

The Courier-Times

New signal lights nearly ready

BY BILL WILLCOX

COURIER-TIMES STAFF WRITER

billwillcox@roxboro-courier.com

One of Roxboro's busy intersections will soon be fully signalized.

Work crews were at work installing the signals on Thursday morning at the intersection of Durham and Oxford Roads. Once they are finished, the

signals will flash for about a week before being fully activated.

N.C. Department of Transportation statistics revealed an abnormally high number of rear-end crashes at the intersection as drivers used the right turn lane on Oxford Road to turn onto Durham Road. Drivers were pulling out from the right turn

lane and hesitating as they saw traffic coming, but the drivers behind them would be looking upstream, assume the vehicle in front had already turned, and the result was a rear-end collision, according to John Sandor, deputy traffic engineer for Division 5.

He said the most effec-

See **LIGHTS**, Page 3

LIGHTS

FROM PAGE 1

tive solution was to eliminate the turn lane and bring everyone up to the signal.

The completion of the project will depend on when Duke Energy energizes the signal, he said.

Another project is slated to take place nearby. The underpass on Oxford Road will be repaved.