

Improvements and Known Issues for Road Characteristic Data Layer First Quarter 2014 Release

The following improvements have been made to the Road Characteristics Layer (RD_CHAR_MLPST) since the last quarter release

1. Improvements were made to the following attributes:
 - IMPTYP_CD
 - i. Improvement types were revised and simplified. See the Field Descriptions document for the new domain of the Improvement Type field.
 - MDN_TYP_CD & TRNLN_LFT_TYP_CD
 - i. Continuous left turn lanes were converted from medians to left turn lane types. Roads with a continuous left turn lane are now considered undivided and that information resides in the Left Turning Lane field.
 - SRFC_TYP_CD
 - i. The surface type JRCP (jointed reinforced concrete pavement) was converted to JPCP (jointed plain concrete pavement). JRCP is not a surface type used by NCDOT.

The following are known data quality issues

1. The Beginning and Ending Intersection fields do not include intersections with non-state maintained roads. In some cases, non-state maintained roads that start or end at another road are listed in the intersection fields of the intersecting roads.