

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the West Windsor Township Council recognizes that there is an unhealthy environment for pedestrians and bicyclists along Cranbury Road between Princeton-Hightstown Road (Route 571) and Millstone Road, which lacks sidewalks or shoulders and runs through a residential neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the West Windsor Township Council has heard numerous complaints from the residents of Cranbury Road, especially regarding the portion that runs between Princeton-Hightstown Road and Millstone Road; and

WHEREAS, West Windsor Township is preparing to advertise a request for proposals for an engineering firm to analyze the pertinent stretch of Cranbury Road; and

WHEREAS, the West Windsor Township Administration is working with Mercer County to propose and execute solutions which would protect residents who live along the road and all users of the road, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists alike, bearing in mind the school children who must use the road to get to and from school, and commuters to the nearby Princeton Junction Train Station at West Windsor; and

WHEREAS, West Windsor Township (Resolution 2010-R175), Mercer County (Resolution 2012-249) and the State of New Jersey (NJDOT Policy 703) have all adopted Complete Streets policies, which obligate them to consider the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists as well as motorists when examining road design; and

WHEREAS, West Windsor Township's Complete Streets policy is a natural outgrowth of its long history of supporting safe streets programs as part of a strategy of smart growth pursuant to the pedestrian and bicycle safety goals set forth by the Township's Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the West Windsor Township Council hereby supports the residents of the Cranbury Road area in their efforts to have a child-friendly way for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel safely along the road, whether it be sidewalks and bike lanes or bike-compatible shoulders, a shared use path, or some other configuration, together with traffic-calming elements, constructed in the near future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor as follows:

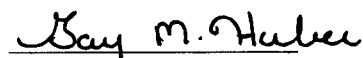
1. The Township Council supports the Mayor and Administration working with Mercer County to design a pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment on Cranbury Road between Princeton-Hightstown Road and Millstone Road.

2. The Township Council supports the residents of Cranbury Road in both achieving a safer environment for school children, pedestrians and bicyclists and in having input on how to accomplish that goal.
3. The Township Council supports the Administration's request for proposals from professional engineering firms to analyze the road and design solutions to the traffic problems that have been observed, especially those having an adverse impact on pedestrians and bicyclists.
4. The Township Council requests that Mercer County work with the Township to establish a bicycle and pedestrian route from the Princeton Junction Train Station at West Windsor to Plainsboro Township along Cranbury Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Mercer County Executive, the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the office of the Director of Transportation for the County of Mercer.

Adopted: September 16, 2013

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the West Windsor Township Council at their meeting held on the 16th day of September 2013.


Gay M. Huber
Deputy Township Clerk
West Windsor Township