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## **WWBPA Presentation**

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Later that evening, the alliance formally presented a list of recommendations for improvements to Bear Brook Road. Some of the recommendations included replacing the crosswalks, placing embedded flashing lights to the crosswalk near Bear Brook Road at Windsor Haven Drive, as well as at the intersection of Alexander Road and Bear Brook Road/Vaughn Drive; developing bike lanes on Bear Brook Road between the Windsor Haven Drive crosswalk and Alexander Road; and reducing the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on the east side of the Windsor Haven Drive crosswalk, said Ken Carlson, the WWBPA president.

Another recommendation was to put Alexander Road on a “road diet,” reducing the roadway from two travel lanes to one in each direction, with a middle turning lane, bikelanes, and pedestrian refuge islands. Adding a police presence to the Alexander Road and Bear Brook Road/Vaughn Drive intersection during rush hour was also suggested.

West Windsor has already announced future improvements to the intersection of Alexander Road and Bear Brook Road/Vaughn Drive, including signage, street lighting, high visibility crosswalks, and count-down pedestrian signals. These are expected within six months. He urged, though, that council and township officials take action on the other problems.

During public comment, Dan Damon, who lives in Windsor Haven and suggested the walk on Bear Brook Road, detailed his daily difficulty in getting to the train station by foot. “I take my life in my hands every time I cross that street,” he said. “Cars come 50 miles per hour, some walk signals don’t work, and with the other, you have three seconds to walk across the street. I don’t know anyone who can get across that intersection in three seconds,” he said referring to the intersection of Alexander and Bear Brook roads.

The council unanimously passed a resolution accepting the recommendations. Business Administrator Chris Marion said he would send the recommendations to township professionals to see which can be incorporated into the capital plan process.

