

RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE VAUGHN
DRIVE CONNECTOR

- WHEREAS, it is the public policy of this State to advance and encourage mass transportation so as to reduce traffic congestion, conserve scarce natural resources and foster intelligent land use and preservation of open space; and
- WHEREAS, the West Windsor/Princeton Junction train station is presently serving as the second heaviest used mass transit facility in the State but its potential is limited by the lack of a coherent road access network, which would minimize the impact on the established neighborhoods surrounding that station; and
- WHEREAS, New Jersey Transit, the State Office of Smart Growth and West Windsor Township participated in an extensive study, the “West Windsor Princeton Junction Station Area Vision Plan,” which concluded in June 2005 that any future development of this area must include as its linchpin, the extension of Vaughn Drive in a northerly direction to connect with Washington Route (Route 571); and
- WHEREAS, since the completion of the Vision Study, West Windsor has declared the train station area as an Area in Need of Redevelopment and has expended over one half million dollars and countless hours in formulating a Redevelopment Plan, including consideration of various options for maximizing the potential of this valuable regional resource; and
- WHEREAS, consistent with the Vision Study, every option advanced by consultants, planners and community groups is based upon the construction of the Vaughn Drive Connector by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”); and
- WHEREAS, the Township Mayor and Council are committed to proceeding with the Redevelopment of the train station area, which is dependent on the construction of the Vaughn Drive Connector; and
- WHEREAS, the Township was recently advised by New Jersey Department Of Transportation that the previous allocation of \$19 million, which represents fifty-percent of the total cost to finance the Vaughn Drive Connector, was being rescinded; and
- WHEREAS, the absence of this financing will jeopardize any possible redevelopment of the West Windsor/Princeton Junction area and the improvement of the most valuable mass transit facility in the entire region.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor that it joins with the Township Mayor in urging the New Jersey Department Of Transportation to reinstate funding for the Vaughn Drive Connector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Jon Corzine, New Jersey Department of Transportation, Commissioner Kris Kolluri, Mercer County Executive, Brian Hughes, Chief of Economic Growth, Gary Rose, Deputy Commissioner New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Adam Zellner, Executive Director, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Barry Seymour, Senator Bill Baroni, Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein and Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo.

Adopted: February 25, 2008

I certify the above Resolution was adopted by the West Windsor Township Council at its meeting on the 25th day of February 2008.

Sharon Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township