



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation

Division 14

COUNTIES SERVED | Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood,
Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Polk, Swain, Transylvania

April 2021 Edition

Help NCDOT Combat Roadside Litter



NCDOT staff, contractors and volunteers have already [removed millions of pounds of litter](#) from roadsides statewide.

There is more work to do and it is not too late for you to volunteer for the [2021 Spring Litter Sweep](#), taking place April 10-24. Even [multi-platinum country music artist Luke Combs](#) is getting involved.

NCDOT has also recently [launched a mobile-friendly version](#) of the [Swat-A-Litterbug web tool](#), which allows people to report others who contribute to highway pollution.



News Near You...

Austin Appointed to Lead Division 14

SYLVA – For the second time in its history, a woman will lead a highway division for the N.C. Department of Transportation. Wanda H. Austin, P.E. CPM, has been promoted to Division 14 engineer, the agency announced in March.

“I am excited to accept the opportunity to lead such a great group of NCDOT employees,” Austin said. “NCDOT is a leader in the transportation industry, and the employees of Division 14 are ready to serve the people of western North Carolina.”

As the top highway engineer in Division 14, Austin will oversee planning, construction and maintenance of highway projects in the 10 westernmost counties.

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Crews Completing First New Bridge over I-26

HENDERSONVILLE – The finishing touches are ready to be applied to a new bridge over Interstate 26 as part of the major project to widen the interstate from Hendersonville to Asheville.

A contractor for the N.C. Department of Transportation will close Clear Creek Road at the bridge over I-26 for three weeks starting on Monday, April 5 so crews can connect the bridge to the road on both sides, install reflective markers, add new paint and additional finishing details.

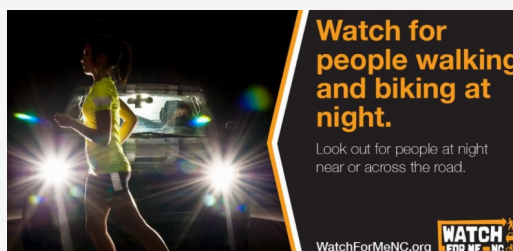
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NCDOT Celebrates Women's History Month

In recognition of Women's History Month, NCDOT hosted a series of roundtable discussions featuring a diverse group of female engineers and leaders from across the agency.

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Watch for Me NC Announces 2021 Partners

The [Watch for Me NC Program](#), which aims to protect the lives of pedestrians and bicyclists statewide, has announced three new partner communities that will join the safety initiative this year.

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First Drone Bridge Inspection

Earlier this year, the Marc Basnight Bridge became the first bridge in the state to be inspected using a drone. Drone use will make inspections faster, save money and reduce the need for lane closures.

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Improve Safety Throughout April

The [Governor's Highway Safety Program](#)



would like to note that April is National Distracted Driver Awareness Month and Alcohol Awareness Month.

April 26-30 is also [National Work Zone Awareness Week](#).

Please do your part to keep other travelers and roadway workers safe.

N.C. Students Win National Aviation Art Contest

Five students from North Carolina won big after placing in the 2021 National Aviation Art Contest. Their artwork will move on to compete in the international competition.

[See the Winners](#)



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