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Division 13

COUNTIES SERVED | Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell,
Mitchell, Rutherford, Yancey

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Back to School Safety



With kids returning to school soon, NCDOT wants to emphasize the importance of safety on the roads for motorists and pedestrians.

Please take a moment to review and share our school safety tips with a child or teen driver you love.

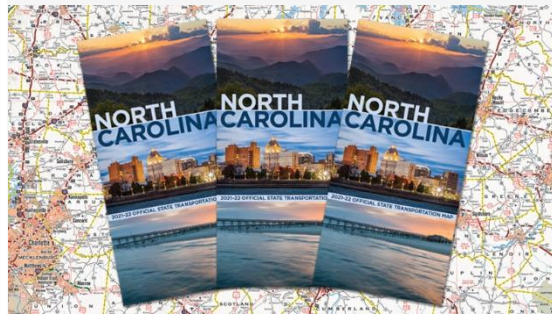
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Join the Fall Litter Sweep

You can now [sign up to join](#) the upcoming Fall Litter Sweep in September.

NCDOT crews, contractors and volunteers have already collected over [8 million pounds of litter](#) this year.



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Want to do Business with NCDOT?

If you own a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise — that is a minority-owned, woman-owned, or small business — NCDOT invites you to an event in September to learn more about how you can do business with us.

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News Near You...

Economic Development Project Cruising Along

Crews from NHM Constructors of Asheville are building a nearly half-mile frontage road connecting Crossroads Parkway and Calvin Edney Road that will link access to Interstate 26 exits 9 and 11, east of the interstate in Madison County.



Most of the grading for the project has been completed. Work on the mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) retaining wall is currently underway. It consists of precast concrete panels that have reinforcing straps that anchors them to the soil behind the wall. Coarse stone is placed between the panels and soil, and drainage is installed behind the panels to allow water to easily pass through. A shoulder closure will remain in place until the new water and sewer lines are installed. Work should be substantially complete by May 21, 2022 on this \$2.4 million project.

The project is expected to attract new business and improve access to the interstate for existing companies. The project is part of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) local access road program.

I-26 Traffic Switches Complete Near Brevard Road

A contractor for NCDOT completed traffic switches on I-26 near Brevard Road on consecutive weekends in July.

Crews first switched the westbound lanes on the night of July 16, and eight days later, crews switched eastbound traffic onto new concrete.

The contractor, Blythe Development, is on track to complete the \$47.4 million project in December. The project includes new lanes for I-26, a new bridge on Brevard Road over the interstate, new ramps to I-26 and new exit ramps from the interstate.

Transportation officials remind drivers to slow down in work zones, drive with caution and obey all posted signs.



Drone Delivery to Ocracoke

NCDOT's Division of Aviation, in partnership with its Ferry Division and Volansi, a U.S. based drone logistics company, used a drone to deliver small payloads between Hatteras and Ocracoke Island.

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Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

In recognition of Vehicle Theft Prevention Month in July, the [N.C. License and Theft Bureau](#) offered tips to help motorists protect property.

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