



NCDOT Updates

The below and next pages contain NCDOT press releases, local CTP Status Updates, NCDMV Notice, Statewide Initiatives Group update, plan links and more.

This Week at NCDOT: Helene One-Year Event, McDowell Express, Child Passenger Safety Week, Litter Sweep (9/26/2025)

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.

* **Helene One-Year Event**

Hurricane Helene caused an estimated \$5 billion in damage to state-maintained bridges and roads in Western North Carolina, making it the most destructive storm in our state's history.

The recovery effort has been the North Carolina Department of Transportation's top priority.

Nearly 98% of the closed roads have been reopened, and work has been completed on more than 6,500 damaged sites and over 500 bridges have been repaired.

* **McDowell Express**

McDowell County's new micro transit program, McDowell Express, an on-demand public transit service that launched in May, is helping to better connect rural communities with jobs, healthcare, education and more.

The service has provided more than 1,900 rides since then, with steady monthly growth. Residents and visitors can download the CTS Trip Portal app to access the service. For more information, visit [ncdot.gov](#) and search "micro-transit."

* **Child Passenger Safety Week**

The Child Passenger Safety Week campaign launched Monday in Morrisville by the Governor's Highway Safety Program and its partners.

The initiative aims to protect young lives by providing free car seats and hands-on installation help to families and caregivers.

With 8 out of every 10 child safety seats installed incorrectly, these efforts are crucial. Visit [buckleupnc.org](#) to find an N.C. car seat checking station near you.

For the full article, go to: [This Week at NCDOT: Helene One-Year Event, McDowell Express, Child Passenger Safety Week, Litter Sweep](#)

"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 Hosts 2025 N.C. Transportation Summit

On September 3rd and 4th, the N.C. Department of Transportation, NC GO! and NC Chamber hosted the sixth annual North Carolina Transportation Summit in Raleigh.

The Summit kicked off with appearances by Governor Josh Stein, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Steven Bradbury and other local and industry leaders, and a non-profit that has dedicated much time and resources to helping those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

Videos of most Summit sessions are available through the Department's website at [ncdot.gov/Summit](#).

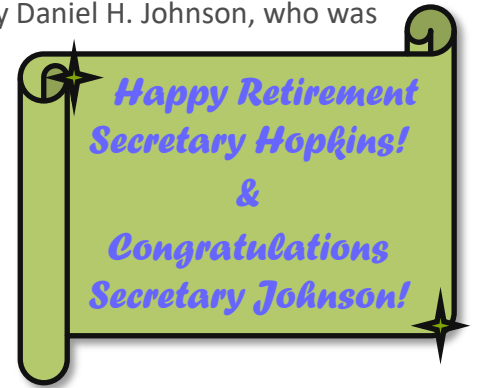
Johnson Begins as State Transportation Secretary (10/1/2025)

RALEIGH – The N.C. Department of Transportation is now being led by Daniel H. Johnson, who was recently appointed to the position by Gov. Josh Stein.

After being sworn in Oct. 1, Johnson officially began as State Transportation Secretary. Gov. Stein in September named Johnson as the successor to former Secretary Joey Hopkins, who retired after a 35-plus year career at NCDOT.

Secretary Johnson's priorities include Hurricane Helene recovery, improvements within the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles, and retaining and attracting the workforce at NCDOT.

Read more about Secretary Johnson [here](#).



1-Year Helene Milestone Event Looks Back, Forward on N.C.'s Most Destructive Storm (9/26/2025)

Please view article at: [1-Year Helene Milestone Event Looks Back, Forward on N.C.'s Most Destructive Storm](#)

RPO CTP Status Updates

Lee County

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- Status– CTP socioeconomic data was approved at Sanford's 10/7 City Council meeting. CTP and socioeconomic data presentations will also be provided to Lee County and Town of Broadway at their October meetings for their approval.
- Next Steps– Continue analysis of data, update highway recommendation maps, and develop draft bike/ped recommendations.
- Next Committee meeting– TBD

No status change for the following CTPs:

Chatham County & Pittsboro

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- Status– A Pre-CTP subcommittee meetings was held on 8/4 to continue the discussion of developing and growing SE data to the Future Year to be used in a county-wide model being developed.
- Next Steps– Finalize base Future Year growth values with a couple more jurisdictions.

Moore County

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- Status– Preliminary plan of action for CTP is on hold. MPO is moving forward with MTP development.
- Next Steps– Future Year growth and projections are being developed for the model. Completion of model is estimated to be end of year. The model will inform the CTP and MTP processes.

Triangle West TPO (formerly DCHC MPO)

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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

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.

Announcement: NCDOT 2024 Traffic Monitoring Publication (9/2/2025)

The NCDOT Traffic Survey Group is excited to announce the release of the official 2024 traffic monitoring data publication.


[2024 AADT Publication Notification Release – 09-02-2025](#)

The official 2024 publication is now available on our website. Historically, the Traffic Survey Group has provided the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) publication as an interactive traffic volume map, and as ESRI shapefiles on our webpage:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/State-Mapping/Pages/Traffic-Volume-Maps.aspx>

These publications continue to be a popular resource for our customers and will continue to be a staple of our annual publications. To support our customers' needs to view traffic data when they need it, we have three additional resources on our webpage:

1. The Traffic Count Database System (TCDS) webpage
2. Traffic Viewer (TV)
3. An Excel spreadsheet containing the current and historical AADT

See the Publication Notification link above for more information and links to the three additional resources. 

NCDMV Partners with Private Driver Education Schools to Offer Teen Road Tests (9/29/2025)

ROCKY MOUNT – Teen drivers in North Carolina now have a new way to take their road test. The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) has begun certifying private driver education schools to administer the road test for teens seeking their Level 2 Limited Provisional License. This new initiative allows teens with a Level 1 Limited Learner Permit to take their driving skills/road test before arriving at an NCDMV office.

This initiative aims to reduce wait times at NCDMV driver license offices and offer greater flexibility for teens and their parents. Teens can still choose to take their road test at an NCDMV office, if preferred. However, those who opt for a road test at a certified private driver education schools will only need to visit an NCDMV office to complete the final transaction for their Level 2 Limited Provisional License, significantly reducing the time spent at the office since the road test will already be completed. The cost of the road test will be determined by each individual driver education school.

NCDMV began certifying private driver education schools through training sessions earlier this month. Once schools are certified, they will be [listed on the NCDMV website as authorized providers of teen road tests](#).

For the full article, go to: [NCDMV Partners with Private Driver Education Schools to Offer Teen Road Tests](#)

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Note:

The Traffic Survey Group is currently working on displaying the 2024 AADTs on the Go! NC resources. Please use the shapefiles located on their webpage ([Traffic Survey GIS Data Products & Documents](#)) to view/obtain data in a ArcGIS format until they can update the Go! NC resources.

Upcoming TRB Webinars

(Email dated 10/1/2025)

Impacts and Responses to Drug Use on Transit

Tuesday, October 14, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Eastern

Planning Bus Operator Workstation and Barrier Designs for Health and Safety

Wednesday, October 22, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Eastern

Using Snapshots to Advance Transportation Planning

Friday, October 24, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Eastern

For more details and to register for the webinars, go to: [TRB Events | National Academies](#)

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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