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CC: West Windsor Township Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh, West Windsor Township Council Members, West Windsor Township Business Administrator Marlena Schmid, Mercer County Freeholders

Re: Clarksville / North Post Roads Intersection Improvements

To improve public safety and livability, the West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance urges you to re-stripe the intersection of Clarksville Road (County Road 638) and North Post Road per the recommendations in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's 2007 report "Taming Traffic", pages 36-37 (attached, pdf file pages 44-45).

We believe this recommendation, which creates a designated left-turn lane and a straight/right-turn lane at each of the four approaches to the intersection, as well as bike lanes, is a simple and cost-effective solution that will alleviate problems caused by the current configuration. As noted in the report and by residents at a recent township council meeting, motorists race through the intersection to get ahead of other cars. Such markings will better define the roadway and encourage safer, more appropriate behavior by motorists. Moreover, it can be done quickly.

Numerous residents spoke before the West Windsor Township Council in August and described traffic at speeds above the speed limit and other dangerous behavior at this intersection, a key route to the Princeton Junction train station. Some have even have requested that school buses be rerouted to keep their children from having to cross the street because of these dangerous conditions.

It is time to fix the intersection.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Foster
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