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July 18, 2019

Dear Resident:

As you have likely noticed, the Town is making traffic pattern changes along the northern section of Vanderbilt Road. These changes include the following:

- 1) Speed limit reduction to 25 miles per hour between the Vanderbilt Road/Busbee Road intersection and the Interstate 40 bridge
- 2) All-Way Stop sign implementation at the intersection of Cedarcliff and Vanderbilt Roads

The speed limit reduction was effective July 1, 2019. Temporary signage related to the all-way stop implementation was installed July 8, 2019. These temporary signs included electronic message boards designed to alert residents and motorists to the impending change and its effective date. Static temporary signage will be installed Monday, July 22, 2019.

The date of the all-way stop implementation at the intersection of Vanderbilt Road and Cedarcliff Road will occur Monday, July 29, 2019.

The Town understands this is a significant change, but is undertaking this to improve safety for all residents and motorists utilizing Vanderbilt Road. The temporary signage was designed and approved by an engineering firm to ensure the Town adequately alerted people to the impending change.

Do not hesitate to contact Police Chief Chris Beddingfield, Public Works Director Terry Crouch, or me with any questions related to this implementation. The Town greatly appreciates your understanding and cooperation as we work to improve safety throughout the Town. Frequently asked questions regarding all-way stop sign intersections can be found on the reverse of this page. This information has been adapted from a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) flyer regarding all-way stop intersections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan B. Kanipe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jonathan B. Kanipe
Town Manager

ALL-WAY STOP SIGNS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is an all-way stop?

A: All-way stops are a form of intersection control. Stop signs are placed at each road approaching an intersection requiring all drivers to stop before proceeding through the intersection. All-way stops are commonly referred to as four-way or three-way stops.

Q: Who goes first at an all-way stop?

A: The first vehicle to reach the intersection should move forward first. If two vehicles reach the intersection at the same time, the driver on the right would proceed first.

Q: Why are all-way stop signs being installed at the Cedarcliff Road and Vanderbilt Road intersection?

A: The Town identified a safety concern from several accidents and near misses that occurred at this intersection. The Police Chief reviewed sight line visibility at this intersection with a retired State Highway Patrol officer. Their analysis found that the sight lines at this intersection were limited due to the off-center nature of the intersection. The Town contracted with a traffic engineering firm to make recommendations to create this all-way stop.

Q: What are the benefits of all-way stop signs?

A: All-way stop signs are low cost and can be quickly installed. All-way stop signs allow drivers to take turns entering the intersection. This results in fewer and less severe crashes.

Q: Will installing all-way stop signs reduce the crashes or near misses at this intersection?

A: North Carolina crashes of all types have been reduced by an average of 68 percent where an intersection was converted to an all-way stop. In addition, crashes are typically less severe once all-way stop signs are installed. Injury crashes have been reduced by an average of 77 percent where all-way stops have been installed to replace existing intersections.

Q: How should bicyclists navigate an all-way stop?

A: Bicyclists and pedestrians must stop at the intersection just like any other type of vehicle.

REMINDER: The date of the all-way stop implementation at the intersection of Vanderbilt Road and Cedarcliff Road is Monday, July 29, 2019.