

- The Planning Board agreed with the conclusion of the Transportation Advisory Committee that the proposed improvements to the Route 206 intersection with Cherry Valley Road and Princeton Avenue offered a viable means of improving the intersection's capacity and safety, and adopted the proposed improvements as an amendment to the Montgomery Township "Traffic Circulation Plan Element" on April 8, 2002.

Thereafter, during July 2002, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended to the Planning Board that certain new roadways be constructed to help alleviate traffic congestion at the Route 206/518 intersection.

- The specifics of the recommendation and a documentation of the need for the improvements and the benefits to the public which would result are detailed in a June 4, 2002 report prepared by McDonough & Rea Associates, the Township's Traffic Engineer. The June 4, 2002 traffic report was attached to and made part of the "Traffic Circulation Plan Element, 2002 Amendment No. 1" report, which was dated July 15, 2002.
- The Planning Board agreed with the conclusion of the Transportation Advisory Committee that the proposed new roadways would help alleviate traffic congestion at the Route 206/518 intersection and were a viable means to accomplish that objective, and adopted the proposed improvements as an amendment to the Montgomery Township "Traffic Circulation Plan Element" on July 29, 2002.

Since the adoption of the two (2) amendments to the "Traffic Circulation Plan Element" during 2002, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) has continued to assess additional alternatives available to satisfy the stated goals and objectives, has met with the affected property owners and has met with the Planning Board's Master Plan Committee which, as discussed later in this report, is in the process of formulating new land use planning recommendations for the development of the some of the major tracts of vacant land in the current study area..

As a result of these continuing efforts, this report presents a more comprehensive series of recommendations for improvements to the Route 206 intersection with Cherry Valley Road and Princeton Avenue, and for new roadways to be constructed to help alleviate traffic congestion at the Route 206/518 intersection. Therefore, it is intended that this "Traffic Circulation Plan Element 2003 Amendment No. 1" report, upon its adoption by the Planning Board, replace in their entirety the previously adopted "2002 Amendment No. 1" and "2002 Amendment No. 2" reports.

THE CURRENT TRAFFIC CIRCULATION STUDY AREA

As shown on the map on the following page of this report, the bounds of the current study area include the lands bordered by Orchard & Montgomery Roads to the north, by Cherry Valley Road & Princeton Avenue to the south, by Cherry Hill & Opossum Roads to the west, and by Rocky Hill Borough and Montgomery Road to the east.