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To: Branchburg Residents

Re: Draft Route 202 Corridor Study

A bi-county study on the future of the Route 202 Corridor has been initiated by Somerset and Hunterdon counties to improve the function and safety of the highway. The study, funded by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, and prepared by the Louis Berger Group, includes the Route 202 corridor beginning at First Avenue in Raritan Borough, Somerset County, and ending at Church Street/Voorhees Corner Road in Raritan Township, Hunterdon County.

The recommendations in the draft Route 202 study include short term improvements (within a two year timeframe) that would 1) extend the storage capacity of U-turn and left-hand turning lanes, and, 2) optimize the traffic signal coordination along the corridor. Long term improvements (with at least a five year horizon), include new jug handles that would replace many of the U-turn and left-hand turning lanes. Overall improvements to pedestrian crossings, bike paths and walkways are also included in the study.

All of the recommendations in the study require a public hearing at the state Department of Transportation before they become definitive proposals. Additional meetings and comment periods will then be held in both counties to discuss and resolve potential issues and receive further public comments.

You can review the components of the study by visiting Somerset County's website at <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/planweb/learn.htm> and clicking on the slide shows. Each of these presentations offers a summary of the improvements proposed in the Corridor Study. If you have any comments on the Study, please contact Walter Lane, Supervising Transportation Planner, Somerset County Planning Board, at (908) 231.7021, or lane@co.somerset.nj.us. The deadline for submitting comments is June 18, 2009.