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Contact:Ken Paris, Mayor
609-760-3005**TOWNSHIP BEGINS NEGOTIATIONS WITH LANDOWNER
PROPOSED TURN LANE WOULD EASE CONGESTION,
SAFETY CONCERNS AT HARTFORD AND CONROW INTERSECTION**

DELTRAN, NJ - Good news for Delran residents who have to travel through the intersection of Hartford and Conrow Roads. Township officials are taking the first steps to making the dream of a right-hand turn lane off Conrow a reality. The Township has made a formal offer to purchase the property located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Hartford and Conrow.

“It’s the number one complaint from our residents,” said Mayor Ken Paris of the heavily traveled and at times very congested intersection. “Over the years there’s been a lot of positive development and growth in the area, taxing the capacity of two-lane Conrow Road. By adding a right turn lane on Conrow, we’ll be eliminating a significant amount of motorist waiting time and congestion.”

“The intersection also poses a significant safety risk for students who attend the nearby Delran High School,” Paris continued. “In fact, many students who might otherwise walk to and from school get dropped off by parents who are rightfully concerned about letting their kids travel on their own through that area – which, of course, just adds to the congestion problem.”

According to the Township’s Concept Plan, an additional turn lane would be constructed on Conrow Road eastbound approach to the T-shaped intersection with Hartford Road. This improvement would result in one lane dedicated for left turns and one lane dedicated for right turns. Conrow currently only provides one lane for both. The concept also provides for signage and striping improvements, including a proposed striped crosswalk, which would improve safety for both motorists and pedestrians.

“For me, as much as anything, this is a quality of life issue for our residents,” Paris concluded. “No one wants to sit in stop and go traffic everyday. Constructing a right-turn lane off Conrow Road onto Hartford is the first in what I hope to be a series of improvements to this intersection. Delran residents have certainly waited long enough for this to happen.”

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