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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As I'm sure you are aware, the County has begun construction of the bypass at the intersection of Route 45 (Main Street) and Route 322 (Swedesboro Road). This construction has recently blocked access to Earlington Avenue from Route 45, causing a problem for church members as all traffic must now use East Avenue to exit onto Main Street. We apologize for this inconvenience, but it is a necessary phase in completing this road improvement project.

In the short term, the new intersection at the Harrison House will be complete by Memorial Day of this year. So any added pressure to the traffic flow in that area is temporary. Longer term, the County's studies show that when the bypass is completed, the amount of traffic on Main Street will be significantly decreased, thereby lessening the difficulty of exiting from East Avenue onto Main Street. However, we clearly recognize the need for some additional assistance during the peak traffic times associated with activities at the church.

To address these needs, we have met with the church leadership and devised a plan for traffic controls at the intersection of East Avenue and Main Street at specific times. Effective immediately, there will be a Harrison Township uniformed officer directing traffic there, barring unforeseen emergencies or police activity, during the peak traffic hours; such as when services or educational classes end. These controls will remain in place for the duration of the bypass project, scheduled for completion in the beginning of 2012. At that point, we will evaluate the reality of the new traffic flows and determine if further assistance is needed at that intersection. This evaluation will include the verifiable need for additional traffic signals or a permanent program of human traffic control of East Avenue and Main Street at peak times.

We appreciate your patience during this time and we pledge our commitment to addressing all issues as they arise.

Together for Harrison Township,

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Louis Manzo
Mayor