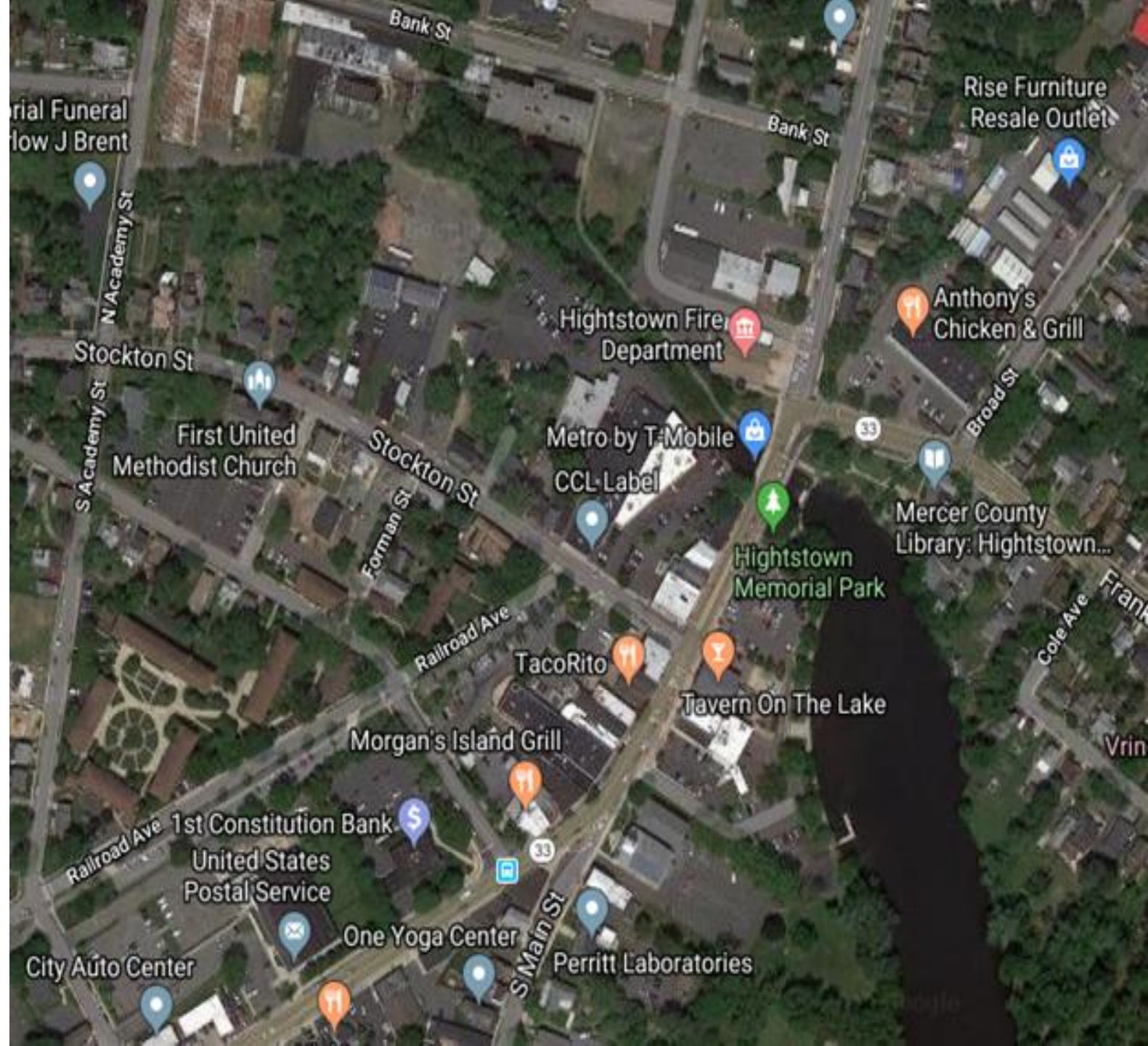


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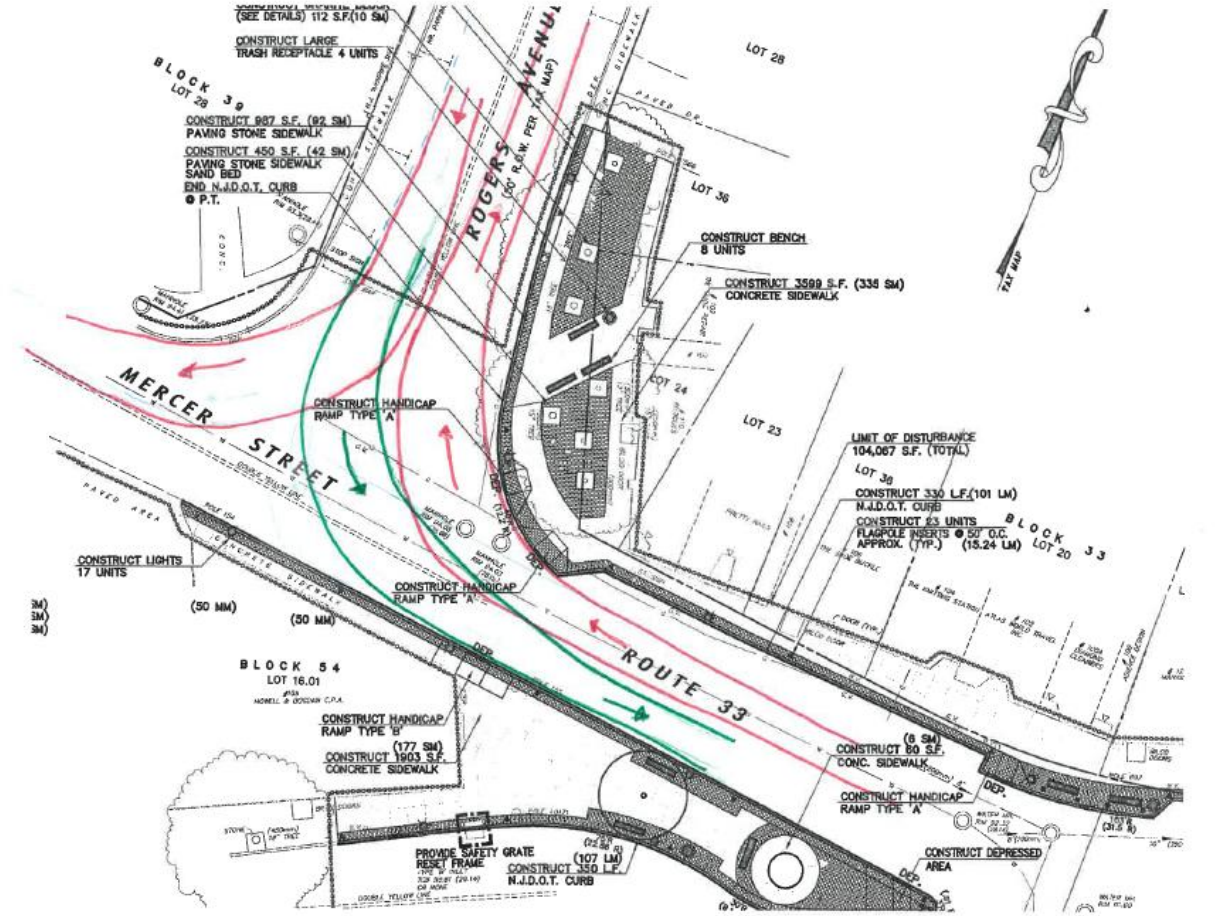
Improve safety at crossings on Route 33.

- South Main, Mercer and Rogers:
 - Provide high visibility paint markings.
 - Lighted signal at the Point.
 - Permanent removal of parking spaces at the Point.
 - Reduction of span across Rogers with a mountable curb extension.





Mountable curb in Portland, OR creates tighter curb radius and slower turning speeds for most vehicles while allowing larger vehicles to mount the curb and negotiate the turn
 (Photo: Central Seattle Greenways)



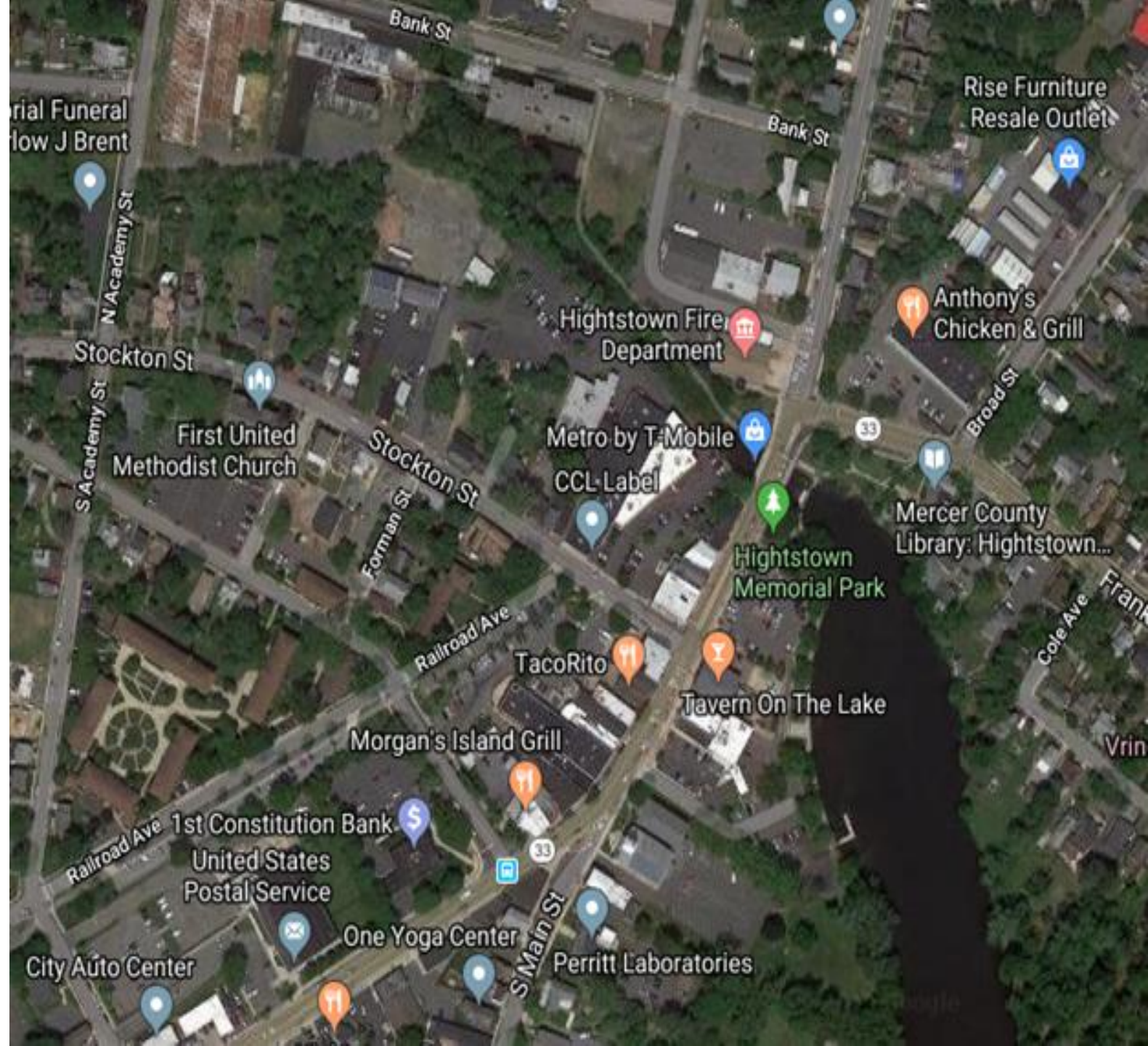
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Downtown Walk Audit

Specific Recommendations.

Improve safety at crossings on Route 33.

- Ward, Mercer and Academy:
 - Extend the “feel” of downtown into this area with landscaping, lane narrowing and high visibility crosswalk markings.
 - Add a crosswalk on Mercer at Ward with a pedestrian island.
 - Consider other measures to slow or stop traffic through this area, including a traffic light.



NEXT STEPS

- Review findings with Council and Planning Board.
- Complete priority matrix.
- Prepare NJ DOT Transportation Problem Statement Form.
- Prepare a written request for a review by the Mercer County Planning Department.
- Work with the Borough Engineer in prioritizing capital projects and submitting grant applications.
- Proceed with the development of a comprehensive mobility plan for the Borough of Hightstown.

QUESTIONS?

