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Dear Council Members,

The West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance (WWBPA) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to making West Windsor and our neighboring communities more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a road safety presentation at your January 29, 2024, meeting. As I mentioned during the presentation, the Council has an important role in making our roads safer by funding improved bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

As you consider the FY 2024-2025 budget, the WWBPA requests that the following be included:

- Create a new budget line item to annually appropriate $60,000 for Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). RRFBs are part of the Federal Highway Administration's (FWHA's) proven safety countermeasures initiative to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries. We recommend that the first installations be at:
    - Rabbit Hill Road and Bennington Drive/Abbington Lane,
    - Penn Lyle Road and Canoe Brook Drive, and
    - the corner of Scott Avenue and Alexander Road.

- Extend the Cranbury Road sidewalk to connect to the Trolley Line Trail on Rabbit Hill Road, including extending both Rabbit Hill Road sidewalks to Cranbury Road. We greatly appreciate the recent sidewalk extension on Cranbury Road and believe that extending the sidewalks further will go a long way towards improving safety in this area of the township.

- Continue to annually fund $20,000 for crosswalk improvements as part of the Capital Improvement Program Budget. We request that crosswalks be painted at the following locations:
    - Penn Lyle Road and the Trolley Line Trail,
    - Alexander Road and the path to woods between Harris Road and Scott Avenue,

    - across Alexander Road and the dead end from Wallace Road, and
    - across Penn Lyle Road at Colonial Avenue to the trail/woods that goes toward the Little League facility.

- Install a curb cut at Carlton Place and the sidewalk opposite Walgreens. To cross Carlton Place, those with mobility devices and strollers would benefit from the additional curb cut instead of having to proceed all the way down to Cranbury Road, then backtrack up the opposite sidewalk.

We appreciate that the Township applies for grants such as Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes to Transit, as appropriate. Additional funding might be available from Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants, AARP Community Challenge grants, and America Walks Community Change grants. The WWBPA is happy to help with grants as the Township sees fit.

We also ask for the Council's support in our upcoming request to Mercer County to install a RRFB at the intersection of Clarksville Road and Norchester Drive. This RRFB will help those who cross Clarksville Road to access the paved path in the Ron Rogers Arboretum.

Thank you for your consideration.

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