

## WEST WINDSOR: Township moves to connect bike paths

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WEST WINDSOR — The Township Council approved a resolution Monday that will allow it put yet another piece into the puzzle of a township-wide pedestrian and bike path system.

"We pretty much have a completed path going from Mercer County Park and Plainsboro Township," said Assistant Manager of Engineering Brian Aronson. "A few years ago we constructed the Trolley Line trail, an 8-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle pathway that runs along the PSE&G right of way, Penn Lyle Road and Rabbit Hill Road through West Windsor Community Park.

"This phase will be connecting that to exiting bike lanes along Southfield Road. We have these two very large existing bike paths now that we'll be connecting as part of this project."

Plans call for striping, signage and bicycle-safe sewer grates to be installed. The council accepted a bid of \$133,389 from Lucas Construction Group Inc. to handle the improvements.

The project is part of a township project to provide pedestrian and bicycle paths throughout West Windsor. The goal of the trail system is to provide a viable, safe alternative to driving and increase bicycle and walking opportunities, both for recreational and transportation purposes, in the township.

Specifically, the path system will work to connect residential neighborhoods, schools, business offices, transit stops, shopping centers and community facilities and services.

Mr. Aronson said a pre-construction meeting on the improvements will take place within the next few weeks.

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