

June 16, 2017

Dear concerned citizens:

On behalf of Union County, the Village of Marvin, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), we understand your concern and frustration regarding the intersection of Marvin Road and New Town Road. This intersection has been an issue for the village, county, and NCDOT for some time. We have each attempted to get the project funded through various congestion and safety funding programs through the area transportation planning organization, the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO), and the NCDOT. These two roads are maintained by the NCDOT, but both Marvin and Union County are willing to help fund a project to solve the problems at the intersection. Marvin has repeatedly committed local funds in applications to three separate funding sources since 2015 to help get the intersection improved. The Union County Board of Commissioners recently included this intersection as one of the top 16 intersection projects across the county where they would be willing to commit County funds to assist in implementing the project. Additionally, this has been a topic of conversation at Village Council Meetings for some time; all information is public information and available for review on the Village website.

The preferred solution to improve safety and congestion is to construct a roundabout that incorporates New Town, Marvin, and Meadowlark Lane. The estimated cost for this traffic circle is approximately \$1 million. The NCDOT has committed to partnering with the Village and the County by administering all phases of the project for installing the roundabout, which is very important, as neither the Village nor the County have the expertise or capacity to oversee such a project. The NCDOT submitted a project on March 21 to the CRTPO for consideration for funding. CRTPO has recommended funding for this intersection, and is expected to approve the funding at its June 21 meeting. **In addition, NCDOT believes that funding will be available immediately**, so it will begin on preliminary engineering. Please understand that it will take about two years to plan, design, acquire right of way, relocate utilities, and begin construction.

NCDOT, the Village, and the County are also researching options for an interim treatment to help ease the situation until the roundabout can be constructed.

We commit to reporting back to this group when there are any updates on this situation.

Sincerely,

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