



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation

Division 14

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

April 2018 Edition

 **Work Zone Safety is in Your Hands** 



Let's Make Sure Everyone Goes Home Tonight.

Last year in North Carolina, 38 people were killed in work zones, including four pedestrians and 34 motorists. To remind everyone to drive smart and do their part to keep our state's work zones safe, [Governor Cooper proclaimed](#) April as Work Zone Awareness Month and April 9-13 as Work Zone Awareness Week.

The N.C. Department of Transportation urges motorists to obey the posted speed limit, avoid distractions, watch for workers, and expect the unexpected in work zones.

Learn How to Keep Yourself & Others Safe in Work Zones

Division 14 Gets New Interchange in New STIP



New data scores are available for more than 2,100 transportation improvement projects in the first round of a process that will determine which projects are funded and scheduled for construction over the next decade.

The evaluation identified 77 high-scoring Statewide Mobility projects that will be funded in the [2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Plan](#).

North Carolinians will be invited to comment about projects during the public comment

period from April 30 through June 8.

The statewide project in Division 14 that is now set for construction is the realignment of the interchange at U.S. 74 and N.C. 108 in Polk County.

More information on specific projects [is available here](#).

You Can Make a Difference



As you clear out closets for spring cleaning, why not put on an orange safety vest and gloves to participate in the department's Adopt-A-Highway Spring Litter Sweep? This year's campaign runs April 14-28.

Burch Named Full-Time Division Engineer

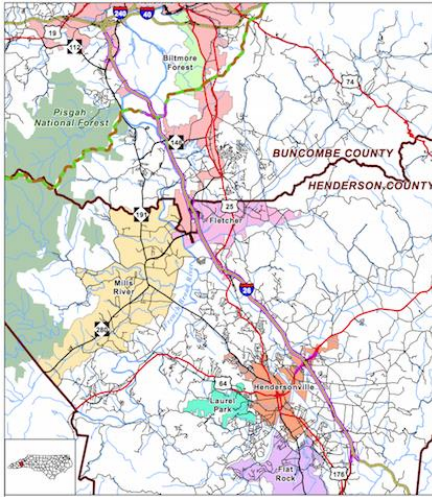


SYLVA — Brian Burch has been hired as Division 14 Engineer in February after more than six months

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as the interim division engineer. Burch will oversee the development, construction and maintenance of roads and highways in North Carolina's 10 westernmost counties.

[Congratulate Burch](#)



Public Meeting Regarding I-26 Widening South of Asheville Coming in April

NCDOT will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to widen I-26 from U.S. 25, south of Hendersonville, to I-40/I-240, south of Asheville. The meeting will be on Monday, April 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Biltmore Baptist Church, at 35 Clayton Road in Arden.

[Learn More About the Project](#)

Crews to Work Under Road, Contractor On Top in Clay County

SYLVA — A Clay County road will go under construction, starting Monday, March 26, prompting periodic closures into the summer.

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