



NCDOT Updates

The below and next pages contain This Week at NCDOT, NCDOT TPD Updates, local CTP Status Updates, Special Train announcement, FHWA and FTA announcements, plan links and more.

This Week at NCDOT: NCDMV Credentials, Hurricane Season, 100 Deadliest Days of Summer (5/31/2024)

*** NCDMV Credentials**

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles unveiled the state’s most secure licenses and IDs ever, this week.

New driver licenses, permits, and identification cards will now feature the latest in card security design and construction specifically designed to combat fraud.

The state’s new credential is a 100% polycarbonate card that is personalized using laser engraving technology and contains more than 50 security features to assist law enforcement in the deterrence and detection of fraud.

The current design will be phased out by the end of June, but current licenses and ID cards will remain valid until their expiration date.

*** Hurricane Season**

As summer approaches, so does Hurricane season.

June 1 marks the beginning of hurricane season and as always, the N.C. Department of Transportation is prepped and ready to mobilize when a storm threatens our state.

Motorists are encouraged to visit [ReadyNC.gov](https://www.readync.gov) for important hurricane season information including weather alerts, road conditions, and evacuation routes for your area.

Also, [DriveNC.gov](https://www.driveinc.gov) not only has real-time traffic information, but the latest weather-related impacts to transportation.

Plan, prepare, and stay informed.

*** 100 Deadliest Days of Summer**

With Memorial Day behind us, we’ve entered a dangerous time on the road, known as the 100 deadliest days of summer.

The time between Memorial Day and Labor Day sees a significant spike in deadly crashes for teen drivers.

The department urges teens and everyone behind the wheel to slow down, put away your phones, don’t drink and drive, and always wear a seat belt.

For full article and NCDOT NOW video, go to [This Week at NCDOT: NCDMV Credentials, Hurricane Season, 100 Deadliest Days of Summer](#).

“Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina...”

- NCDOT Mission Statement

NCDOT-Transportation Planning Division Updates

* **New Employee**

- ❖ Ashley Rodgers, Eastern Planning Group Transportation Engineer; Her assignment is Coordinator for Greenville MPO and Mid-East RPO.

* **Employee Assignment Changes**

- ❖ Liamcy Hogan-Rivera, Eastern Planning Group Transportation Engineer; Her new assignment is Coordinator for Sandhills MPO and Peanut Belt RPO.
- ❖ Luis Carmona, Eastern Planning Group Transportation Engineer; He comes from the associates program and is supporting the group.



* **Retirements**

- ❖ Jamal Alavi, Division Director, retired at the end of April.
- ❖ Scott Walston, Eastern Planning Group Supervisor, retired at the end of May. Alena Cook, TPD's Planning Unit Head, is filling in for some of Scott's duties.

RPO CTP Status Updates

Moore County

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- Status– CTP update is pending model completion.
- Next Steps– Model development is continuing. The Base Year model is in progress now and development of Future Year projections will be begin afterwards to inform the CTP and MTP processes.
- Sandhills MPO– Their MOU was revised and is in the process of getting Secretary approval.

Lee County

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- Status– Updating values in the Geodatabase. Developing growth rates and Future Year projections based on the updated model.
- Next Steps– Develop new Capacity Deficiency maps.

Chatham County & Pittsboro

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- Status– Siler City, Chatham County, and Pittsboro agreed to do a unified CTP plan; a CTP update should begin near model completion.
- Next Steps– Model development is continuing. Started Future Year model development.

DCHC MPO

TPD Contact: Julie BoGLE

(see above)

- Status– A new CTP study has started in coordination with the development of the MPO's 2055 MTP called Destination 2055.
- Next Steps– Form Steering Committee and hold first meeting.

No status change for the following CTPs:

Orange County

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(see above)

- 2013 Final document and CTP Maps– Available online.
- Status– A comprehensive Plan is underway for the County that will incorporate all the area's transportation plan recommendations into one plan including the CTP where they will update the format.

Biden-Harris Administration Opens Applications for \$1.3 Billion in Funding to Continue Building Out National Electric Vehicle Charging Network (5/30/2024)

FHWA is announcing the second funding opportunity for electric vehicle (EV) charging and alternative-fueling infrastructure in communities across the country and along designated highways, interstates, and major roadways. This is a critical step towards achieving the Administration's goal of building out a convenient, affordable, reliable and made-in-America national network of EV chargers, including at least 500,000 publicly available chargers by 2030, ensuring that EV chargers are made-in-America with American workers.

The \$1.3 billion funding opportunity announced today is made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's signature EV charging investments: the \$2.5 billion [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Discretionary Grant Program](#) and a 10 percent set-aside from the [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Formula Program](#). Together, these programs are actively deploying EV chargers across the country and ensuring more drivers can charge their electric vehicles where they live, work, and shop. The historic funding is accelerating the country's clean energy transition while reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

Eligible entities for funding include states, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, port authorities, Indian Tribes, U.S. territories, and more as defined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. This funding opportunity offers up to \$800 million in funding for newly submitted applications and reserves an additional \$521 million for previously received applications, making a total of \$1.3 billion available. New Round 2 applications are **due by August 28, 2024**. Notice requesting reconsideration of past applications is due to FHWA **by July 1, 2024**. FHWA plans to conduct outreach to potential grant applicants regarding the CFI Program via webinars and will provide direct technical assistance to support states and communities as they build EV projects awarded under the CFI Program. Webinars to share information about the NOFO will be held on the following dates:

- [Webinar 1](#) - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant NOFO Overview: Thursday, June 6, 2024, 2:00 - 3:00pm ET - [Register Here](#)
- [Webinar 2](#) - CFI NOFO Overview: Reconsideration of Round 1 Applications: Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 1:00- 1:30pm ET - [Register Here](#)

For more information on this opportunity, please review the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) on grants.gov, opportunity number 693JJ324NF00017](#). For more information on President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and investments in electric vehicles, please visit [FHWA's BIL web site](#).

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NCDOT Announces Special Train in June from Raleigh to the U.S. Open in Pinehurst (5/28/2024)

RALEIGH – The "Open Express" train will run daily between Raleigh Union Station and the Pinehurst Clubhouse near the Pinehurst No. 2 golf course from June 13-16, when championship play is scheduled for the U.S. Open.

Amtrak Vice President Ray Lang said, "This is an exciting, historic event and we welcome this opportunity to give golf fans an enjoyable, stress-free way to travel to and from Pinehurst with their friends and families."

Visit [Amtrak.com](#) for ticket prices and more information. For full article, go to [NCDOT Announces Special Train in June from Raleigh to the U.S. Open in Pinehurst](#).

NCDOT Statewide Plans:

To learn more, click on the following links or go to ncdot.gov and search using names in [blue](#) unless otherwise noted:

- [NC Moves 2050 Plan](#)
- [NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors](#) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: Strategic Transportation Corridors)
- [NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan \(25-Year Vision\)](#)
- [2023 NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan](#)
- [Great Trails State Plan \(2022\)](#)
- [Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities \(Public Transportation Strategic Plan—2018\)](#)
- [NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report \(2021\)](#)
- [Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan \(2013\)](#)

Other Plans:

- [N.C. Climate Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan by Department of Environmental Quality](#) (or Google search: 2020-Climate-Risk-Assessment-and-Resilience-Plan.pdf)
- [NC FIRST Commission](#)

Helpful Links:

To learn more, click on the following links or go to ncdot.gov and search using names in [blue](#) unless otherwise noted:

- NCDOT home page— ncdot.gov
- Real-Time Traffic— drivenc.gov | [North Carolina Traffic & Travel Information](#)
- Report a pothole— [NCDOT Contact Us Form](#) (ncdot.gov & search “Report a pothole”)
- NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program— ncdot.gov/sti
- Interactive Bicycle Routes Map— <https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx>
- Links to all traffic count data information— [Traffic Survey Group \(connect.ncdot.gov & then search\)](#)
- NCDOT Interactive Traffic Volume Map— [Traffic Volume Maps \(ncdot.gov\)](#)
- Traffic Safety Data & Engineering— [NCDOT: Traffic Safety Data & Engineering](#)
- Federal Functional Classification Map— [NCDOT Functional Class Map \(ncdot.maps.arcgis.com\)](#)
- Climate Change & Clean Transportation— [NCDOT: Climate Change & Clean Energy](#)
- Transportation Emission Reduction Projects— [NCDOT: N.C. Clean Transportation Plan - Transportation Emission Reduction Projects](#)

FTA: Transit Resilience Guidebook Provides Recommendations to Address Climate Vulnerabilities, Build Resilience (5/30/2024)

FTA just released the [Transit Resilience Guidebook](#), a resource to help transit agencies, local government officials, MPOs, and other entities anticipate, adapt to, and recover from service disruptions caused by extreme weather events, natural disasters, and climate change impacts.

The guidebook presents resilience planning as an iterative process that is addressed across all stages of a project’s life cycle.

FTA’s [Climate Considerations webpage](#) links to additional FTA sustainability and resilience resources.

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