

URGENT: Princeton needs your help.

If you live near Route 27 (Nassau Street/ Princeton-Kingston Road) or Route 206 (State Road, Bayard Lane, Stockton Street, Old Post Road, Lawrenceville Road), if you shop or work near one of these main roads, if you cross them on foot or drive on them regularly—in other words, **if you live or work in Princeton**, you'll be interested to hear this.

In new rules published in December, the State of New Jersey keeps Routes 27 and 206 on the New Jersey Access Network for trucks, but redefines what it means to be on that network. Large trucks—double-trailer truck combinations and 74 foot, 102 inch-wide “standard” trucks—will be allowed to use this “secondary truck network” on their way to the next delivery point. **We're not talking about trucks making deliveries nearby—those would be allowed**; we're talking about trucks that make a stop far up the road and that then use the Access Network to get to their next terminal—from a stop in Hillsborough, for example, on their way to North Carolina.

Princeton Township and Borough are going to make their case for taking the town off the New Jersey Access Network (we don't want to continue to be on a state truck map). The town has got a good case to make: the threat to the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and local drivers; to the economic viability of our downtown; to the health of residents; to the preservation of important historical monuments and districts; and to the overall quality of life in our town.

However, Princeton residents have to help convince the State. Numbers count: the State is receiving comments on the rules until February 16 and it has said that the number of people who send comments will affect whether they exclude a given stretch of road.

So here's what is needed: use the attached letter or write your own, or just write one line on a piece of paper and put it in the mail saying, “Please exclude Routes 206 and 27 in Princeton from the New Jersey Access Network for Trucks.” Sign your name and give your address so the people in Trenton realize that lots of us care about our community and feel that the new rules would damage it.

PEOPLE TO CONTACT

To count—and numbers will count—your comments on the rules must be in writing.

Mark your letter re: N.J.A.C. 16:32, Truck Access, and send your comments (to arrive by Feb. 16) to:

- o **Miriam Crum; Administrative Practice Officer; New Jersey Department of Transportation; Bureau of Administrative Practice and Public Law Implementation; P.O. Box 600; Trenton, NJ 08625; FAX: 609-530-3841**

Once you've sent your letter to Miriam Crum, you can copy everyone else on this list by mail or email or contact them by phone to leave your opinions.

- o **Commissioner Kris Kolluri; New Jersey Department of Transportation; P.O. Box 600;**

Trenton, NJ 08625-0600; 609-530-3536; FAX: 609-530-3841;

kris.kolluri@dot.state.nj.us

When emailing Commissioner Kolluri, also cc his secretary:

- o stacy.brugno@dot.state.nj.us
- o Governor Jon S. Corzine; Office of the Governor; PO Box 001; Trenton, NJ 08625-0001; 609-292-6000. You can email Governor Corzine by going to: www.nj.gov/governor/govmail.html
- o Senator Shirley Turner; 1440 Pennington Road, first floor; Ewing, NJ 08618; 609-530-3277; senturner@njleg.org
- o Assemblyman Reed Gusciora; 226 West State Street; Trenton, NJ 08608; 609-292-0500; asmgusciora@njleg.org
- o Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman; 226 West State Street; Trenton, NJ 08608; 609-292-0500; aswwatsoncoleman@njleg.org
- o Congressman Rush Holt; 50 Washington Rd; West Windsor, NJ 08550; 609-750-9365; 609-750-0618 (fax); 1-87-RUSH-HOLT (toll-free); E-mail Congressman Holt by going to his website: www.holt.house.gov/contact.shtml
- o Also, please send a copy to: Citizens for a Safer Route 206; PO Box 1388; Princeton, NJ 08542-1388; rte206@yahoo.com so Princeton can gauge how many comments have been submitted.