

Township Of West Windsor

A Resolution To Establish A Complete Main Street on CR 571 in Princeton Junction

October 1, 2010

WHEREAS, the Township of West Windsor Resolved on July 19, 2010 (2010-R175) that “all public street projects, both new construction and reconstruction (excluding maintenance) undertaken by the Township of West Windsor shall be designed and constructed as “complete streets” whenever feasible to do so in order to safely accommodate travel by pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, and motorized vehicles and their passengers, with special priority given to bicyclist and pedestrian safety”; and

WHEREAS, The Township of West Windsor Redevelopment Plan for Princeton Junction Adopted March 23, 2009 (2009-04) states: “District 7 is intended to create a “Main Street” through incremental development that would transform the existing strip commercial form of development along Route 571 into a village form, with buildings close to the street. The objective is to achieve a desirable mix of pedestrian-friendly, village scale development with an emphasis on uses that service local needs. A village character would be created by encouraging pedestrian flow and stores and shops and personal service establishments on the ground floor of buildings and the use of upper floors for offices and residential dwelling units.”; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s (NJDOT) Smart Transportation Guidebook (March 2008) establishes flexible and context-sensitive design standards based on the surrounding land use as well as the functional classification of a roadway ; and

WHEREAS, the Concept Design for CR 571 presented by the Mercer County Engineers in a public hearing December 15, 2009, did not consider the Smart Transportation Guidebook’s design standards to support the desired transformation to a “Main Street” design for a Community Arterial roadway in a Suburban Center or Town Center land use context, specifically with regard to desired vehicle operating speed, signal spacing, pedestrian refuges, medians, bike lanes and other design elements which work together to create a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council supports this “Complete Streets” approach to the CR 571 “Main Street” Princeton Junction design, as described in the Smart Transportation Guidebook; now therefore

- a. BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor that Mercer County’s Engineers are requested to review the CR 571

Concept Design with consideration of the NJDOT Smart Transportation Guidebook's context-sensitive design standards for a Community Arterial roadway in a Suburban Center or Town Center land use context, and deliver a public report detailing the chosen values for CR 571 of each design element in the Guidebook's Table 6.2 Matrix of Design Values on page 37, with detailed justification for any CR 571 design value(s) that fall outside the flexible guidelines; and

- b. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution, along with supporting documentation, be sent to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, the Mercer County Planning Division, the Mercer County Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the New Jersey Department of Transportation.