



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation

Division 13

COUNTIES SERVED | Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell,
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Inaugural NC Transportation Summit

Last week, more than 1,000 registered people converged in Raleigh for NCDOT's first-ever [NC Transportation Summit](#), titled, *Moving from Vision to Reality at the Speed of Change*. The summit invited transportation industry leaders from around the world to discuss the future of transportation, economic and environmental challenges, emerging technologies and more.



Companies who are leaders in game-changing technologies discussed their ideas and showcased groundbreaking technologies. The two-day event was an opportunity for NCDOT to begin developing a long-range plan for building and funding the most comprehensive modern transportation system in the nation.

The Draft 2020-29 STIP Is Released



A final draft of the department's transportation plan for 2020-2029 is out. The plan has over 1,600 projects covering the entire state and all modes of transportation.

Division 13 has 16 new projects, including:

- Modernizing North Louisiana from Patton Avenue to Emma Road in Buncombe County with right of way acquisition starting in fiscal year 2025 and construction in 2026;
- Widening N.C. 226 from U.S. 221 to N.C. 226A in McDowell County with right of way acquisition starting in fiscal year 2029;

- Improving the intersection of U.S. 221 with Thunder Road and Coxe Road in Rutherford County with right of way acquisition starting in fiscal year 2024 and construction in 2025.
- Upgrade U.S. 25/70 from Tillery Branch Road to Monticello Road in Madison County with right of way acquisition starting in fiscal year 2029.

[Get the details here](#)



I-40 Project Heads Into Next Phase of Construction

ASHEVILLE — One significant project on Interstate 40 in Burke County is heading into the next phase.

Officials will shift westbound traffic from the existing lanes to a new bridge on I-40 over Berea Church Road on Tuesday night.

[Read more](#)



City, State Study to Generate Scope for Merrimon

ASHEVILLE – The N.C. Department of Transportation and city of Asheville have decided to take additional time for the planning of adjacent intersection projects on U.S. 25/Merrimon Avenue.

NCDOT engineers and city staff officials will initiate a general study to examine the corridor between Interstate 240 and the Beaverdam neighborhood.

[Read more](#)

Airports Give Big Economic Boost to N.C. Economy

North Carolina's publicly owned airports contribute more than \$52 billion to the state's economy and support 307,000 jobs, according to a newly released study by NCDOT's Aviation Division.

[View the study](#)



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