



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation

Division 13

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

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North Carolina Wins Two National Honors



The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials named the Salem Parkway project the **Grand Prize winner** in the 2021 America's Transportation Awards.

Additionally, the Federal Highway Administration honored NCDOT with the State Transportation Innovation Council's **Excellence Award** for its work to cultivate department-wide innovation.

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News Near You...

Yancey County Employee Earns Prestigious Extra Mile Award

Tropical Storm Fred impacted thousands of lives in Western North Carolina on Aug. 17 and in the following weeks.

Jake Fox and his family were among them.

So were Yancey County residents who regularly use a bridge on N.C. 197 to get to Burnsville. The storm crippled the bridge and forced residents to take an hour-long detour to visit Burnsville.

So Fox and his crew members expedited plans to help a contractor install a temporary bridge to reconnect the community. His extraordinary efforts earned Fox the NCDOT Extra Mile Award, signed by Secretary Eric Boyette and presented by Division Engineer Mark T. Gibbs.

Fox worked 20 consecutive hours on Aug 23, excavating a roadway, building a location to place the temporary bridge and helping a contractor pour 150 yards of concrete, in addition to other tasks.

As his supervisor wrote, "Jacob Fox is a great employee and deserves to be recognized for his performance during the extensive flooding we had last week. He worked long hours during the flooding and had to walk to and from his house because his own bridge had been damaged. He wanted to work to help his community recover."

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Animal Collision Rates Drop

In 2020, there was an 8.5% decrease in animal-related vehicle crashes compared to 2019.

Most of these crashes occur at night between October and December.

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New Record: 11 Million Pounds of Roadside Litter Collected

Thanks to all NCDOT crews, contractors and volunteers [for their help!](#) This surpasses the state's record for litter collection set in 2019.

This is good work, but litter should not be on the road in the first place. Help us reduce the problem by [reporting litterbugs](#).



2022 Aviation Art Contest is Underway

Students ages 6-17 are encouraged to enter their artistic creations centered on a "Design Your Perfect Aircraft" theme.

Top winners will earn cash prizes, have their work featured at the N.C. Museum of Art and be eligible to compete nationally.

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Road Traffic Victims Not Forgotten

Nov. 21 is [World Day of Remembrance](#) for Road Traffic Victims.

Every year, N.C. Vision Zero hosts a memorial exhibit displaying shoes to represent all of the lives lost on North Carolina's roads and raise awareness about preventable crashes.



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