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DIVISION EMPLOYEES

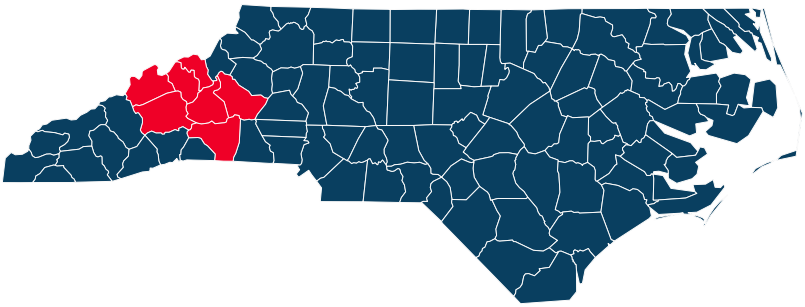
As of July 2019

458 Permanent

44 Temporary

502 Total

DIVISION 13 COUNTIES



BUNCOMBE
BURKE
MADISON
MCDOWELL
MITCHELL
RUTHERFORD
YANCEY

ROAD MILES

5,116

LANE MILES

10,875

AIRPORTS

Asheville Regional
Foothills Regional, Morganton
Rutherford County

OUR WORK IN DIVISION 13

MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2019

BEREA CHURCH ROAD BRIDGE (BURKE COUNTY)
⇨ $8.6 million project on Interstate 40 replaced two old bridges

I-40 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS (BUNCOMBE COUNTY)
⇨ $2.2 million project upgraded I-40 interchanges at Sweeten Creek Road (Exit 51) and Hendersonville Road (Exit 50)
⇨ Increased exit ramp capacity and added new signal system

I-40 OLD FORT MOUNTAIN REHABILITATION (MCDOWELL COUNTY)
⇨ $10.4 million project rehabilitated pavement on I-40 between Black Mountain and Old Fort
⇨ Included new guardrail, resurfacing, pavement markers and rehab of two bridges

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN 2020

U.S. 19E (YANCEY, MITCHELL COUNTIES)
⇨ $64.9 million, 15-mile project adds one lane each way between Micaville and Spruce Pine with a median, turn lanes and six major bridge improvements
⇨ Completion scheduled in 2020

LEICESTER HIGHWAY (BUNCOMBE COUNTY)
⇨ $34.9 million project, to be completed in 2020, widens Leicester Highway (N.C. 63) to four lanes between Gilbert Road and Newfound Road
⇨ Improves safety around Leicester Elementary School
⇨ Eliminates the "Leicester Dip," a steep grade with a high crash rate

MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD INTERCHANGE (BURKE COUNTY)
⇨ A $12.4 project to remodel Exit 112 of I-40 in Burke County.
⇨ Replacing a pair of two-lane bridges
⇨ Completion scheduled in 2020

INTERSTATE 40 REHABILITATION (BURKE COUNTY)
⇨ Every inch of interstate in Burke County—from McDowell County to Catawba County—will be rehabilitated by the end of 2020 in this $36 million project
⇨ Replaces guardrails and improves drainage
⇨ Improves safety and enhances and preserves the existing interstate route

BREVARD ROAD I-26 INTERCHANGE (BUNCOMBE COUNTY)
⇨ New design and shape for the Brevard Road exit will continue major improvements around the I-40/I-26 interchange
⇨ $48 million project is part of the vision for the I-26 corridor from South Carolina to Asheville and, eventually with the I-26 connector, up to Tennessee
⇨ Modifies the interchange and increases its ability to handle local traffic using I-26 as well as Brevard Road (N.C. 191)
⇨ Completion scheduled in 2020

OUR WORK IN DIVISION 13

STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM **(STIP)** CONTRACTS AWARDED DURING STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 **(FY 2019)**

20
Projects

$61,372,200
Value

RESURFACING PROJECTS FY 2019

Primary routes: 154 lane miles
Cost: $14,431,430

Secondary roads: 215 lane miles
Cost: $23,580,828

Total: 369 lane miles
Total cost: $38,012,258

MAINTENANCE SPENDING FY 2019:
$28.97 million

BRIDGES FY 2019

Inspected: 907
Rehabilitated: 12
Replaced: 24

DRIVEWAY PERMITS ISSUED FY 2019: 109

SUBDIVISION PLANS REVIEWED FY 2019: 23

PROJECT-RELATED PUBLIC MEETINGS FY 2019: 5

LITTER CLEANUP FY 2019

Roadside litter picked up*: 354,885 pounds
State cost: $1,288,342
**Combines Contract Litter Removal, NCDOT Forces, Adopt-A-Highway, Sponsor-A-Highway and other volunteers*

WEATHER-RELATED PREPARATION AND CLEANUP FY 2019

Winter weather operations
Brine: 348,900 gallons
Salt: 7,993 tons
Salt/Sand: 3,905 tons

Hurricane-damaged sites
Florence: 13 roads, 1 pipe

Hurricane debris cleared
Florence: 828 tons

INFRASTRUCTURE HEALTH & SAFETY

DIVISION 13 INFRASTRUCTURE HEALTH

BRIDGE HEALTH INDEX
(percent in good condition) as of July 2019:
Interstate: 89.9
Primary: 79.2
Secondary: 70.6
Total: 73.9

STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES
(percent) as of July 2019
Interstate: 3.1
Primary: 9.6
Secondary: 15.6
Total: 13.4

PAVEMENT CONDITION RATINGS
(percent of pavement miles ranked good) as of December 2018
Interstate: 96.3
Primary: 83.7
Secondary: 61.9
Total: 68.1

DIVISION 13 HIGHWAY SAFETY RATES FY 2019

TRAVEL VOLUME (IN 100 MVMT*)
5-Year Avg.**: 58.7
FY 19: 62.2

TOTAL CRASHES
5-Year Avg.: 13,171.0
FY 19: 15,303

CRASH RATE (PER 100 MVMT)
5-Year Avg.: 224.5
FY 19: 245.9

TOTAL FATALITIES
5-Year Avg.: 71.4
FY 19: 69

FATALITY RATE (PER 100 MVMT)
5-Year Avg.: 1.2
FY 19: 1.1

TOTAL INJURIES
5-Year Avg.: 5,081.8
FY 19: 5,336

INJURY RATE (PER 100 MVMT)
5-Year Avg.: 86.6
FY 19: 85.8

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES FY 2019
Bicycle: 0
Pedestrian: 6
Combined: 6

**100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel*
*** 5-year average for fiscal years 2014-2018*

2020 & THE COMING DECADE

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) lays out the N.C. Department of Transportation's plan for transportation projects during the next 10 years. The STIP is updated approximately every two years. The 2020-2029 STIP includes 83 projects in Division 13. Among the improvements planned are:

- ⇨ In Buncombe County, improve I-26 from the I-40/I-240 interchange to Broadway Street, with construction starting in 2022.
- ⇨ In Rutherford County, improve the U.S. 221 Rutherfordton Bypass, with construction starting in 2020.
- ⇨ In Buncombe County, build a new I-40 interchange at Liberty Road, with construction starting in 2023.
- ⇨ In Buncombe County, improve Sweeten Creek Road from Hendersonville Road to Rock Hill Road, with construction starting in 2023.
- ⇨ In Mitchell County, improve U.S. 226 from the Blue Ridge Parkway to Summit Avenue, with construction starting in 2024.

2020-2029 STIP PROJECTS FOR DIVISION 13

Aviation projects: 5
Total value: $8,475,000

Bicycle and Pedestrian projects: 4
Total value: $2,561,000

Bridge projects: 4
Total value: $32,516,000

Highway projects: 64
Total value: $1,630,770,350

Interstate Maintenance projects: 2
Total value: $20,373,000

Public Transit projects: 1
Total value: $49,000

Safety projects: 3
Total value: $700,000

ALL PROJECTS: 83
Total value: $1,695,444,350

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Burke County Maintenance
2161 Mountain Home Church Road, Morganton | 828-438-6274

Madison County Maintenance
201 State Maintenance Road, Marshall, 828-649-2222

McDowell County Maintenance
3931 N.C 226 South, Marion, 828-803-6190

Mitchell County Maintenance
940 Greenwood Road, Spruce Pine, 828-765-2262

Rutherford County Maintenance
595 Ledbetter Road, Spindale, 828-286-3433

Yancey County Maintenance
30 Bakers Creek Road, Burnsville, 828-682-2441

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DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN DIVISION 13 COUNTIES

501,506
Vehicle registrations as of July 2019

129,598
Driver licenses issued in FY 2019

396,955
Drivers licensed as of July 2019

• Driver License Office • License Plate Agency

Buncombe County

Driver License Office
1624 Patton Avenue
Asheville
828-782-9600

License Plate Agencies
780 Hendersonville Road, Suite 8
Asheville
828-277-7767

153 Smokey Park Highway, Suite 160-A
Asheville
828-252-8526

Burke County

Driver License Office
115 Government Drive
Morganton
828-438-6294

License Plate Agency
603 South College St.
Morganton
828-437-4505

Madison County

Temporary Driver License Office
107 Elizabeth Lane
Marshall
919-715-7000

License Plate Agency
133 South Main St., Suite 102
Marshall
828-649-3528

McDowell County

Driver License Office
3975 N.C. 226 South
Marion
828-652-5828

License Plate Agency
60 East Court St.
Marion
828-652-0179

Mitchell County

Driver License Office
1032 Oak Ave.
Spruce Pine
828-766-7649

License Plate Agency
11889 N.C. 226 South
Spruce Pine
828-756-2926

Rutherford County

Driver License Office
596 Withrow Road
Forest City
828-286-2973

License Plate Agency
1639 U.S. Hwy 74A Bypass, Suite 140
Spindale
828-287-3600

Yancey County

Driver License Office
116 North Main St.
Burnsville
828-682-9619

License Plate Agency
14 Town Square
Burnsville
828-682-2312

DIVISION 13 LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Local and regional transit systems provide public transportation service for residents of all 100 North Carolina counties. The NCDOT Public Transportation Division manages federal and state public transportation grant programs and supports transit agencies with planning, training and technical assistance.

Buncombe County
ART — Asheville Redefines Transit
ashevillenc.gov/department/transit/
828-253-5961

Mountain Mobility
buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/Transportation/
828-250-6750

Burke County
Greenway Public Transportation
mygreenway.org
828-464-9444

Madison County
Madison County Transportation Authority
madisoncountync.gov/transportation.php
828-649-2219

McDowell County
McDowell Transit
mcdowellcountyncdss.org/economic-services/transportation-assistance
828-659-0634

Mitchell County
Mitchell County Transportation Authority
mitchellcounty.org/departments/transportation.html
828-688-4715

Rutherford County
Rutherford County Transit
rutherfordcountync.gov/departments/transit/index.php
828-287-6339

Yancey County
Yancey County Transportation Authority
yanceycountync.gov/index.php/departments/transportation-authority
828-682-6144

DIVISION 13 RURAL & METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are North Carolina's local transportation planning agencies. They develop transportation projects for their communities and help NCDOT decide which projects will receive public funding.

FRENCH BROAD RIVER MPO

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HIGH COUNTRY RPO

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ISOTHERMAL RPO

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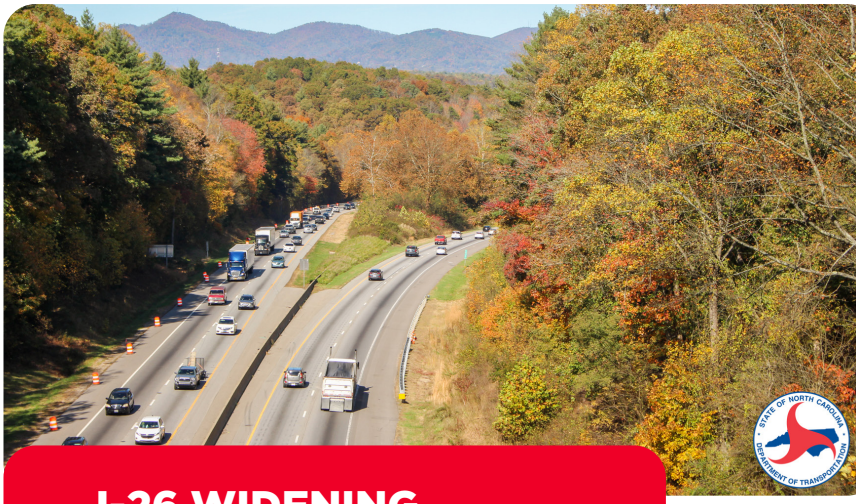
DIVISION 13 HEADLINES

MOUNTAIN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER

NCDOT opened a new Traffic Management Center in Asheville in 2019 to serve drivers across 17 counties from Morganton to Murphy and Columbus to Mars Hill. The Mountain TMC helps keep traffic moving in the mountains, especially on I-26 and I-40. Employees use cameras and computer systems to monitor traffic in real time and relay vital information to drivers, Incident Management Assistance Patrol teams, the State Highway Patrol and emergency services.



I-26 WIDENING

The region's largest construction project in 20 years is underway to widen Interstate 26 for 18 miles from I-40 in Buncombe County to U.S. 64 in Henderson County. Work started in 2019 and will continue into 2024 to reduce traffic congestion and improve the interstate's ability to handle future traffic. The Buncombe County section, with a cost of $263 million, will be widened to four lanes in each direction. I-26 carries nearly 85,000 vehicles per day in Buncombe County.

HIGH MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY EXPANSION

The widening of U.S. 19E in Yancey and Mitchell counties is expected to be complete in late 2020 and create an improved transportation network in the mountains of Division 13. The two-lane highway is growing to four lanes with a median for additional safety, designated left-turn lanes to reduce the risk of severe crashes, and six major bridge improvements. The $64.9 million project will enhance tourism, industry and other economic opportunities in both counties.

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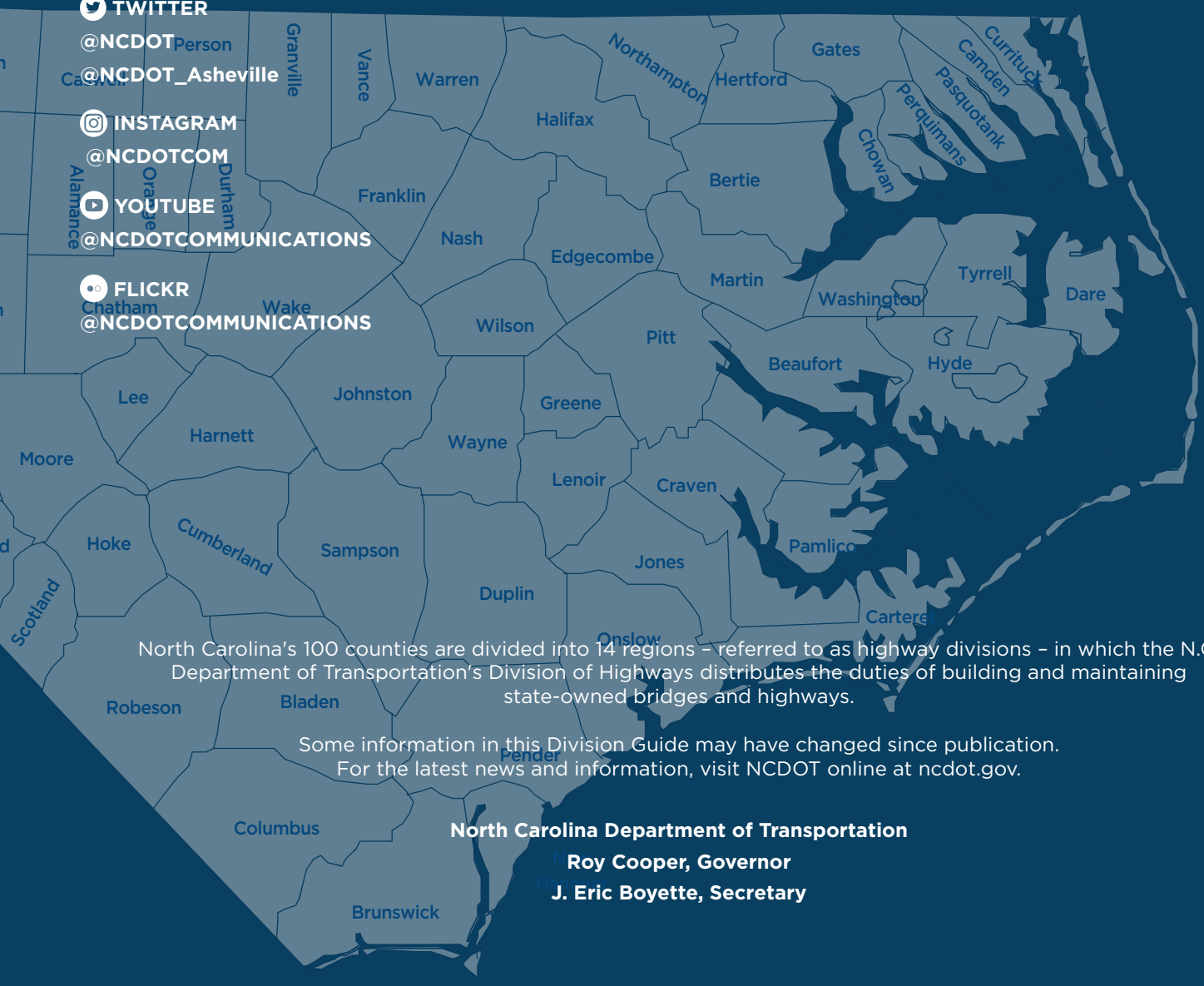

North Carolina's 100 counties are divided into 14 regions – referred to as highway divisions – in which the N.C. Department of Transportation's Division of Highways distributes the duties of building and maintaining state-owned bridges and highways.

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