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Public Input Sought for Easton Avenue Study

Meeting Feb. 11 at Franklin Library

FRANKLIN – The first public meeting to discuss the **Easton Avenue Corridor Study** will be held **Thursday, Feb. 11**, at the Franklin Township Library at 485 DeMott Lane, Somerset. The public-information session will run from **5 to 8 p.m.** and will feature a PowerPoint presentation at **6:30 p.m.**

The meeting will feature three stations highlighting the work to date. Members of the public will be able to ask questions and provide input about whether the all of issues are identified and what solutions they feel would address these issues.

The three stations and the topics they will address are:

- **Roadway Improvements:** Using a computer traffic model of the corridor, this station will demonstrate existing traffic conditions in the corridor. The station will also have a board of crash "hot spots" along the corridor. Attendees will be asked to complete a comment card detailing what they feel are the major traffic problems in the corridor.
- **Transit:** This will include a board of transit routes in the corridor and comparative ridership by route. Using markers, attendees will be asked to draw how close they live or work to an existing route. In the comment box, attendees will note if there's anything that could be provided that would encourage them to take transit, such as different routes or destinations, frequency, span of service or pedestrian connections.
- **Pedestrian/Bicycle:** This will include boards of pedestrian/bike volumes and the presence of sidewalks. Using markers, attendees will be asked to circle any areas where pedestrian/bike improvements are needed and to indicate the nature of the desired improvement.

The presentation at 6:30 p.m. will summarize existing conditions and major strategy areas to be explored. Questions will be fielded following the presentation. A newsletter and comment form also will be distributed.

The Easton Avenue study is a joint study undertaken by Somerset and Middlesex counties that is funded by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority to address transportation issues along the Main Street/Easton Avenue corridor in those two counties. The municipalities included in the study are Bound Brook, South Bound Brook, Franklin Township and the City of New Brunswick.

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