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Route 571 Plans  Concern WWBPA

I request that the West Windsor Council receive a formal response from the engineers and/or consultants as to the comments submitted by the West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance regarding the initial Route 571 design recommendations (see story, page 11). Since a technical response is deemed necessary, the engineers or consultants may be in the best position to give answers. In addition, they may even want to consider meeting with a WWBPA representative.

As WWBPA second vice president Jerry Foster wrote, “the design doesn’t reflect current state policies and guidelines that balance capacity, safety and usability for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.” This is a strong statement that needs to be addressed, along with the recommendations from the WWBPA.

I applaud the county for having its consultants host an open house in West Windsor to give a brief presentation on the initial design work and to receive input from local residents. The improvements to this area are a critical element in the Township’s redevelopment and master plans, and particularly vital from a safety perspective for our citizens who ride, walk, and bike through this area everyday.

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