



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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J. ERIC BOYETTE  
SECRETARY

March 5, 2020

Mayor Brenda Bozeman  
Town of Leland  
102 Town Hall Drive  
Leland, NC 28451

Dear Mayor Bozeman,

Thank you for reaching out to the N.C. Department of Transportation. Secretary J. Eric Boyette asked me to respond to your concerns.

Unfortunately, the department's financial situation, particularly as it relates to maintenance operations, has forced us to temporarily cut back on the frequency of litter collection. Sadly, the reduction demonstrates how much litter is constantly being tossed out of vehicles or fallen out of them.

With that being said, the local division roadside staff has started a weekly litter pickup on major routes, including U.S. 17, U.S. 74, U.S. 76 and N.C. 133. The staff is working from the New Hanover County Landfill to the Town of Leland on the affected routes. In addition, the division will double their crew every other week with maintenance staff.

A major litter pickup will also be completed in April prior to our first mowing cycle, which is expected to happen May 1.

Lastly, we need the public's help. We offer Adopt-A-Highway and Sponsor-A-Highway programs, and twice a year, thousands of volunteers participate in a two-week Litter Sweep campaign.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. If you need additional information on our proposed plans for litter removal, please feel free to contact me at 910-341-2000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Kimes".

Chad Kimes, PE  
Division Engineer

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