

Tuesday, March 2, 2021
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Agenda – Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – James Diggs – TCC Chair
2. Additions or corrections to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes January 5, 2021

Presentation

4. Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA)– *James Dunlop, NCDOT Congestion Management Engineer*

Discussion Items

5. Letter of Support for US 264 to Interstate Standards (I-587)
6. FY2021-2022 PWP – Planning Work Program (PWP)

Discussion

7. Member Updates
8. TAC Member Ethics Reminder
9. NCDOT Division 4 Guide

Reports

10. US 70 Commission
11. Hwy 17/64 Association
12. Legislative Update
13. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD)
14. NCDOT Division 4
15. NCDOT Planning Division

Other Business

16. TCC Member Comments

Public Comment

17. Public Comment

Dates of future meetings:

May 4, 2021 July 6, 2021 September 7, 2021 Nov. 2, 2021

Attachments:

18. TCC January 5, 2021 Minutes
19. Traffic Impact Analysis Presentation (to be provided after meeting)
20. US 264 to Interstate Standards (I-587) Support Letter
21. FY2021-2022 PWP – Planning Work Program (PWP)
22. TAC Ethic Reminder
23. Division 4 Guide 2021
24. HB 100 – Highway Cleanup Act

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

January 5, 2021

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes – Virtual Meeting

Attendance

TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield
Wendy Oldham, Wilson's Mills
Katina Braswell, Edgecombe
Adam Tyson Nash
Braston Newton, Johnston
James Diggs, Wilson
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
David Beaman, Stantonsburg

UCPRPO

James Salmons

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Carlos Moya, NCDOT TPD
Bobby Liverman, NCDOT Division 4
Gray Keeter, NCDOT Division 4

UCPRPO

Other

David Morton, Peanut Belt RPO
Robert Hiatt, UCPCOG
Neal Davis, JCATS
Erika Zito, Cummins
Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Jordan Reedy, Rocky Mount MPO

Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – James Diggs – TCC Chair*

Mr. Adam Tyson welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.

2. *Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Diggs asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any additions to be made to the agenda. No additions or revisions were made and **UPON A MOTION** by Adam Tyson (Nash), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the minutes for the agenda was approved.

3. *Minutes – November 3, 2020*

After reviewing the Minutes for the November 3, 2020 TCC and **UPON A MOTION** by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), second by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) the minutes for the November 3, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

4. *Member Updates*

Each member provided a brief highlight of activities within each member's jurisdiction.

Discussion

5. *UCPRPO Current TCC and TAC Member List*

Members were provided with the most recent list of UCPRPO TCC and TAC members and asked to provide any corrections or additions needed.

6. *New NCDOT Chief Engineer*

It was reported that Ronnie Keeter has been selected to be NCDOT's new Chief Engineer.

7. *Call for CMAQ Projects*

Members were notified that NCDOT is putting out a call for potential CMAQ projects for the Counties of Edgecombe, Johnston, and Nash. The total allocation amount is \$603,240 and will require a 20% local match. At this time the deadline was tentatively set for January 31, 2021. CMAQ projects may be any project that improves congestion and/or air quality.

8. *NCDOT LET List as of December 17, 2020*

The NCDOT LET list published December 17, 2020 was provided to members which contained the projects tentatively scheduled to be LET in the year of 2020.

9. *Draft FY2021-2022 PWP – Draft Planning Work Program*

The draft FY2122 Planning Work Program (PWP) was provided to members. Members were asked to review the proposed work program and request any modifications or revisions. Members were also

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encouraged to review their CTPs and to let Mr. Salmons know if there were any recommended changes. The next step is submittal to NCDOT TPD for their approval. Once approved by NCDOT the document would be brought back to the TCC for approval in March.

10. *CCX Update*

A brief update was provided on the new CCX terminal. It was reported most construction had been complete however there is a delay due to the inability to get VISAs for the gantry cranes installation crew due to COVID-19. New aerial imagery was provided to show the most recent improvements.

Reports

11. *US 70 Commission*

The US 70 Commission has not met since their October 15, 2020 meeting. It was reported that the US 70 Wilson's Mills project was scheduled to be let in March of 2021.

12. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

The Hwy 17/64 Association meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2021 at 10:00am virtually. In addition, the NC East Alliance has a meeting scheduled for January 14, 2021 in reference to NCDOT providing an update on projects along the I-87 corridor. Anyone interested was encouraged to attend.

13. *Legislative Update*

The House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long-Term Funding Solutions is scheduled to meet Tuesday January 11, 2021 at 1:00pm. It is anticipated that the NC First Commission and the NC Chamber of Commerce will present their final report(s).

The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee (JLOC) met on December 10, 2020.

Reports provided to JLTOC included:

- Financial Update and Spend Plan
- Highway Division Financial Controls
- DMV HQ Move
- NCDOT Build NC Bond
- NCDOT HOT Lanes Enforcement
- NCDOT IMD CARES Funds Update

Key notes from December 2020 JLOC meeting include:

- Need to update adopted Spend Plan due to better than expected revenues. Cash balance is averaging around \$1B.
- Division's Dashboard to help monitor Division spending to prevent overspending again.
- DMV HQ Move; having difficulty filling positions with a 27% vacancy rate while NCDOT's overall vacancy rate is 17%. Currently partnering with multiple agencies including Nash Community, Edgecombe Community and Wilson Community as well as many others.
- NCDOT Build NC Bonds have been sold.
- Committee provided an update on CARES Funds distribution progress.

14. *IMD Update*

There was not update from IMD.

15. *NCDOT Division 4*

Division 4 reported Ronnie Keeter our former Division 4 Engineer is now the State Chief Engineer. It was reported the cash balance was back up and the Department is working on getting things back online slowly.

16. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

TPD asked that if anyone had any questions or concerns to contact Carlos Moya-Astudillo.

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Other Business

17. TCC Member Comments

There were no TCC member comments.

Public Comment

18. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 2:00pm.

UPON A MOTION from Wendy Oldham (Wilson's Mills) to adjourn and a second motion was made by Adam Tyson (Nash) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James Diggs, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ROUTING OF I-587, THE REROUTING OF US 264, AND
REMOVAL OF US 264 ALTERNATE WITHIN THE UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RPO**

WHEREAS, US 264 is a United States highway that is a primary transportation route in the Upper Coastal Plain RPO; and

WHEREAS, US 264 is currently routed on Future I-587; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT is requesting AASHTO to allow I-587 to be signed along the current routing of US 264 between the I-95 interchange in Wilson County and the NC 11 Bypass interchange in Pitt County; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT recommends relocating the routing of US 264 onto the current routing of US 264 Alternate between the eastern US 264 Alternate interchange in Wilson County the NC 11 Bypass interchange in Pitt County along; and

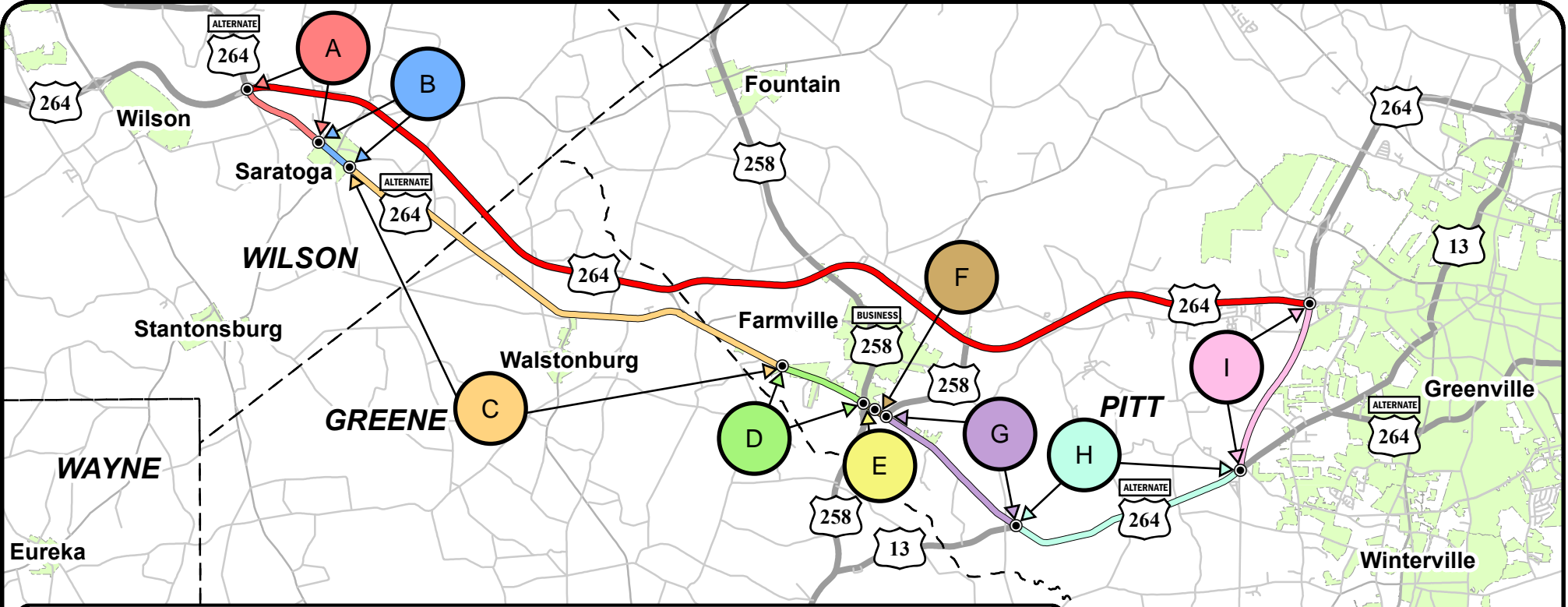
WHEREAS, the NCDOT recommends relocating the routing of US 264 onto the current routing of NC 11 Bypass between the US 264 Alternate interchange and the US 264 interchange in Pitt County; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT recommends the elimination of US 264 Alternate between the eastern US 264 interchange in Wilson County and the NC 11 Bypass interchange in Pitt County.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Upper Coastal Plain RPO approves the designation of I-587, rerouting of US 264, and removal of the US 264 Alternate designation within its boundaries.

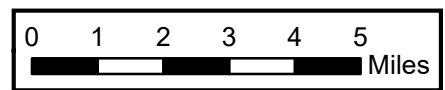
Lu Harvey Lewis, TAC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO



US 264 Relocation/US 264 Alt Elimination (Approx. Distance = 26.43 miles)

- Segment A (from US 264 to Saratoga Municipal Boundary, length = 1.75 miles)
- Segment B (from Saratoga Municipal Boundary to Saratoga Municipal Boundary, length = 0.78 miles)
- Segment C (from Saratoga Municipal Boundary to Farmville Municipal Boundary, length = 9.71 miles)
- Segment D (from Farmville Municipal Boundary to US 258/US 258 Business, length = 1.70 miles)
- Segment E (from US 258/US 258 Business to Farmville Municipal Boundary, length = 0.20 miles)
- Segment F (from Farmville Municipal Boundary to US 258/US 258 Business, length = 0.27 miles)
- Segment G (from US 258/US 258 Business to US 13, length = 3.66 miles)
- Segment H (from US 13 to NC 11 Bypass, length = 4.84 miles)
- Segment I (from NC 11 Bypass to US 264, length = 3.52 miles)
- Existing US 264 (Proposed I-587, length = 22.92 miles)
- Municipal Boundary
- County Boundary



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February 5, 2021

James M. Salmons, PLS
Upper Coastal Plain RPO
120 W. Washington St., Suite 2110
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Dear Mr. Salmons,

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Saratoga and myself reviewed the documents relating to relocating the routing of US 264 onto the current routing of US 264 Alternate between the eastern US 264 Alternate interchange in Wilson County and the NC 11 Bypass interchange in Pitt County. The Saratoga Board of Commissioners and myself support the elimination of US 264 Alternate between the eastern US 264 interchange in Wilson County and the NC 11 Bypass interchange in Pitt County and the rerouting of US 264 in these areas when the Future I-587 is finalized.

Sincerely,



Charles Thomas Hawkins
Mayor

FY 2021-2022
PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
ANNUAL PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES TABLE
Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization

TASK CODE	WORK CATEGORY	RPO PROGRAM FUNDS		
		LOCAL 20%	STATE 80%	TOTAL
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT				
I-1	DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT	\$ 1,600	\$ 6,400	\$ 8,000
I-1.1	Highway			
I-1.2	Other Modes			
I-1.3	Socioeconomic			
I-1.4	Title VI			
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING				
II-1	COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN	\$ 800	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,000
II-1.1	Develop CTP Vision			
II-1.2	Conduct CTP Needs Assessment			
II-1.3	Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening			
II-1.4	Develop Final Plan			
II-1.5	Adopt Plan			
II-2	PRIORITIZATION	\$ 4,400	\$ 17,600	\$ 22,000
II-2.1	Project Prioritization			
II-3	PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	\$ 600	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,000
II-3.1	STIP Participation			
II-3.2	Merger / Project Development			
II-4	GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 5,340	\$ 21,360	\$ 26,700
II-4.1	Regional and Statewide Planning			
II-4.2	Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings			
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES				
III-1	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES	\$ 4,400	\$ 17,600	\$ 22,000
III-1.1	Administrative Documents			
III-1.2	TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance			
III-1.3	Program Administration			
IV. DIRECT COSTS				
IV-1	PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES	\$ 7,636	\$ 30,543	\$ 38,179
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs			
IV-2	ADVERTISING	\$ 80	\$ 320	\$ 400
IV-2.1	News Media Ads			
IV-3	LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS	\$ 400	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,000
IV-3.1	Hotel Costs			
IV-3.2	Meal Costs			
IV-3.3	Incidentals			
IV-4	POSTAGE	\$ 30	\$ 120	\$ 150
IV-4.1	Mailings			
IV-5	REGISTRATION / TRAINING	\$ 300	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500
IV-5.1	Conference Registration			
IV-5.2	Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees			
IV-6	TRAVEL	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000
IV-6.1	Mileage Reimbursement			
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs			
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses			
V. INDIRECT COSTS				
V-1	INDIRECT COSTS APPROVED BY COGNIZA	\$ 1,424	\$ 5,695	\$ 7,119
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs			
TOTAL		\$ 28,010	\$ 112,038	\$ 140,048

Approved by the TAC on: _____20__

Signature, TAC Chairman

Signature, RPO Secretary

FY 2021-2022
PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
Narrative
Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization

I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT

I-1 DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT \$ 8,000.00

- I-1.1 Highway**
Collect centerline data from member Counties to maintain up to date data inventory. Maintain UCPRPO GIS Data Warehouse. Provide traffic counts upon request.
- I-1.2 Other Modes**
Collection and mapping of non-highway data, etc.
- I-1.3 Socioeconomic**
Update Socioeconomic and demographic data for all member counties. Data may include commuting, travel preference, future land use, zoning, employment, etc.
- I-1.4 Title VI**
Affirm RPO compliance with Title VI and develop Title VI plan.

II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

II-1 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT \$ 4,000.00

- II-1.1 Develop CTP Vision**
Meet with members to review current CTP. Completion of Community Understanding Reports and aid in providing public engagement; etc. Upon need for CTP update, work with community member and NCDOT to develop CTPs.
- II-1.2 Conduct CTP Needs Assessment**
UCPRPO Draft UCPRPO PWP Expense Report FY2021_020420.xlsx
- II-1.3 Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening**
Review and analyze project and program alternatives against community vision/goals/objectives, natural and human environmental constraints, fiscal reality, funding and maintenance concerns, etc.
- II-1.4 Develop Final Plan**
Review final graphic, written, and mapping products produced in potential CTP updates.
- II-1.5 Adopt Plan**
Aid in adoption of potential CTP updates.

II-2 PRIORITIZATION \$ 22,000.00

- II-2.1 Project Prioritization**
Perform duties and responsibilities related to STI and other local prioritization activities (i.e. CMAQ) Prepare and present to TCC/TAC spreadsheet of Committed, Carryover, Holding Tank and Deleted projects. Update and maintain interactive online STI Project map. Hold meeting in each county to solicit new projects. Obtain TCC/TAC approval of projects. Gather data for highway projects and enter highway and non-highway projects into SPOT Online. Discuss Alternative Criteria rates with other RPO/MPOs and Divisions. Attend SPOT training. Update Local Input Methodology. Carryout steps of Methodology. Post information on website as required by Methodology.

II-3 PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT \$ 3,000.00

- II-3.1 STIP Participation**
Review status of projects in STIP, report to TCC/TAC and perform other duties related to reviewing and comments on STIP additions, modifications, deletions, and drafts.
- II-3.2 Merger / Project Development**
Attend and participate in MERGER meetings as required. Attend officials and public meetings.

II-4 GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING \$ 26,700.00

- II-4.1 Regional and Statewide Planning**
Attend NCARPO quarterly meetings and MPO conference. Attend Highway US 70 Commission meetings. Attend Hwy 17/64 Association meetings. Stay up to date on Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee meetings and report to Executive Committee and TCC/TAC. Attend and participate in Eastern North Carolina Freight Study. Attend other transportation planning i.e. Rocky Mount TCC meetings, Tar River Transit TAB, JCATS TAB, East Coast Greenway, Mountains to Sea Trail, Regional Commuter Rail Studies, etc.
- II-4.2 Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings**
Participate in Statewide Committees i.e. NC-TIC, etc. Attend various training events i.e. RPO Training, NC GIS Conference, NCAMPO, NCDOT PTD Training, ATLAS Training, Transportation Summit, Ongoing Feasibility Studies, etc. Provide planning services to Pinetops for pedestrian plan. Special Studies: Coordinate/manage potential SPR Funded projects i.e. (MST) Neuse River Greenway Feasibility Study between Clayton and Smithfield; Study intersection at Raleigh Rd Pkwy W and Ward Blvd in Wilson. Continue pursuing feasibility study for Howard Ave/rail yard/I-95 in Selma. Participate in local transportation or other planning initiatives related to transportation as requested by member communities.

III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES

III-1 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES \$ 22,000.00

- III-1.1 Administrative Documents**
Prepare, obtain approval, and submit PWP, and needed amendments. Prepare and submit Quarterly Reports and Final Yearly Narrative. Update MOU, LPA, Bylaws, or PIP as needed.
- III-1.2 TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance**
Prepare minutes, agendas, materials, speakers, etc. for and hold TCC and TAC meetings. Inform TAC of Ethics information and deadlines. Assist TAC members with Ethics forms. Maintain membership rosters and meeting schedules.
- III-1.3 Program Administration**
Providing transportation information and data. Contact NCDOT staff concerning questions from, officials, citizens and TAC /TCC members. Phone calls, emails, and general program administration, etc.

IV. DIRECT COSTS		
IV-1 PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES		\$ 38,179.00
IV-1.1 Program-wide Direct Costs	Regular or direct costs for operation of the RPO program. i.e. printing, dues and subscriptions, equipment, supplies, and professional services. Mountains to Sea Trail (MST) Neuse River Greenway Feasibility Study between Clayton and Smithfield	
IV-2 ADVERTISING		\$ 400.00
IV-2.1 News Media Ads	Advertising costs for Public Hearings, workshops, meetings etc.	
IV-3 LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS		\$ 2,000.00
IV-3.1 Hotel Costs	Costs for overnight stays at NCARPO quarterly meetings, NCAMPO Conference and NADO Rural Transportation Conference etc.	
IV-3.2 Meal Costs	Meal Costs while on overnight or extended travel	
IV-3.3 Incidentals	Hotel parking, tips for over night travel	
IV-4 POSTAGE		\$ 150.00
IV-4.1 Mailings	Costs for mailing RPO projects (surveys, notices, etc.)	
IV-5 REGISTRATION / TRAINING		\$ 1,500.00
IV-5.1 Conference Registration	Registration fees for NCAMPO Conference, NC Transportation Summit, etc., and other pertinent planning conferences.	
IV-5.2 Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees	Various training classes and events approved by NCDOT TPD. i.e. NC GIS Conference, NC URISA Conference, GIS classes	
IV-6 TRAVEL		\$ 5,000.00
IV-6.1 Mileage Reimbursement	Reimbursement for total miles traveled	
IV-6.2 Car Rental Costs	Car Rental Costs	
IV-6.3 Other Travel Expenses	Parking fee, other	
V. INDIRECT COSTS		
V-1 INDIRECT COSTS APPROVED BY COGNIZANT AGENCY FY 18-19		\$ 7,119.00
V-1.1 Incurred Indirect Costs	Indirect costs incurred for the RPO Program charged by Nash County.	
TOTAL		\$ 140,048.00

**Upper Coastal Plain RPO
Draft Cost Share FY 2021-2022**

NCDOT Share	\$ 112,038.40
Local Share	\$ 28,009.60
Total	\$ 140,048.00

	2019		
	Population*	% of Total	20% Cost Share
Edgecombe	52394	0.12	\$ 3,356.05
Johnston	206016	0.47	\$ 13,196.18
Nash	96089	0.22	\$ 6,154.90
Wilson	82781	0.19	\$ 5,302.47
Total	437280	1.00	\$ 28,009.60

*North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management Most Current Provisional Certified 2019 Estimates

MPO and RPO TAC MEMBERS 2021 SEI AND RED FILING REMINDERS:

Remember TAC Members need to sign and file **two** forms:

1. the Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) and
2. the Real Estate Disclosure form (RED).

Electronic Filing

We strongly urge filers to file electronically. Electronic filing is quick and easy. The direct link to **Electronic Filing** is:

<https://ef.ncsbe.gov/>

IMPORTANT: Our Executive Board is the Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization (UCPRPO) TAC Member

Members and alternates are not being required to file because they are a local or government official. The reason for filing is your voting privilege on the Executive Board. **You must choose a TAC Board under Boards/Commissions in REASON FOR FILING section in order to generate the RED question and form. You will have to refile if you do not choose a TAC.**

Manual Filing

KEEP IN MIND that manual forms get lost in the mail, or can take weeks to arrive. We have a delay in processing them on our end due to state government COVID requirements.

However, if you need to submit manually, use this link:

[MPO/RPO TAC Filers | Ethics Commission \(nc.gov\)](https://ethics.nc.gov/seis/electronic-filing)

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New this year:

1. SEI / RED manual forms download

This year the manual forms are one download as we have merged the RED form onto the back of the SEI so MPO/RPO filers do not have to click two different download buttons: When they choose either the Long Form or the No Change Form, the RED form will print out automatically as part of the “package”. We hope this change will result in fewer missed RED filings.

2. Ethics Commission move

In addition to our continued remote working situation, the Ethics Commission staff is in the process of moving. We will be moving back to the Capehart-Crocker House that we occupied prior to our merger with the Elections Board. When the move to the new physical location is complete, we will be switched over to new email addresses, and will no longer have NC State Board of Elections email extenders. We have been told that our telephone numbers will remain the same.

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DIVISION 4 EMPLOYEES

As of October 2020

466

Permanent

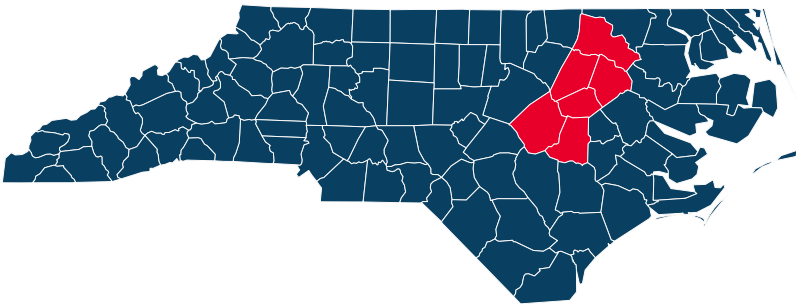
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Temporary

469

Total

DIVISION 4 COUNTIES



**EDGECOMBE
HALIFAX
JOHNSTON**

**NASH
WAYNE
WILSON**

ROAD MILES

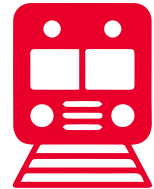
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LANE MILES

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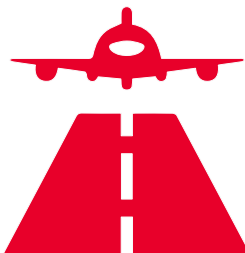


**PASSENGER
RAIL STATIONS**



Rocky Mount
Selma
Wilson

AIRPORTS



Johnston Regional
Wayne Executive Jetport
Mount Olive Municipal
Rocky Mount-Wilson Regional
Halifax-Northampton Regional, Roanoke Rapids
Tarboro-Edgecombe

Our Work

in Division 4

MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2020

WESLEYAN BOULEVARD WIDENING (NASH COUNTY)

- ⇒ Widened the U.S. 301 Bypass (Wesleyan Boulevard) in Rocky Mount with an additional lane in each direction for a two-mile stretch
- ⇒ Also constructed a raised median and replaced the Sunset Avenue bridge over the boulevard as part of overall project, which began in 2017
- ⇒ Construction contract: \$28 million

WARD BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS (WILSON COUNTY)

- ⇒ Upgraded a section of U.S. 301 with a raised median, crosswalks, sidewalks, concrete curb and gutters, and more turn lanes
- ⇒ Included \$2 million from the city of Wilson and a \$10 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program grant; NCDOT chipped in \$6 million

U.S. 117 INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION (WAYNE COUNTY)

- ⇒ Constructed U.S. 117 interchange at Country Club Road to improve mobility and safety
- ⇒ This project was combined with the construction of the O'Berry Road interchange at U.S. 117 that opened in 2018
- ⇒ Total \$21.6 million construction contract

I-40 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION (JOHNSTON COUNTY)

- ⇒ 16-mile concrete segment of I-40 in Johnston County was smoothed out in a resurfacing process known as diamond grinding
- ⇒ Project began in 2017

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN 2021

WIDEN N.C. 125 AND EXTEND PREMIER BOULEVARD (HALIFAX COUNTY)

- ⇒ \$24.5 million contract to widen 1.3 miles of N.C. 125 in Roanoke Rapids and extend Premier Boulevard southward, parallel to I-95
- ⇒ Realigns intersections near I-95 interchange with N.C. 125 and adds a traffic signal
- ⇒ Completion by Spring 2022

N.C. 42 WIDENING (JOHNSTON COUNTY)

- ⇒ \$58.7 million contract to widen a congested 4.6-mile stretch of N.C. 42 east of Clayton, four lanes and a raised median, with completion by Fall 2022
- ⇒ Some intersections will be improved and get traffic signals, and a new bridge will be built over the Neuse River

EASTERN AVENUE & SUNSET AVENUE (NASH COUNTY)

- ⇒ Construction starts in 2021 on widening Eastern Avenue between Red Oak and North Old Carriage roads into four lanes with a raised median
- ⇒ Also convert Sunset Avenue bridge over I-95 into an interchange
- ⇒ \$60.5 million design-build contract awarded in 2019
- ⇒ Completion by 2024

Our Work

in Division 4



STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) CONTRACTS AWARDED DURING STATE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 (FY 2020)

11
Projects

\$88,740,344
Value

RESURFACING PROJECTS FY 2020

Primary routes: **150 lane miles**
Cost: **\$12,787,924**

Secondary roads: **287 lane miles**
Cost: **\$13,562,049**

Total: **437 lane miles**
Total cost: **\$26,349,973**

MAINTENANCE SPENDING FY 2020:
\$47.32 million

BRIDGES FY 2020

Inspected: **705**
Rehabilitated: **19**
Replaced: **10**

DRIVEWAY PERMITS ISSUED FY 2020: 292

SUBDIVISION PLANS REVIEWED FY 2020: 72

PROJECT-RELATED PUBLIC MEETINGS FY 2020: 0

LITTER CLEANUP FY 2020

Roadside litter picked up (pounds) *: **352,365**
State cost: **\$670,655**

**Combines Contract Litter Removal, NCDOT Forces, Adopt-A-Highway, Sponsor-A-Highway and other volunteers*

WEATHER-RELATED PREPARATION AND CLEANUP FY 2020

Winter weather operations
Brine: **415,575 gallons**
Salt: **1,097 tons**

Infrastructure

Health and Safety

DIVISION 4 INFRASTRUCTURE HEALTH



BRIDGE HEALTH INDEX

(Percent in good condition as of July 2020):

Interstate: **94.7**

Primary: **85.8**

Secondary: **77**

Total: **82.5**

STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES

(Percent as of July 2020):

Interstate: **2.9**

Primary: **2.4**

Secondary: **3.1**

Total: **5.8**

PAVEMENT CONDITION RATINGS

(Percent of pavement miles ranked good as of December 2019):

Interstate: **84.2**

Primary: **69**

Secondary: **77.9**

Total: **75.7**

DIVISION 4 HIGHWAY SAFETY RATES FY 2020



TRAVEL VOLUME (IN 100 MVMT*)

5-Year Avg.**: **74.4**

FY 20: **71.3**

TOTAL CRASHES

5-Year Avg.: **16,850**

FY 20: **17,396**

CRASH RATE (PER 100 MVMT)

5-Year Avg.: **226.5**

FY 20: **243.9**

TOTAL FATALITIES

5-Year Avg.: **116**

FY 20: **132**

FATALITY RATE (PER 100 MVMT)

5-Year Avg.: **1.9**

FY 20: **1.5**

TOTAL INJURIES

5-Year Avg.: **7,565**

FY 20: **7,177**

INJURY RATE (PER 100 MVMT)

5-Year Avg.: **101.7**

FY 20: **100.6**

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES FY 2020

Bicycle: **1**

Pedestrian: **8**

*100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel (MVMT)

** 5-year average for fiscal years 2015-2019

The Coming Decade

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) lays out the N.C. Department of Transportation's plan for transportation projects during the next 10 years. The STIP is updated approximately every two years. The 2020-2029 STIP includes **157** projects in Division 4. Among the improvements planned are:

- ⇒ In Halifax County, resurface Interstate 95 between mile markers 160 and 167. Contract is scheduled to be awarded in Fall 2021.
- ⇒ In Nash County, widen North Old Carriage Road near U.S. 64 into four lanes with a raised median. A contract is scheduled to be awarded in early 2022.
- ⇒ In Johnston County, upgrade U.S. 70 from U.S. 70 Business to Neuse River Bridge into a freeway with interchanges at Swift Creek Road and Wilson's Mills Road for about \$86 million total project cost. with a March 2021 contract letting.
- ⇒ In Johnston County, extend N.C. 42 to Ranch Road, creating another way for drivers to access the U.S. 70 Bypass. About \$8 million project cost. Construction scheduled to start in 2022.
- ⇒ In Wayne County, realign the intersection of North Berkeley Boulevard at Central Heights in Goldsboro and build a new signalized intersection with Central Heights Road and Fallin Boulevard/Oak Forest Road. Award contract in Fall 2022. \$18 million project cost.

2020-2029 STIP PROJECTS FOR DIVISION 4



Aviation projects: 8
Total value: \$12,306,000



Interstate Maintenance projects: 17
Total value: \$81,234,000



Bicycle and Pedestrian projects: 11
Total value: \$16,098,000



Public Transit projects: 22
Total value: \$31,204,090



Bridge projects: 15
Total value: \$111,034,000



Rail projects: 3
Total value: \$50,550,000



Air Quality projects: 5
Total value: \$2,394,580



Safety projects: 9
Total value: \$79,350,000



Highway projects: 67
Total value: \$965,158,480



ALL PROJECTS: 157
Total value: \$1,349,329,150

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Halifax County Maintenance

14134 N.C. 903, Halifax | 252-583-4240

Johnston County Maintenance

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Nash County Maintenance

3013 U.S. 64 Alternate, Nashville | 252-462-2560

Wayne County Maintenance

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Division of Motor Vehicles

in Division 4 Counties

607,550

Vehicle registrations
as of July 2020

426,779

Drivers licensed as
of July 2020

- Driver License Office
- License Plate Agency

Edgecombe County

Driver License Office

125 E. Granville St.
Tarboro
252-823-0242

License Plate Agency

Edgecombe County
Administration Building
Saint Andrew St.
Tarboro
252-641-6684

Halifax County

Driver License Offices

26 Three Bridges Road
Roanoke Rapids
252-536-4046

**Mobile Unit at the Senior Center
(limited schedule)

1403 Church St.
Scotland Neck
919-715-7000

License Plate Agency

Plaza Shopping Center
1720 Julian R. Allsbrook Highway
Roanoke Rapids
252-537-6357

Johnston County

Driver License Offices

Shotwell Station
1665 Old U.S. 70 Highway West
Clayton
919-550-2425

3783 U.S. 301 South

Smithfield
919-934-3187

License Plate Agency

3175-A U.S. Highway 301 South
Smithfield
919-934-8707

Nash County

Driver License Office

2617 N. Wesleyan Blvd.
Rocky Mount
252-442-8905

License Plate Agencies

Cross Roads Plaza Shopping Center
1850 Stone Rose Drive
Rocky Mount
252-443-7900

123 S. Ash St.
Spring Hope
252-231-2073

Wayne County

Driver License Offices

701 W. Grantham St.
Goldsboro
919-731-7963

Old Steele Library Building
110 N. Chestnut St.
Mount Olive
919-658-3942

License Plate Agency

Wayne Plaza
1801 E. Ash St.
Goldsboro
919-734-0881

225 N. Center St.
Mount Olive
919-658-9921

Wilson County

Driver License Office

1822 Goldsboro St. SW
Wilson
252-243-4072

License Plate Agency

Toisnot Village
4000 Ward Blvd, Suite D
Wilson
252-291-8955

***Service at this location is closed indefinitely due to COVID-19.*

Local Public Transportation

in Division 4

Local and regional transit systems provide public transportation service for residents of all 100 North Carolina counties. The NCDOT Public Transportation Division manages federal and state public transportation grant programs and supports transit agencies with planning, training and technical assistance.

Edgecombe County

Tar River Transit
tarrivertransit.org | 252-972-1174

Halifax County

Choanoke Public Transportation Authority
choanokepta.org | 252-539-2022, ext. 222

Johnston County

Johnston County Area Transit System
cssjohnston.org | 919-202-5030

Nash County

Tar River Transit (Rocky Mount)
tarrivertransit.org | 252-972-1174

Wayne County

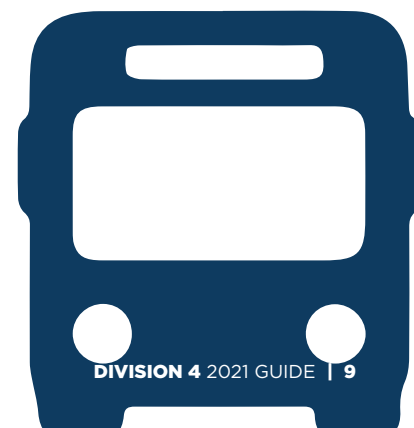
Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority
ridegwta.com | 919-736-1374

Wilson County

Wilson Transit System
wilsonnc.org | 252-595-5357

Wilson County Transportation Services

wilson-co.com/departments/transportation | 252-399-2817



Rural and Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Division 4

Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are North Carolina's local transportation planning agencies. They develop transportation projects for their communities and help NCDOT decide which projects will receive public funding.

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GOLDSBORO MPO

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PEANUT BELT RPO

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ROCKY MOUNT MPO

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rockymountnc.gov/departments_services/public_works/engineering/transportation_planning/mpo
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Headlines

Division 4



MELVIN MITCHELL

For the first time in more than a dozen years, Division 4 has a new representative on the N.C. Board of Transportation. Rocky Mount insurance agent Melvin M. Mitchell joined the board in August after the governor appointed him. The previous representative, Gus Tulloss, decided to retire from service on the board. Mitchell is the president of Melvin M. Mitchell Agency Inc., which is affiliated with Allstate Insurance Co. He also serves on the Board of Commissioners for Nash UNC Health Care in Rocky Mount.

WESLEYAN BOULEVARD

In Fall 2020, an NCDOT contractor completed a major upgrade to a two-mile stretch of a commercially congested Wesleyan Boulevard (U.S. 301 Bypass) in Rocky Mount. The project included adding a travel lane in each direction, constructing a raised median and replacing the Sunset Avenue bridge. The construction cost about \$31 million.



SUMMER 2020 STORMS

Separate storms caused several road closures across parts of the division, prompting NCDOT crews to put up “road closed” or “high water” signs for safety. A June storm resulted in about 18 closures across Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson and Wayne counties. The storm caused minimal damage and three crossline pipe replacements. A flash flood on Aug. 31 damaged more than 60 sites in Johnston County, causing enough damage to require a dozen roads to close until permanent repairs could be made.

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1 S. Wilmington St.
1501 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1501
1-877-DOT-4YOU (1-877-368-4968)
ncdot.gov

N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles: 919-715-7000

Real-time traffic information: DriveNC.gov or dial 511

NCDOT AND DIVISION 4 SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

FACEBOOK

@NCDOT

TWITTER

@NCDOT

@NCDOT_TRIANGLE

@NCDOT_NCOAST

@NCDOT_SCOAST

INSTAGRAM

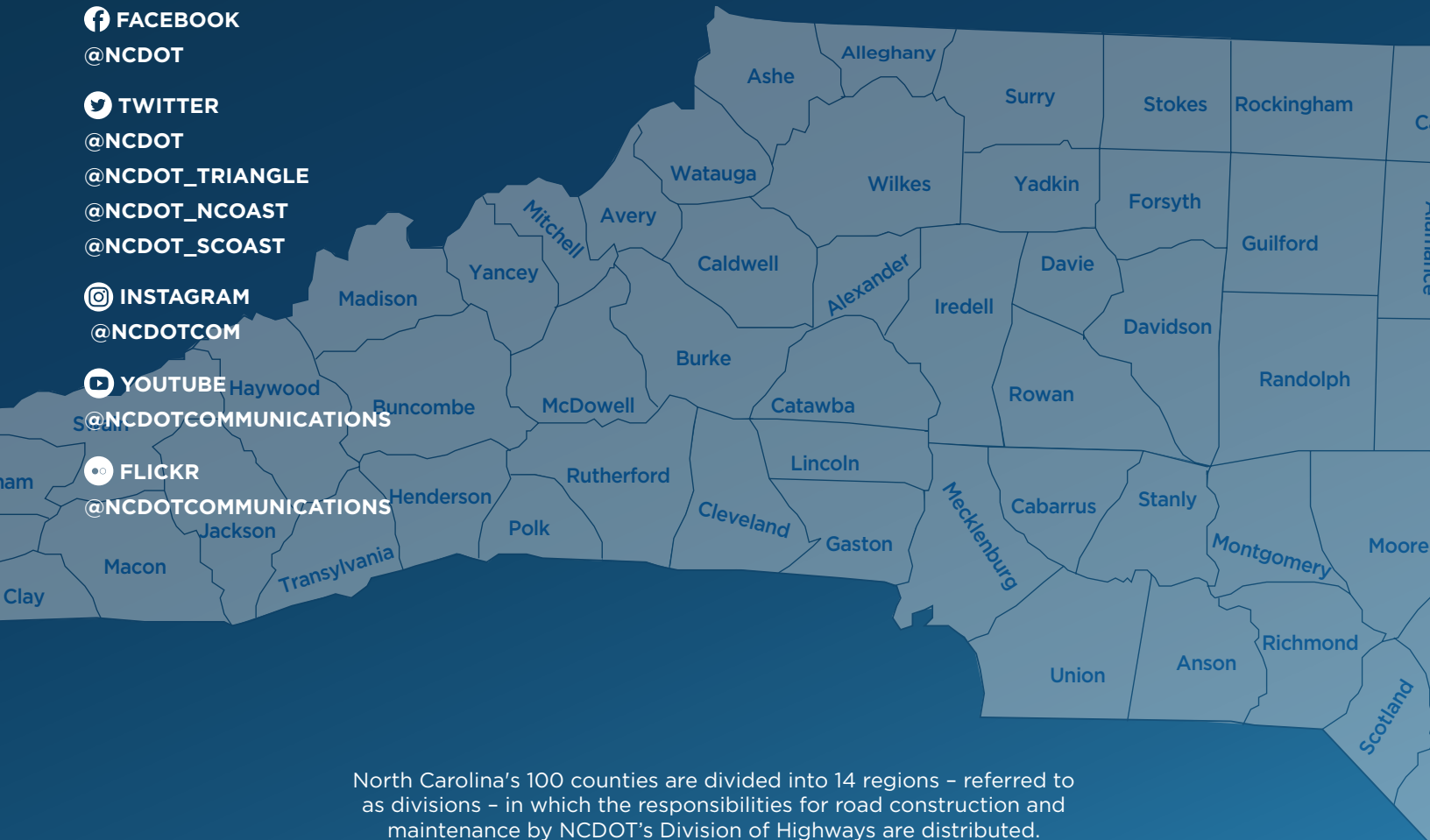
@NCDOTCOM

YOUTUBE

@NCDOTCOMMUNICATIONS

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North Carolina's 100 counties are divided into 14 regions - referred to as divisions - in which the responsibilities for road construction and maintenance by NCDOT's Division of Highways are distributed.

Some information in this Division Guide may have changed since publication (Jan. 2021). For the latest news and information, visit ncdot.gov.

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Roy Cooper, Governor

J. Eric Boyette, Secretary

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 100

Short Title: Highway Cleanup Act of 2021. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bell, B. Jones, Miller, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 19, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENACT THE HIGHWAY CLEANUP ACT OF 2021.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Title of Act. – This act shall be known as "The Highway Cleanup Act of 2021."

SECTION 2. Increase Penalties for Littering. – G.S. 14-399 reads as rewritten:
"§ 14-399. Littering.

...

(c) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section in an amount not exceeding 15 pounds and not for commercial purposes is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)~~ five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the first offense. In addition, the court may require the violator to perform community service of not less than eight hours nor more than 24 hours. The community service required shall be to pick up litter if feasible, and if not feasible, to perform other labor commensurate with the offense committed. Any second or subsequent violation of subsection (a) of this section in an amount not exceeding 15 pounds and not for commercial purposes within three years after the date of a prior violation is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000). In addition, the court may require the violator to perform community service of not less than 16 hours nor more than 50 hours. The community service required shall be to pick up litter if feasible, and if not feasible, to perform other labor commensurate with the offense committed.

(c1) Any person who violates subsection (a1) of this section in an amount not exceeding 15 pounds is guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ two hundred dollars (\$200.00). In addition, the court may require the violator to perform community service of not less than four hours nor more than 12 hours. The community service required shall be to pick up litter if feasible, and if not feasible, to perform other labor commensurate with the offense committed. Any second or subsequent violation of subsection (a1) of this section in an amount not exceeding 15 pounds within three years after the date of a prior violation is an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~ four hundred dollars (\$400.00). In addition, the court may require the violator to perform community service of not less than eight hours nor more than 24 hours. The community service required shall be to pick up litter if feasible, and if not feasible, to perform other labor



1 commensurate with the offense committed. For purposes of this subsection, the term "litter" shall
2 not include nontoxic and biodegradable agricultural or garden products or supplies, including
3 mulch, tree bark, and wood chips.

4 (d) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section in an amount exceeding 15
5 pounds but not exceeding 500 pounds and not for commercial purposes is guilty of a Class 3
6 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than ~~five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than~~
7 ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000). one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than four thousand dollars~~
8 (\$4,000). In addition, the court shall require the violator to perform community service of not
9 less than 24 hours nor more than 100 hours. The community service required shall be to pick up
10 litter if feasible, and if not feasible, to perform other community service commensurate with the
11 offense committed.

12 (d1) Any person who violates subsection (a1) of this section in an amount exceeding 15
13 pounds but not exceeding 500 pounds is guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of not more
14 than ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00). four hundred dollars (\$400.00)~~. In addition, the court may
15 require the violator to perform community service of not less than eight hours nor more than 24
16 hours. The community service required shall be to pick up litter if feasible, and if not feasible, to
17 perform other labor commensurate with the offense committed.

18 ...

19 (e1) Any person who violates subsection (a1) of this section in an amount exceeding 500
20 pounds is guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than ~~three hundred dollars~~
21 ~~(\$300.00). six hundred dollars (\$600.00)~~. In addition, the court may require the violator to
22 perform community service of not less than 16 hours nor more than 50 hours. The community
23 service required shall be to pick up litter if feasible, and if not feasible, to perform other labor
24 commensurate with the offense committed.

25 ...

26 (h) If a person sustains damages arising out of a violation of subsection (a) of this section
27 that is punishable as a felony, a court, in a civil action for the damages, shall order the person to
28 pay the injured party threefold the actual damages or ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00), four hundred~~
29 dollars (\$400.00) whichever amount is greater. In addition, the court shall order the person to pay
30 the injured party's court costs and attorney's fees.

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32 **SECTION 2.** Establish "Cops Clean NC" Grant Program for Rural Counties. – Of
33 the funds appropriated in S.L. 2020-91 from the Highway Fund to the Department of
34 Transportation for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Department of Transportation shall use five
35 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to establish the "Cops Clean NC" grant program. The
36 Department shall award grant funds to sheriffs' offices located in rural counties to provide
37 officers overtime pay for litter cleanup efforts. The maximum grant amount for an eligible county
38 shall be no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The Department shall provide participating
39 sheriffs' offices education materials containing information on the penalties of littering and other
40 relevant information to encourage the public to keep North Carolina roads clean. These materials
41 shall be distributed to first-time offenders. For purposes of this section, the term "rural county"
42 means a county with a population of less than 150,000.

43 **SECTION 3.** Raise Awareness of Anti-Litter Programs. – Of the funds appropriated
44 in S.L. 2020-91 from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation for the 2020-2021
45 fiscal year, the Department of Transportation shall use five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
46 to raise awareness and program participation, through marketing and advertising, in the following
47 anti-litter programs:

- 48 (1) Adopt-A-Highway
- 49 (2) Litter Sweep
- 50 (3) Sponsor-A-Highway
- 51 (4) Swat-A-Litter Bug

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(5) Cops Clean NC

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SECTION 4. Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.