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**06-23-2008 Presentation to West Windsor  
Township Council on Recommendations from  
Bear Brook Road Walk**

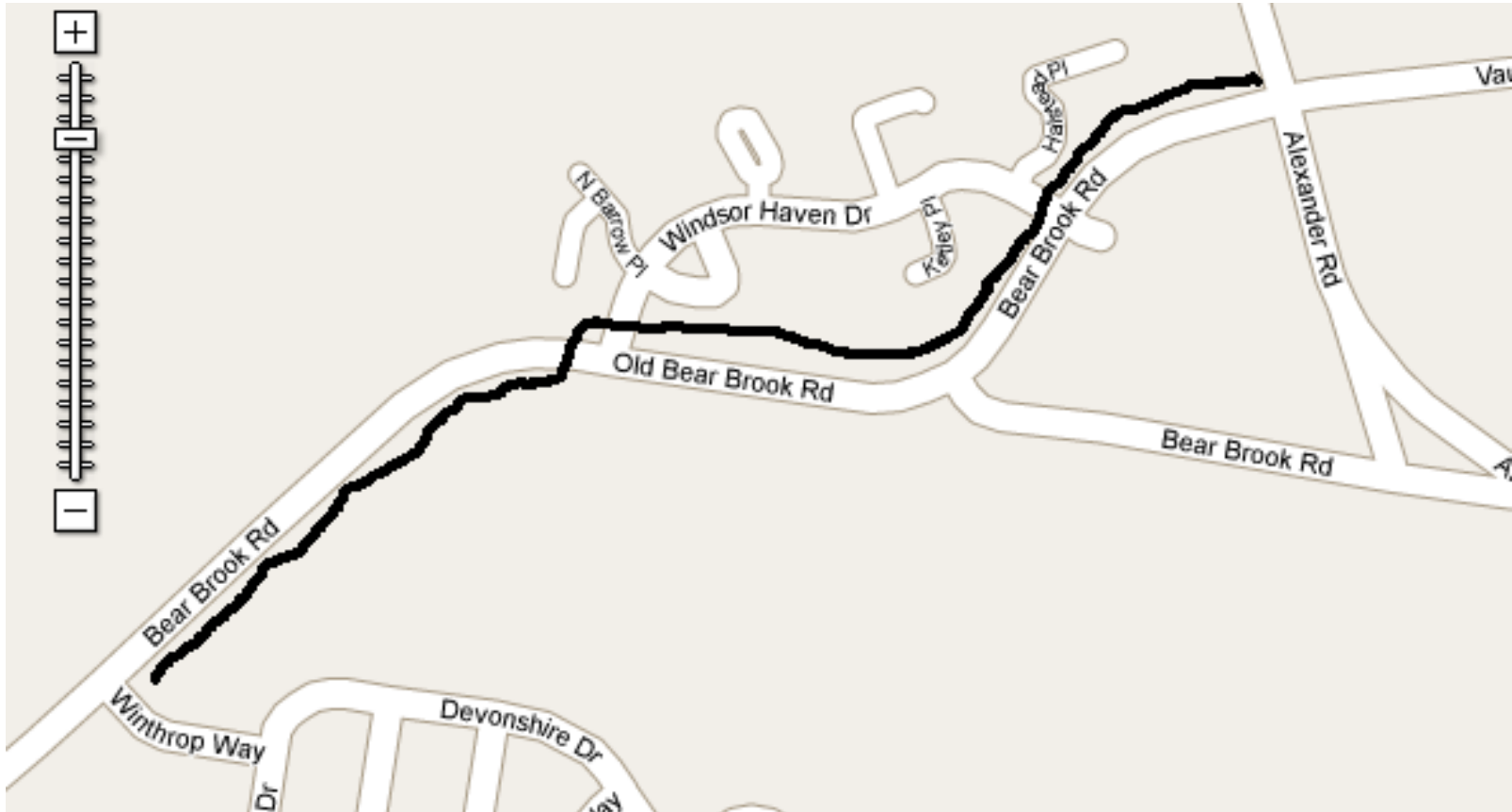
# Bear Brook Rd. Walk, May 13<sup>th</sup> (during rush hour)



- Walk requested by Windsor Haven resident and Board member (and WWBPA member), Dan Damon, due to the difficult conditions for pedestrians and cyclists
- Over thirty people participated:
  - Residents of Windsor Haven, Princeton Mews and the Estates
  - Township Council members Anklowitz and Geevers, and Mayor Hsueh
  - WWBPA Trustees and members



# The Walk Route



# What We Did During and After Walk

- Listened to concerns of residents
- Observed existing conditions
- Lingered at intersection of Bear Brook Road and Alexander Road and just watched- (Scary!!)
- Listened to Mayor Hsueh's explanation of improvements coming to intersection
- Participants brainstormed and developed detailed list of recommendations
- Recommendations sent to the Mayor and his administration, published in local papers and on our web site, and presented to council (tonite)



# Winthrop Way and Bear Brook Road



## Observation:

- Missing sidewalk link between sidewalk on Winthrop Way and multi-use path on Bear Brook Rd

## Recommendation:

- Install missing sidewalk link

## Update:

- Sidewalk link installed on both sides of Winthrop Way



# Multi-Use Path on Bear Brook Road



## Observations:

- Path is a great facility and is heavily used
- Lack of proper illumination makes the path difficult to navigate at night

## Recommendations:

- Install pedestrian street lighting to improve illumination (also install lighting on Bear Brook Rd. sidewalks)
- Extend the path to Alexander Road as Maneely property is developed





# Traffic Calming on Bear Brook Road



## Observations:

- Need for traffic calming along Bear Brook Rd
- “End Speed Zone” sign located before the only crosswalk on Bear Brook Rd. presents a clear conflict for the pedestrian crossing (speed limit changes from 35 to 50 mph)

## Recommendations:

- Remove “End Speed Zone” sign
- Advocate for speed limit reduction to 35 mph on entire length of road



# Crosswalk at Windsor Haven Drive



## Observations:

- Crosswalk faded
- Lack of pedestrian signage
- Dangerous crossing with 50mph travel speeds

## Recommendations:

- Create high-visibility cross walk
- Install pedestrian-activated flashing light  
(with flashing lights embedded in roadway)
- Install pedestrian signage





# Bicycle Facilities



## Observations:

- Lack of bike lanes on Bear Brook Rd.
- Windsor Haven residents complained about bicycle commuters using sidewalks creating dangerous conflicts

## Recommendations:

- Install bike lanes on Bear Brook Road (to be continued on Vaughn Dr.)
- Extend multi-use path on Bear Brook Road to Alexander Rd.



# Intersection of Bear Brook and Alexander Roads

## Observations:

- Walk/Don't Walk signalization does not work properly
- Crosswalks should be made high visibility with embedded flashing lights
- Lack of sufficient pedestrian street lighting

## Recommendations:

- Install pedestrian count-down signals
- Install high-visibility crosswalks with embedded flashing lights in roadway
- Install pedestrian street lighting

## Coming improvements announced by Township:

- Count-down signals, street lighting, high visibility x-walks, pedestrian signage
- Timing: approximately 6 months



# Intersection of Bear Brook and Alexander Roads



## Additional Observations:

- Motorists making right turns on red creates conflict with crossing pedestrians
- Crossing Alexander Road is difficult (four travel lanes)
- Travel speeds on Alexander Rd. are inconsistent and confusing to motorists (30 mph to the south and 40mph to the north); traffic speeds often exceed 50 mph

## Recommendations:

- Do not allow rights on red at the intersection to prevent pedestrian conflicts
- **Place Alexander Rd. on a Road Diet**- one travel lane, bike lanes, pedestrian refuge islands- consistent roadway width and speed limit for entire roadway
- Add left turn arrows for cars making lefts onto Bear Brook and Vaughn Dr
- Add police presence to intersection during rush hour
- Install pedestrian refuge island at Bear Brook road



# Summary and Overall Recommendations

- Urgent need to make improvements to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety along Bear Brook Rd. and at the intersection of Bear Brook and Alexander Roads
- Direct commuting route to the Train Station and Alexander Rd for hundreds of residents who live within walking and biking distance of the station
- Alexander Rd is a gateway to the rest of the township, particularly with the opening of the new bridge over the NE corridor rail line
- The improvements the Township is making to the intersection are a great start; we hope these can be expedited
- We hope the additional recommendations to the intersection, Bear Brook Road, and the Alexander Rd road diet, can be implemented in a timely fashion
- We are also looking forward to a bicycle and pedestrian friendly Vaughn Drive





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