October 4, 2011

The Honorable Brian M. Hughes
County Executive, Mercer County
Mercer County Administration Building
640 South Broad Street
P.O. Box 8068
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Re: County Route 571 in West Windsor Township

Dear County Executive Hughes:

This letter is in reference to the improvements planned for County Route 571 (CR 571) from Clarksville Road to the Wallace/Cranbury Roads intersection in West Windsor Township. I am aware that concerns about the CR 571 concept plan have been made by the West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance (WWBPA) members on the DVRPC Draft Transportation Improvement Program and that you received an e-mail and petition from the president of the WWBPA, Jerry Foster, with those same concerns.

I have met with Jerry Foster and explained to him that now is not the time to change the concept plan for CR 571 and that it had been the topic of numerous public meetings and had been endorsed by the WWBPA under a previous president. The concept plan that is moving forward also had been endorsed by the West Windsor Planning Board and the West Windsor Township Council (see resolution attached). Mr. Foster tried to submit a resolution to Council to support his position which Council rejected during their meeting of November 15, 2010. The Council and I are committed to funding the concept agreed to by the Township and County in 2005.

I am not looking to repeat history where we had funding allocated for the improvements to CR 571 only to lose it due to constant debates on the design. It has been 20 years since we had money allocated and I would like to see us move forward. As I have said to all concerned, there will be plenty of time to discuss the details. I urge the County to continue its course to seek funding for CR 571 improvements with the concept that currently exists.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Pasquale Colavita, Jr., Mercer County Freeholder Chair
Barry Seymour, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
West Windsor Township Council
Jerry Foster, President - WWBPA