



## \$54 million awarded for road improvements

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RALEIGH — The N.C. Board of Transportation today awarded two contracts totaling \$54.2 million to improve area highways in Lincoln, Catawba and Iredell counties.

The board awarded the contracts for two major projects including:

Constructing 10.4 miles of the N.C. 16 Bypass, from north of N.C. 73 in Lincoln County to N.C. 16 north of Tower Road (State Road 1895) north of Chronicle in Catawba County. The \$28.9 million contract was awarded to Blythe Construction Inc. of Charlotte. Construction may begin on Oct. 27, and is scheduled to be completed by Nov. 1, 2011; and

Widening 3.8 miles of Brawley School Road (S.R. 1100) in Iredell County, from south of Southfork Road (S.R. 1222) to east of Williamson Road (S.R. 1109). The \$25.3 million contract was awarded to Rea Contracting LLC of Charlotte. Work may begin on Oct. 27, with final completion by July 15, 2011.

"Both these projects will aid in relieving congestion and enhancing travel for our region," said board member Robert Collier Jr. of Statesville, who represents Transportation Division 12.

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