

## Gaston County gets \$2.9 million contract for road resurfacing projects

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RALEIGH — Gov. Bev Perdue announced that 34 contracts totaling more than \$107 million have been awarded for highway and bridge projects across North Carolina, including 13 projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The contracts were awarded by the N.C. Department of Transportation to the lowest bidders, as required by state law.

Gaston County projects include milling, resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction along 15.6 miles of roads. The \$2.9 million contract was awarded to Blythe Construction Inc. of Charlotte. The project can begin as early as March 15 and is scheduled to finish by Aug. 16.

### **The project includes work along:**

2.9 miles of U.S. 321 from Stagecoach Road (State Road 1136) to Robinson Road (S.R. 2416) and 0.4 miles of U.S. 321 from E. 7th Street (S.R. 2466) to 3rd Avenue;

- 1.8 miles of U.S. 321 Business from Ike Lynch Road (S.R. 1607) to Miles Road (S.R. 1605);
- 1.4 miles of Union Road (N.C. 274) from Niblick Drive to Rivermont Drive;
- 0.9 miles of N.C. 16 Business from south of Drew Road to the Lincoln County Line;
- 0.8 miles of New Hope Road (N.C. 279) from Ozark Avenue to Interstate 85; and
- Seven sections of secondary roads totaling 7.4 miles.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, every \$1 million spent on transportation creates 30 jobs, and according to the construction industry, every dollar invested in transportation generates \$6 in economic impact.

The bids received on all 34 projects in the state advertised came in 15 percent, or about \$19 million, below NCDOT estimates.

Cleveland County is to receive \$3.4 million for milling, resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction of 6.6 miles of Fallston Road (N.C. 18) from north of Stroup Road to the Lincoln County line; 6.7 miles of Polkville Road (N.C. 226) from N.C. 182 to Horne Road; and 12 sections of secondary roads totaling 14 miles. The \$3.4 million contract was awarded to Asphalt Paving of Shelby.

Lincoln County will receive \$3 million for resurfacing projects including: 3.6 miles of N.C. 182 from N.C. 274 to Shoal Road (State Road 1002) in Johnstown; 3.5 miles of N.C. 73 in two separate sections from Cross Center Road (S.R. 2040) to the Mecklenburg County line and from N.C. 27 to Link Drive (S.R. 1816); 2.9 miles of N.C. 16 from Unity Church Road (S.R. 1439) north to Webbs Road (S.R. 1379); and 17 sections of secondary roads totaling 15.7 miles.