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### News Release

## NCDOT Converting Union County Intersection to Four-Way Stop

*Changes will help improve safety in advance of roundabout construction next year*

**June 27, 2016, Monroe, NC** – The N.C. Department of Transportation will convert the intersection of Waxhaw Indian Trail Road and Beulah Church Road to a four-way stop on Thursday, June 30. This change is designed to help reduce the frequency and severity of collisions at this location.

NCDOT has secured funding for a roundabout at this intersection, which will further help to improve safety. Construction is scheduled to begin next year, after the completion of right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation.

Road improvement projects like this are currently under way across the state as part of Governor McCrory's 25-Year Transportation Vision to enhance travel safety and to better connect North Carolinians to jobs, education, healthcare and key tourism destinations.

Currently, vehicles traveling on Waxhaw Indian Trail Road don't have to stop at the intersection, while both directions of traffic on Beulah Church Road must stop. The four-way stop will require all directions of traffic to stop at the intersection before proceeding with caution. "Stop Ahead" signs and pavement markings will be added on each direction of travel leading to the intersection.

Changeable message signs will be in place in advance of the four-way stop implementation to alert motorists to the upcoming change.

With the four-way stop in place, as drivers approach the intersection they are advised to follow these right of way rules:

- The first vehicle to the intersection has the right of way ahead of any vehicle that has not yet arrived;
- When two or more vehicles reach an intersection at the same time, the vehicle to the right has the right of way;



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- The vehicle with the right of way may move straight ahead or, if legal and after signaling, turn left or right;
- When two facing vehicles approach an intersection at the same time, both drivers can move straight ahead or turn right. If one driver is going straight while the other wants to turn left, the driver who wants to turn left must yield. The driver who is traveling straight ahead has the right of way; and
- Even with the right of way, remember to use the appropriate turn signals and be careful to avoid hitting other vehicles and/or pedestrians.

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