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Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh  
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Dear Mayor Hsueh,

The West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance would like to make the following recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian related capital improvement projects for the 2007 Township Capital Budget. Many members of the Alliance, when they were part of your Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, helped to assemble a prioritized list of bicycle and pedestrian related capital improvement projects for the 2006-2011 Capital Budget. We would like to amend those recommendations for the 2007 budget based on recent research and observations. For instance, the sidewalk and crosswalk projects that we are recommending all arose from two recent walks we conducted with Alliance Trustees, members, and two Council members along Princeton-Hightstown Rd. between Sherbrooke Drive and the train station.

These projects would be in addition to projects already specified in the budget and would necessitate additional funding, although in actuality many of the projects are relatively inexpensive. Due to the importance of these projects and the current gaps in pedestrian and cyclist safety in these areas, we feel that the additional funding is justified. These small improvements, particularly those in Princeton Junction, will provide safe solutions in the short-term for residents who walk or bicycle, while the town awaits the longer-term improvements that will come with redevelopment and the improvements to Rt. 571. In addition to these projects, we would also recommend expediting the budgeted improvements to the Alexander Rd. S Curve in the vicinity of the D&R Canal, as this stretch of road is by many accounts the most dangerous road for pedestrians and cyclists in the township.

## **Recommended Sidewalk/Crosswalk Projects**

### **Princeton-Hightstown Rd.**

- Install pedestrian activated signal crossing at intersection of Sherbrooke Dr. and Princeton Hightstown Rd. (similar to the signal that exists at University Place in Princeton by the McCarter Theatre)
- Construct missing sidewalk link in front of Sovereign Bank (in the absence of a sidewalk, pedestrians currently walk in the shoulder of Princeton-Hightstown Rd.)

The West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to promote bicycling and walking in West Windsor Township, emphasizing access, education, mobility, and safety

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- Stripe sidewalk lines on asphalt in front of Gloria Nilson Realtors
- Stripe crosswalk on Cranbury Rd. at Princeton-Hightstown Rd. (no crosswalk currently exists)
- Equip intersection with functional pedestrian activated traffic signal
- Install curb cut on northeast corner of road where crosswalk ends (in front of the old Al's Sunoco)

#### Wallace Rd.

- Stripe crosswalk on Wallace Rd. at intersection with Princeton-Hightstown Rd. and add associated curb cuts. There is no striped crosswalk at this time. (This is a dangerous pedestrian crossing. Because of this, most pedestrians don't cross here, but instead walk along the Schlumberger dirt path and make a dangerous mid-block crossing across Wallace Rd.)
- Place sign that states "no right turn on red" at the base of the bridge over the NE Corridor Train Tracks for eastbound cars approaching the intersection. Preventing cars from making a right on red will ensure the safety of pedestrians crossing at Wallace Rd.
- Improve sidewalk on west side of Wallace Rd. from Princeton Hightstown Rd. to train station entrance, including the two driveway entrances to the school bus parking lot which are in serious disrepair and unsafe for pedestrians
- Additional lighting along Wallace Rd. and at intersection with Princeton-Hightstown Rd.

### **Recommended Bike Lane Projects**

#### Woodmere Rd

- Stripe and provide signage for bike lanes on Woodmere Rd. to link bike lanes on South Mill Rd. to the PSE&G trail and to bike lanes on Penn Lyle Rd.

#### Penn Lyle Rd.

- Stripe and provide signage for bike lanes on Penn Lyle Rd. between Canoe Brook Rd. and New Village Rd. to link to bike lanes on Woodmere Rd., New Village Rd. and the PSE&G Trail

#### Village Rd. West

- Stripe and provide signage for bike lanes on Village Rd. West between North Post Rd. and the entrance to the Windsor Ponds development, which will extend the existing bike lane network and provide residents who live in communities west of North Post Rd. access to bike lanes

Please let us know if you have any questions about these recommendations. We look forward to hearing from you about these proposed projects and to continue to work with you to ensure the safety of West Windsor residents.

Sincerely,

Ken Carlson  
President

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