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**PRELIMINARY DESIGN WORK TO BEGIN ON NEW CONNECTOR
BETWEEN SUMNEYTOWN PIKE & ROUTE 309 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA (July 30)-- Building on recent transportation improvement studies performed in the Hatfield area of Montgomery County, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) and its consultants will soon begin evaluating possible locations for a new two-lane roadway to connect Sumneytown Pike with State Route 309.

Over the past several years, regional planners have determined that a new two-lane roadway connecting Sumneytown Pike just north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike's Lansdale interchange to Route 309 near the intersection of Township Line Road is the most feasible option to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. This transportation plan was developed due to growth that has resulted in traffic congestion. In addition, most roadways in the area no longer meet current design criteria.

The preliminary plan consists of building a new two-lane road to connect Wambold Road with Township Line Road. Complementing the new connector roadway will be improvements to both Wambold and Township Line roads. This project traverses through Towamencin, Lower Salford, Franconia, Hatfield townships in Montgomery County and Hilltown Township, Bucks County.

PENNDOT said environmental scientists and historical preservation specialists would soon begin studying all environmental and cultural resources in the study area. The goal of this work is to identify the location for the new roadway that solves the transportation problem but minimizes the impacts on the resources.

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that these specialists may need to enter their property to perform this work.

In addition, traffic engineers will reevaluate and refine data from previous studies. They will also evaluate other traffic management practices, such as adding traffic signals, changing signal timings, adding turn lanes and travel lane restriping.

To keep the community informed of the project, committees comprised of local leaders and project-team members will be formed to facilitate the exchange of information between PENNDOT and the community.

The project's first public meeting will occur this fall at a time and place to be determined.

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