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West Windsor Township Receives Transit Village Designation

West Windsor, NJ – Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh is pleased to announce that the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT), together with nine other state agencies that comprise the Transit Village Initiative inter-agency task force, has designated West Windsor as New Jersey's 24th Transit Village. This makes West Windsor Township the second designated Transit Village under the Christie administration and the first for Mercer County.

Mayor Hsueh thanked the staff and volunteers that spent over a year first filling out a lengthy application and continuing to promote the designation throughout numerous task force meetings. Mayor Hsueh stated, "Clearly the Area in Need of Redevelopment Study and the Redevelopment Plan were a start to determining the Transit Oriented Development that could happen around the train station. But it is the InterCap plan that will provide the core reality. The State will continue to monitor our progress."

NJ DOT Commissioner James S. Simpson in his letter to Mayor Hsueh commented that the designation for West Windsor was unique in that West Windsor does not yet have a "downtown, main street area, or historic town square." But it was the adopted Redevelopment Plan that showed the "visioning and planning work that sets the stage for redevelopment to occur."

Mayor Hsueh looks forward to working with the NJ DOT and the other agencies including NJ Transit to address infrastructure issues such as the Vaughn Drive Connection and the Dinky rail crossings. Other projects that will add to the redevelopment area are the new South Parking Lot under design for the compost property and a parking deck on NJ Transit property.

The plans for redevelopment around the train station began in April of 2004. The Transit Village Designation effort began in November of 2009.

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