



# NORTH CAROLINA

## Department of Transportation

### Division 14

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

## January 2019 Edition

### 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 14 has 12 new projects, including:

- Modernizing U.S. 276 from U.S. 19 to Interstate 40 in Haywood County by upgrading shoulders and turn lanes to current standards, construction starts in 2024;

- Modernizing U.S. 23/74 from Balsam View Drive to Old Balsam Road in Haywood and Jackson Counties by constructing a climbing lane and upgrading shoulders, construction starts in 2026;
- Improving U.S. 23/441 from West Piney Mountain Road to U.S. 441 Gateway in Jackson County by improving intersections replacing a bridge and upgrading and interchange, construction to start in 2025.

[Get the details here](#)



### **I-40 Traffic Rerouted Near Tennessee State Line**

SYLVA — The N.C. Department of Transportation is re-routing eastbound traffic on Interstate 40 to the Harmon Den exit ramp at mile marker 7 and then immediately back onto the interstate.

[Read more](#)



### **Slice of U.S. 74A Down to One Lane**

GERTON — A short section of U.S. 74A between Gerton and Bat Cave will be reduced to one lane for at least several weeks.

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### **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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