



# NORTH CAROLINA

## Department of Transportation

### Division 14

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

## November 2021 Edition

# 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 Councils **Excellence Award** for its work to cultivate department-wide innovation.

**Got a minute?**  
Help us help you by taking a short survey.



## News Near You...

### Cherokee County Bridges Dedicated to Andrews Leaders

ANDREWS – Charles Wade Brooks laughed at the jokes throughout Friday's bridge dedication ceremony, and he nodded at the kindness when speakers lauded him and his late wife, Judy West. He managed to hold the tears back until the conclusion of a ceremony that dedicated parallel bridges on U.S. 19/74 after himself and his wife.

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## Wildlife Also Benefitting from Upcoming I-40 Bridge Replacement

SYLVA – It's a legitimate question in the Pigeon River Gorge: How do the bear, the deer and the elk get to the other side of the interstate?

The answer will soon be, by walking underneath it.

A contractor for the N.C. Department of Transportation is preparing for significant construction on a project to replace the bridge on Interstate 40 over Harmon Den Road at Exit 7 in Haywood County.

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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**



**2022 Aviation Art Contest is  
Underway**

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](#).

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.



### See What NCDOT is Doing Now in Two Minutes

There's a new NCDOT Now episode every Friday. Keep up to date on transportation news, projects and events.

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