February 9, 2009

To: Charlie Morgan, President, West Windsor Township Council  
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Cc: Shing-Fu Hsueh, Mayor, West Windsor Township  
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The West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance (WWBPA) is looking forward to participating in the February 23rd Township Council Workshop to make comments and propose specific language recommendations to the Princeton Junction Redevelopment Plan. As you know, the WWBPA has previously submitted two memos to the Planning Board (dated January 22 and January 28) outlining our recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities and safety in the Redevelopment Area (RA).

We would like to bring to your attention one specific recommendation that requires action by the Township Council and the Professional Planners ahead of the February 23rd Workshop. This issue is the designation of road types within the RA and it is one we brought up in our January 28 memo. We stated in the memo that many of the roads within the RA, including Station Drive, are designated as local roads. We made the argument that these roads are incorrectly designated as local roads. The road type designation has important implications for bicycle facilities within the RA as it is the position of the WWBPA that all roads designated as arterial and collector roads, but not local roads, should have bike lanes.

According to the West Windsor Master Plan, "local roads are the lowest classification roads in the Township and are designed to carry low volumes of municipal traffic from residential subdivisions and planned developments to collector roads". We submit that the roads designated as local roads within the RA will not serve as local roads with respect to context and usage, particularly during peak commuter hours when thousands of commuters will be driving through the RA on their way to the designated parking garages. During these
peak hours, roads including Station Drive and the other roads leading to Main Street and Vaughn Drive will in reality serve as collectors as vehicular traffic travels to or away from the parking garages. These roads will certainly not function as low-volume “local” roads during peak commuting hours.

We request that the Township Council urge the Township's transportation consultants to re-examine the designation of road types within the RA ahead of the February 23rd Workshop.

Sincerely,

Ken Carlson
President, on behalf of the Board of Trustees