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DIVISION EMPLOYEES

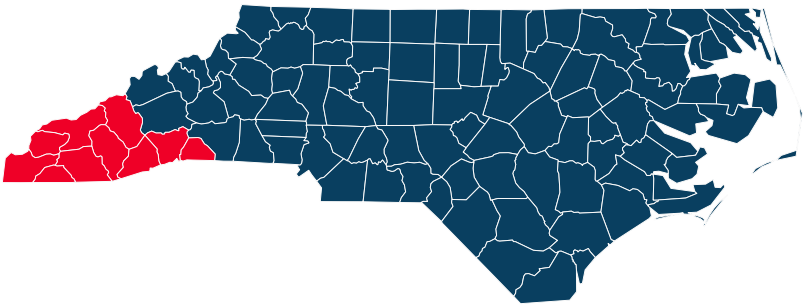
As of July 2019

504 Permanent

48 Temporary

552 Total

DIVISION 14 COUNTIES



CHEROKEE
CLAY
GRAHAM
HAYWOOD
HENDERSON
JACKSON
MACON
POLK
SWAIN
TRANSYLVANIA

ROAD MILES
4,940

LANE MILES
10,519

AIRPORTS

Asheville Regional
Jackson County
Macon County
Western Carolina Regional, Andrews

OUR WORK IN DIVISION 14

MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2019

U.S. 64 IMPROVEMENTS (TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY)
- ⇨ Safety improvements include straightened curves and better sight distances
- ⇨ Added a truck-climbing lane and four-foot paved shoulders
- ⇨ Cost: $12.2 million

MILLS RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (HENDERSON COUNTY)
- ⇨ Realigned Broadpoint Drive in Mills River
- ⇨ Highlights include a new bridge over McDowell Creek, grading, drainage and paving near the Buncombe County line
- ⇨ Cost: $1.7 million

ROBBINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BRIDGE (GRAHAM COUNTY)
- ⇨ Provided new access to Graham County's only high school, addressing other transportation needs and improving emergency response to and from the school
- ⇨ The two-lane bridge over Sweetwater Creek connects with U.S. 129
- ⇨ Cost: $3.6 million

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN 2020

COWEE MOUNTAIN REPAIRS (JACKSON COUNTY)
- ⇨ $13 million project to stabilize U.S. 23/441 between Franklin and Dillsboro is to be completed in 2020
- ⇨ Work involves replacing a failed wall and adding a rock buttress

INTERSTATE 40 REHABILITATION (HAYWOOD COUNTY)
- ⇨ $33.8 million project will improve safety and driving conditions between Tennessee and the Pigeon River Gorge, which is susceptible to rockslides
- ⇨ Removes old asphalt, repairs pavement failures, paints long-lasting markings, and replaces guardrails and median barrier walls
- ⇨ Completion scheduled in 2021

IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 19/64/74/129 IN MURPHY (CHEROKEE COUNTY)
- ⇨ $22.7 million project will widen and improve conditions along a 1.2-mile section of the commercial corridor in Murphy
- ⇨ Completion scheduled in 2022

IMPROVEMENTS TO N.C. 69 (CLAY COUNTY)
- ⇨ Construction starts in in 2020 on $46.3 million project, widening highway to four lanes with a median and sidewalk between U.S. 64 and the Georgia state line
- ⇨ Outside lanes will be widened to 14 feet, while the inside lanes and center turn lanes will be 12 feet wide
- ⇨ Completion scheduled in 2024

INTERSTATE 26 WIDENING (HENDERSON, BUNCOMBE COUNTIES)
- ⇨ Project will widen I-26 from U.S. 64 in Hendersonville to Brevard Road in Asheville
- ⇨ Cost is $271 million for the Henderson County portion, with completion scheduled in 2024

OUR WORK IN DIVISION 14

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

19
Projects

$88,105,000
Value

RESURFACING PROJECTS FY 2019

Primary routes: 41 lane miles
Cost: $21,520,978

Secondary roads: 69 lane miles
Cost: $8,948,346

Total: 110 lane miles
Total cost: $30,469,323

MAINTENANCE SPENDING FY 2019:
$39.31 million

BRIDGES FY 2019

Inspected: 1193
Rehabilitated: 12
Replaced: 27

DRIVEWAY PERMITS ISSUED FY 2019: 93

SUBDIVISION PLANS REVIEWED FY 2019: 11

PROJECT-RELATED PUBLIC MEETINGS FY 2019: 25

LITTER CLEANUP FY 2019

Roadside litter picked up*: 105,120 pounds
State cost: $1,101,026
**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: 271,100 gallons
Salt: 6,507 tons
Salt/Sand: 2,105 tons

INFRASTRUCTURE HEALTH & SAFETY

DIVISION 14 INFRASTRUCTURE HEALTH

BRIDGE HEALTH INDEX
(Percent in good condition as of July 2019):
Interstate: 73.7
Primary: 84.1
Secondary: 67.0
Total: 70.5

STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES
(Percent as of July 2019):
Interstate: 18.4
Primary: 6.8
Secondary: 14.8
Total: 13.3

PAVEMENT CONDITION RATINGS
(Percent of pavement miles ranked good as of December 2018):
Interstate: 90.2
Primary: 74.2
Secondary: 55.6
Total: 61.3

DIVISION 14 HIGHWAY SAFETY RATES FY 2019

TRAVEL VOLUME (IN 100 MVMT*)
5-Year Avg**: 44.2
FY 19: 47

TOTAL CRASHES
5-Year Avg.: 7,670.6
FY 19: 8,865

CRASH RATE (PER 100 MVMT)
5-Year Avg.: 173.7
FY 19: 186.8

TOTAL FATALITIES
5-Year Avg.: 57.8
FY 19: 64

FATALITY RATE (PER 100 MVMT)
5-Year Avg.: 1.3
FY 19: 1.3

TOTAL INJURIES
5-Year Avg.: 3,048.4
FY 19: 3,123

INJURY RATE (PER 100 MVMT)
5-Year Avg.: 69.0
FY 19: 65.8

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES FY 2019
Bicycle: 0
Pedestrian: 8

**100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel (MVMT)*
*** 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 14. Among the improvements planned are:

- ⇨ In Jackson County, improve safety for drivers and pedestrians on N.C. 107 through Sylva. Construction is scheduled in 2022.
- ⇨ In Henderson County, widen N.C. 191 to a multi-lane highway from N.C. 280 to U.S. 25, with construction starting in 2023.
- ⇨ In Transylvania County, construct roundabouts at U.S. 64/U.S. 276/N.C. 280 in Pisgah Forest, with construction scheduled in 2023.

2020-2029 STIP PROJECTS FOR DIVISION 14

Aviation projects: 1
Total value: $5,000,000

Bicycle and Pedestrian projects: 7
Total value: $4,610,000

Bridge projects: 21
Total value: $37,945,000

Highway projects: 60
Total value: $825,481,000

Interstate Maintenance projects: 9
Total value: $43,842,000

Safety projects: 3
Total value: $700,000

ALL PROJECTS: 101
Total value: $917,578,800

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693 Mountain Road, Hendersonville, 828-694-7971

Polk County Maintenance
151 Locust Street, Columbus, 828-894-8980

Transylvania County Maintenance
100 Calvert Landfill Road, Brevard, 828-694-2198

Haywood County Maintenance
619 Paragon Parkway, Clyde 828-456-5633

Jackson County Maintenance
253 Webster Road, Sylva, 828-586-6019

Swain County Maintenance
381 Toot Hollow Road, Bryson City, 828-586-6019

Cherokee County Maintenance
5426 N.C. Highway 141, Marble, 828-321-4105

Clay County Maintenance
225 Tusquittee Road, Hayesville, 828-524-2517

Graham County Maintenance
2447 Tallulah Road, Robbinsville, 828-321-4105

Macon County Maintenance
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DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN DIVISION 14 COUNTIES

428,325
Vehicle registrations as of July 2019

91,111
Driver licenses issued in FY 2019

294,468
Drivers licensed as of July 2019

• Driver License Office • License Plate Agency

Cherokee County
Driver License Office
1440 Main St.
Andrews
828-321-1442

License Plate Agency
1176 Andrews Road
Murphy
828-837-9222

Clay County
Driver License Office
Mobile Unit at Clay County Social Services
1 Riverside Circle
Hayesville
919-715-7000

License Plate Agency
1440 Highway 64 West
Hayesville
828-389-8133

Graham County
License Plate Agency
74 South Main St.
Robbinsville
828-479-4846

Haywood County
Driver License Office
290 Lee Road
Clyde
828-627-6969

License Plate Agency
80 Waynesville Plaza
Waynesville
828-452-1577

Henderson County
Driver License Office
125 Baystone Drive
Hendersonville
828-692-6915

License Plate Agency
145 Four Seasons Mall
Hendersonville
828-692-0648

Jackson County
Driver License Office
876 Skyland Drive, Suite 2
Sylva
828-586-5413

License Plate Agency
454 East Main St., Suite 3
Sylva
828-586-3886

Macon County
Driver License Office
16 Patton Ave.
Franklin
828-524-3592

License Plate Agency
353 Westgate Plaza
Franklin
828-369-8165

Polk County
Driver License Office
Mobile Unit at Polk County LPA
51 Walker Street
Columbus
919-715-7000

License Plate Agency
51 Walker St.
Columbus
828-894-6430

Swain County
Driver License Office
2650 Governors Island Drive
Bryson City
828-488-3684

License Plate Agency
101 Mitchell St.
Bryson City
828-488-7855

Transylvania County
Driver License Office
50 Commerce St., Suite 4
Brevard
828-883-2070

License Plate Agency
69 New Hendersonville Highway, Suite 8
Pisgah Forest
828-883-3251

DIVISION 14 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.

Cherokee County
Cherokee County Transit
cherokeecounty-nc.gov/233/Transit | 828-837-1789

Clay County
Clay County Transportation
transportation.claync.us | 828-389-0239

Graham County
Graham County Transit
grahamcounty.org/transportation/ | 828-479-4129

Haywood County
Haywood Public Transit
haywoodtransit.com | 828-565-0362

Henderson County
Apple Country Transit
hendersoncountync.gov/planning/page/apple-country-public-transit | 828-698-8571

Jackson County
Jackson County Transit
jacksoncountytransit.com | 828-586-0233

Macon County
Macon County Transit
maconnc.org/transit.html | 828-349-2222

Polk County
Polk County Transportation Authority
polknc.org/departments/transportation/index.php
828-894-8203

Swain County
Swain Public Transit
swainpublictransit.com | 828-488-3213

Transylvania County
Transylvania County Transportation System
transylvaniacounty.org/departments/transportation
828-884-3203

DIVISION 14 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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ISOTHERMAL RPO

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LAND OF SKY RPO

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SOUTHWESTERN RPO

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DIVISION 14 HEADLINES

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 congestion and improve the interstate's ability to handle future traffic. The Henderson County section, with a cost of $271 million, will be widened to three lanes each way between U.S. 64 and U.S. 25 Business, and four lanes each way between U.S. 25 Business and Airport Road. I-26 carries nearly 60,000 vehicles per day in Henderson County.

CRITICAL N.C. 107 IMPROVEMENTS

This project will improve safety and mobility for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians along three miles of N.C. 107 in Sylva. It will transform the five-lane highway into four lanes with a median, sidewalks and bike lanes. Construction starts in 2022. Jackson County's main north-south artery leads to Western Carolina University and seasonal destinations in the southern part of the county while also carrying daily commuters through the main commercial section of the town.

A MURPHY MAKEOVER

NCDOT is widening 1.2 miles of the commercial corridor through Murphy, U.S. 19/64/74/129, to increase safety and mobility for drivers while improving access to businesses along the Cherokee County route. The travel lanes will be widened, a sidewalk will be added, and drainage will be improved in the area to create a better corridor for residents and visitors.

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INSTAGRAM
@NCDOTCOM

YOUTUBE
@NCDOTCOMMUNICATIONS

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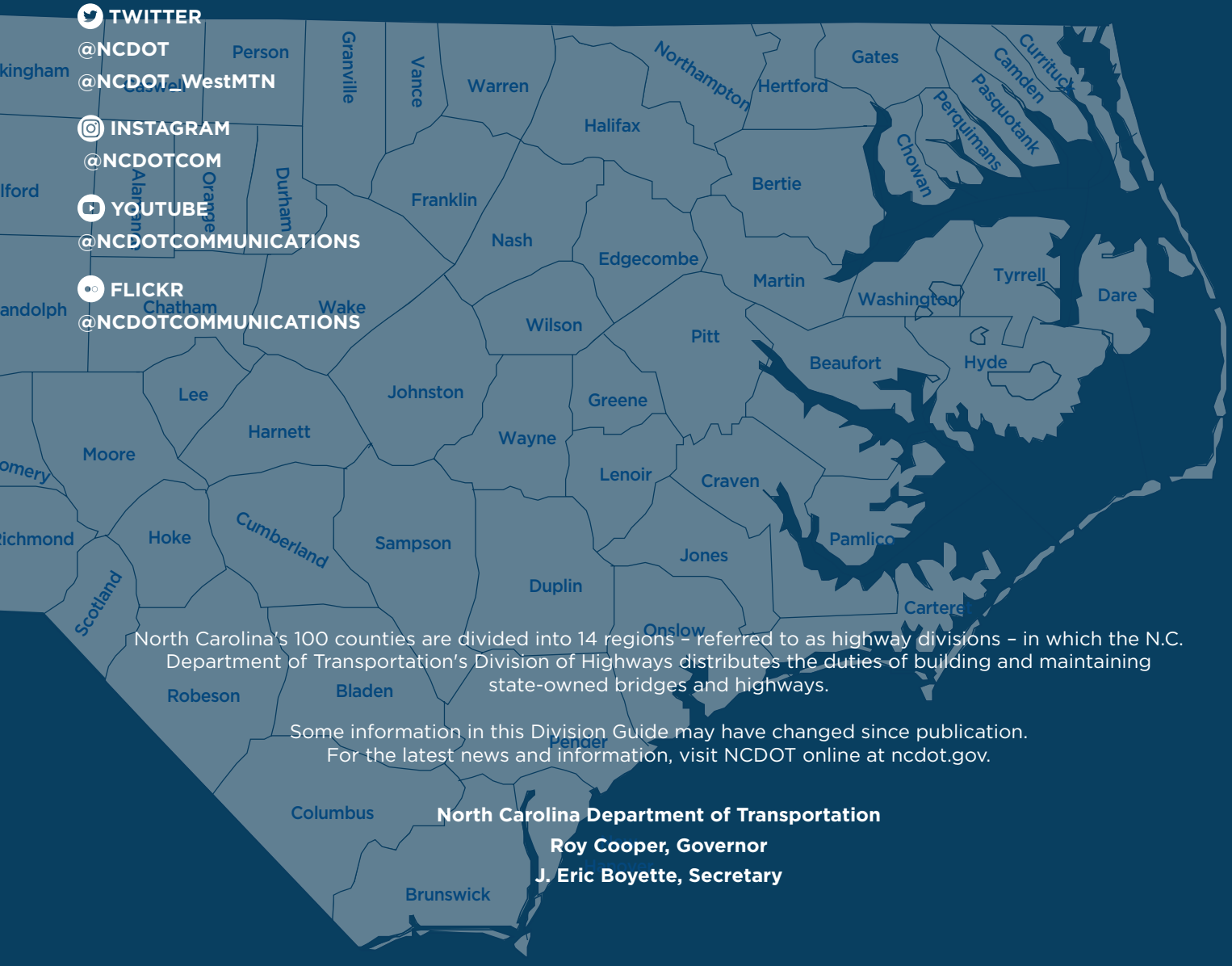

North Carolina's 100 counties are divided into 14 regions – referred to as highway divisions – in which the N.C. Department of Transportation's Division of Highways distributes the duties of building and maintaining state-owned bridges and highways.

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