

TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR

Community Development Department

Division of Engineering

MEMORANDUM

TO: Marlena Schmid, Business Administrator

FROM: Francis A. Guzik, PE, CME, Township Engineer

COPY: Sharon Young, Municipal Clerk
M. Patricia Ward, Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Cranbury Road Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Alternatives Study

DATE: March 18, 2015

I am pleased to transmit with this memorandum the final Cranbury Road Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Alternatives Study report prepared by the Louis Berger Group of Morristown, NJ. As you are aware, the goal of the study was to develop a least objectionable concept of providing an interim means of accommodating pedestrians and cyclists along Cranbury Road. The scope of services provided by the firm included preliminary topographic survey, conceptual designs including assessment of utility relocations, potential stormwater management strategies, environmental impacts and relative scale of cost estimating.

The representatives from Louis Berger worked closely with Township staff to prepare and assess five concept alternatives, with participation from the Mercer County Engineer's office. A resident survey was conducted and several public meetings were held, to obtain the desired goals and the levels of sensitivity of the local community to different aspects of the concept alternatives. A hybrid alternative that provides for the installation of a meandering sidewalk along one side of the roadway evolved out of the feedback received.

It is to be noted that the results of the study do not change or circumvent the goals or requirements of Mercer County's Master Plan as they relate to Cranbury Road. Again, the study's focus was to find an interim means of accommodating pedestrians and cyclists along Cranbury Road as the roadway corridor exists today.

The study will be made available on the Township website, with hard copies available for public viewing through the Clerk's office or Engineering office. A hard copy will also be placed in Council's chambers for members of Township Council to review.

Next steps require approval of the hybrid alternative by the Township and Mercer County, followed by the solicitation of a contract for professional services for the development of preliminary engineering documents. This work will also include boundary/right-of-way surveys, for the development of easement acquisition documents where necessary, and environmental permitting. As part of the preliminary engineering work, negotiations with affected property owners will be undertaken.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.