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TO: Brian Hughes, Mercer County Executive
Mercer County Board of Commissioners Lucylle Walter, John Cimino,
Samuel Frisby, Cathleen Lewis, Kristin McLaughlin, Nina Melker,
Terrance Stokes

Dear Mr. Hughes and Board of Commissioners:

The all-volunteer West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance enthusiastically supports New Jersey Transit's vision of a bicycle and pedestrian path along the 2.7-mile Dinky line route between the Princeton Junction and Princeton train stations.

We believe this new east-west pathway will be transformative for West Windsor. It will create a new and safe way for all residents to access the D&R Canal, establish an alternative connection to the heart of West Windsor for the several thousand West Windsor residents who live along Canal Pointe Boulevard and in the Glen Acres neighborhood, and better link the office buildings along Alexander Road with the Princeton Junction train station. It will also encourage others to patronize West Windsor businesses and use the Township's ever-expanding network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Not only will it help many reach the Trolley Line Trail and Mercer County Park in West Windsor, but it will connect to hundreds of miles of other trails. Besides the D&R Canal towpath, there'll be access to the Circuit Trails network throughout the Greater Philadelphia region, which should approach 500 miles in 2025, and to the 3,000-mile East Coast Greenway that stretches from Maine to Florida.

For this bicycle and pedestrian pathway to be built, it needs the support of our federal, state, county, and local officials. The WWBPA urges you to support the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian pathway along the Dinky corridor.

Sincerely,

David Robinson
President