



NCDOT Updates

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This Week at NCDOT: Hurricane Season Begins, 100 Deadliest Days of Summer, Saturday DMV Hours (5/30/2025)

RALEIGH - The following are highlights from this week at the N.C. Department of Transportation. The stories below are also featured in [NCDOT Now](#), the department's weekly newscast.

* **Hurricane Season Begins**

As summer quickly approaches, so does the start of Hurricane season. June 1 is the official start to Hurricane season and the N.C. Department of Transportation is prepped and ready.

North Carolinians know all too well the impact Hurricanes can have, most recently with Hurricane Helene in the western part of our state. That's why NCDOT is ready to mobilize before, during and after a storm threatens our state.

You can be ready too by visiting [ReadyNC.gov](#) for important hurricane season information including weather alerts, road conditions and evacuation routes for your area. Also, drivers are encouraged to visit [DriveNC.gov](#) for real-time traffic information, and the latest weather-related impacts to transportation. Plan, prepare, and stay informed.

* **100 Deadliest Days of Summer**

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. NCDOT 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 more information, go to [ncdot.gov](#) and search "100 Deadliest Days."

* **Saturday DMV Hours**

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles Saturday walk-in service hours return this weekend. 20 offices will now offer services from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturdays from May 31 – Aug. 23.

The division has added four new offices this year, in Elizabeth City, Clayton, Durham East and Kernersville. Last summer, nearly 17,000 customers were served on Saturdays. For a full list of license offices providing Saturday hours this summer, visit [ncdot.gov](#) and search "DMV Saturday Hours."

"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 Selects Sites for Rock to Rebuild I-40 (6/3/2025)

HAYWOOD COUNTY – The N.C. Department of Transportation and its partners have selected two sites in the Pigeon River Gorge for extracting and storing material to help rebuild sections of Interstate 40 damaged by Hurricane Helene.

To use stone from the nearby sites, the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration received a temporary transfer of the land from the owner, the USDA Forest Service. For full article: [NCDOT Selects Sites for Rock to Rebuild I-40](#)

NCDOT Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan Update

NCDOT is beginning the process to update the 2023 Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan. The freight plan will set goals and strategies to increase freight access to markets, improve economic competitiveness, increase jobs, and enhance quality of life within the State. In addition, the plan will identify projects eligible for specific freight funding to be considered for the State Transportation Improvement Program. Development of this plan will be a collaborative effort, and your planning organization's participation is crucial to the success of the final plan.

The preliminary schedule for the freight plan update is as follows:

- * Preliminary Planning – In progress-June 2025
- * Kick off – July 2025
- * Initial Stakeholder Engagement – Aug-Sept 2025
- * Draft Plan Development – Aug 2025-June 2026
- * Final Plan & Documentation – July-Oct 2026

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey (links are to the right) to help inform the desired focus of freight plan.

We are excited to kick off the freight plan update and look forward to your participation.

Statewide Initiatives Group Freight Plan Project Manager

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Survey Links

[https://publicinput.com/
statewide_freight_plan_update](https://publicinput.com/statewide_freight_plan_update)



RPO CTP Status Updates

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- Status– A CTP update should begin around Summer 2025. A Pre-CTP subcommittee meeting was held to start the discussion on developing and growing SE data to the Future Year to be used in a county-wide model being developed.
- Next Steps– Gather growth data and information from the jurisdictions by 6/27 and compile it for next meeting's discussion on 8/4.

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- Status– Presented and discussed MTP capacity deficiencies at the April 14th CTP meeting. Developing system level capacities (LOS D and E) to bring back to committee.
- Next Committee Meeting– TBD

Lee County

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- Status– Provided updated capacity deficiencies materials to the LCTC Committee for their information and feedback.
- Next Steps– Continue capacity deficiencies discussion and continue development of multi-modal analysis.
- Next Committee meeting– TBD

No status change for the following CTPs:

Moore County

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- Status– In the process of scheduling meetings with local entities to discuss preliminary plan of action.
- Next Steps– Model development is continuing. The Base Year model is close to complete and development of Future Year projections will begin afterwards to inform the CTP and MTP processes.

Orange County

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- Status– The Orange County TMP has been approved by County Commissioners. The plan consolidates all approved transportation related plans, projects and programs into a single document.

This Week at NCDOT: Summer Travel, Ferry Routes, DMV Examiners and NC By Train Anniversary (6/6/2025)

* Summer Travel

With summer travel season underway, drivers should prepare for increased traffic and potential delays across the state. That includes in Western North Carolina where Hurricane Helene recovery continues.

Drivers should anticipate delays on Interstate 40 in Pigeon River Gorge where there's still one lane in each direction. The North Carolina Department of Transportation urges travelers to plan ahead, and check [DriveNC.gov](https://www.driveNC.gov) for real-time updates.

* Ferry Routes

This week the N.C. Ferry system released its summer ferry schedules for routes crossing the Pamlico Sound. The Swan Quarter-Ocracoke and Cedar Island-Ocracoke ferries will each add a round trip daily.

Reservations are strongly encouraged at [ncferry.org](https://www.ncferry.org) or by calling 1-800-BY-FERRY. For real time updates, sign up at [ncdot.gov/fins](https://www.ncdot.gov/fins).

* DMV Examiner Graduation

Last week, the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles welcomed 80 new driver license examiners during a graduation ceremony in Raleigh. After five weeks of training, the examiners have been assigned to 51 offices statewide to improve service.

* NC By Train Anniversary

NC By Train is celebrating over 30 years of service. Officials marked the occasion last week by unveiling a commemorative locomotive at Raleigh Union Station and announcing discounted fares.

People who purchase tickets on the Piedmont and Carolinian through June 16 will get 30% off trips in North Carolina through the end of the month.

To plan a trip, purchase tickets or learn more, visit [NCByTrain.org](https://www.ncbytrain.org).

For the full article, go to: [This Week at NCDOT: Summer Travel, Ferry Routes, DMV Examiners and NC By Train Anniversary](#)

NCDOT Seeks Feedback on NC By Train Service (5/14/2025)

RALEIGH – NCDOT is seeking input about NC By Train intercity passenger rail service and expected improvements and an expansion being planned in the next couple of years.

NCDOT's Rail Division hosted informational, open house meetings in numerous locations between Raleigh and Charlotte beginning in May to June 10. These meetings were to inform the public about what considerations go into planning and operating passenger rail service as well as allow people to provide feedback through an online survey. It is available [online](#) until June 30.

For the full article, go to: [NCDOT Seeks Feedback on NC By Train Service](#)

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NCDMV Warns of Fraudulent Text Scams (6/3/2025)

ROCKY MOUNT – The N. C. Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) is alerting the public about a surge in fraudulent text message scams targeting residents. These scams falsely claim to request payment for fees, fines, or tolls and may appear to come from the NCDMV.

NCDMV does not and will never request payments via text message.

Citizens are urged to report any suspicious texts as spam and delete them immediately. Do not click on any links or provide personal information in response to these messages.

Protect yourself from scams:

- * Be cautious of unsolicited texts requesting payment or personal information.
- * Verify any NCDMV-related inquiries through official channels.
- * Report suspicious texts to your mobile carrier or the Federal Trade Commission at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

Learn more about how to identify phishing texts and scams at [ncdoj.gov/internet-safety/phishing/](https://www.ncdoj.gov/internet-safety/phishing/).

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](#)

USDOT/FHWA

Helpful Links:

To learn more, click on the following links or go to transportation.gov and search for key words.

- [FHWA's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\) website](#) serves as a one-stop shop for FHWA's implementation of the law, including information on funding, assistance, education, and guidance.
- [DOT Navigator](#) helps communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.

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