Proposed Changes to the Circulation Element of the West Windsor Township Master Plan

Note: New language under Goal C in Policies 1 and 8 is underlined.

C. Goal: Create a pedestrian and bikeway system that makes walking and cycling a viable alternative to driving, and which improves bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

Policies

1. Provide accessible, convenient pedestrian and bicycle compatible links to major generators and destinations, including major shopping and commercial destinations, the Princeton Junction Train Station, employment centers, schools and community facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages, abilities and disabilities. Give special consideration to make arterial and collector roadways, main street and mixed-use commercial areas, as well as bridges, intersections, roundabouts and overpasses bicycle and pedestrian friendly, including facilities for casual and child bicyclists as well as those covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Consider innovative facilities that are standard in other states or major cities, recognizing that additional permits and/or design exception approvals may be necessary.

8. A Complete Street is defined as means to provide safe access for all users by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options. In consultation with West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance, implement Complete Streets by continuously improving and maintaining bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including by incorporating them into new open space as acquired and as feasible. Coordinate with neighboring communities, the County, and the Greater Mercer TMA to provide linkages to create a regional bicycle / trail network. Specifically, the Township should work with Plainsboro Township and the Board of Education to provide a high quality pedestrian and bicycle connection to the High School property in Plainsboro. Seek to implement stable funding mechanisms, such as funding bicycle facility, sidewalk, and crosswalk maintenance as a regular part of the street maintenance budget, and exploring the possibility of funding multi-use trails through the Township's open space tax.