

May 11, 2011

To: Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes

From: A Coalition of Mercer County Organizations

Re: A Complete Streets Resolution for Mercer County

Dear County Executive Hughes,

We, the undersigned, respectfully propose that Mercer County adopt a Complete Streets Resolution (proposal attached) to complement and strengthen the excellent Mobility Element of the master plan, adopted in September, 2010. Complete Streets are not just important to our transportation professionals – citizens and businesses support Complete Streets too!

The proposed Complete Streets Resolution, which is based on the resolution adopted by Monmouth County, calls for our roadways to support all users regardless of age, ability or disability, and recognizes the benefits that all Mercer County residents and businesses will realize by making our county more livable, and therefore more desirable, including:

1. Increased safety for everyone - pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists.
2. Increased mobility for older residents, wheelchair users, and others covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
3. Increased access to schools, employment and commercial centers, public facilities, transit and places of worship for those who choose to walk or bicycle.
4. Increased property values.
5. Better health through fitness.
6. Reduced traffic congestion.
7. Reduced air and water pollution.
8. More sustainable and efficient use of our transportation network.
9. Reduced demand for school busing.
10. Increased biking and hiking tourism on the East Coast Greenway, Delaware and Raritan Canal Path, Capital to Coast Trail, Lawrence Hopewell Trail, etc.

Please join us in supporting a Complete Streets Resolution for Mercer County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mercerville Merchants Association
Trenton Cycling Revolution
Princeton Free Wheelers
Hamilton Partnership
FreeWalkers
The David D. Hammar Foundation
Kopp's Bicycles
Knapp's Cyclery
Jay's Cycles of Princeton
Bicycle Rack of East Windsor
Princeton Living Well
Route 33 Biz Group

West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance
Lawrence Sustainable Transportation Committee
Princeton Joint Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee
Traffic and Transportation Committee of Princeton Borough
East Coast Greenway Alliance
Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
Trenton Boys & Girls Club Bike Exchange
Save Mercer and Ride the Trails
Jersey Off Road Bicycling Association
TriState Transportation Campaign
Forrestal Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocates
New Jersey Bike Walk Coalition