

The attached photo shows Friday paving operations on SR 44 between Popular Street and SR 17.



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Resurfacing projects underway affecting Wilkes and Lincoln counties

What: The State Route (SR) 44 resurfacing project from SR 17 BU in Wilkes County to SR 79 in Lincoln County has begun. Contract crews are currently paving the roadway between Popular Street and SR 17. The public can expect to see ongoing construction and lane closures Sunday evenings through Friday afternoons until mid-August.

In a separate but related project, citizens will also notice the same contractor resurfacing SR 17 between SR 47 extending north of SR 17 BU in Wilkes County in the next few weeks following the same schedule as weather allows.

Lane closures will be required at various times daily. Whenever you approach a work zone: slow down; allow extra distance between vehicles; read signs; obey road crew flaggers; and *expect the unexpected*.

C and H Paving, Inc. was awarded two contracts totaling \$3.38 million for 15.238 miles of milling, inlay, plant mix resurfacing, single surface treatment paving and shoulder rehabilitation on SR 44 beginning at SR 17 and extending to SR 79 and 3.37 miles of the same improvements on SR 17 beginning at SR 47 and extending north of SR 17 BU.

When: The contractor will alternate between SR 44 and SR 17 project areas Sunday nights through Friday afternoons until completion. Paving operations consist of two, 12-hour shifts. These projects should wrap by mid-August.

Where: SR 44 beginning at SR 17 BUS and extending to SR 79 and SR 17 between SR 47 extending north of SR 17 BU

