November 4, 2014

To: West Windsor Community Development Director Patricia Ward

CC: West Windsor Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh, West Windsor Township Council, West Windsor Business Administrator Marlena Schmid, West Windsor Township Engineer Francis Guzik, Assistant Manager of Engineering Brian Aronson

Re: Cranbury Road Hybrid Configuration

Dear Ms. Ward,

The trustees of the WWBPA thank the administration and council for the developing alternate designs to improve biking and walking on Cranbury Rd. We look forward to the increased safety, livability and property values associated with biking and walking improvements.

Regarding the Hybrid Alternative¹ presented in the public review meeting Wednesday, October 22, 2014, please consider the following improvements to support cyclists, safe pedestrian crossings, Rogers Preserve trail users and Trolley Line Trail users going to/from the Plainsboro schools campus:

1. Add high visibility pedestrian crossings (i.e., wide paint and optionally rapid flashing beacons where sight distances are limited and/or crossing distance is greater than 25 ft) at Carlton Place (east side), Sunnydale (west side), Clarksville (west side), Steele as shown.

2. Add a high visibility pedestrian crossing either at the Van Nest Park Driveway or at Yeger, in which case please extend the sidewalk along Van Nest Park to Yeger.

3. Improve the trail exit onto Cranbury Rd from the Rogers Preserve, so users don’t have to climb over the guard rail.

4. Add high visibility pedestrian crossings of Millstone and Rabbit Hill along Cranbury Rd.

5. Add a sidewalk connection along Rabbit Hill Rd (west side) from the proposed sidewalk on Cranbury Rd to the Trolley Line Trail, as an alternative to extending the Trolley Line Trail north to Plainsboro along the PSE&G power lines (the “Knight Trail”).

6. Widen the sidewalk to 8 ft, or convert to an 8 ft path, on the north side of Cranbury from the crossing near the PSE&G power lines to the Plainsboro border, to accommodate cyclists overtaking on the hill.

7. Merge the reported Cranbury Rd Bear Brook bridge replacement project with all pedestrian and cyclist improvements, to implement in one phase to save contracting and project management overhead.

8. Support cyclists by implementing shared lane markings ("sharrows") on the roadway between Carlton Place and Perry Drive, since the speed limit is below 35mph and therefore appropriate for sharrows.

We look forward to working with you to make Cranbury Road more bike and walk friendly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Foster
President