

# NCDOT TPD NEWS



NCDOT TPD Piedmont Triad RPO Newsletter

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## Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update

**Randolph County** — The 6th Steering Committee meeting for the Randolph County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) was held on May 19, 2025. During the meeting, the committee reviewed existing conditions and discussed current plans for bicycle, pedestrian, and multi-use path facilities across the county. The next phase of the CTP will focus on analyzing future-year transportation needs, identifying system deficiencies based on anticipated population and development growth. More information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Randolph-County-CTP>.

**Rockingham County** — TPD is currently working on finalizing proposed recommendations, project sheets, and documentation. TPD leadership will then review the documents and provide input. The second round of public engagement will begin after that review, where we will seek feedback on the CTP recommendations through public meetings and surveys. Public engagement efforts will likely begin in the fall. More information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Rockingham-Co-CTP>.

## NCDOT Transportation Planning Division has Announced a Strategic Plan.

NCDOT TPD has recently announced [a NCDOT TPD Strategic Plan](#) focusing on advancing NC's mobility future in North Carolina. The TPD Strategic Plan aligns NCDOT's and TPD's organizational priorities and activities with its vision, mission, and values. This plan builds upon previous strategic planning of the Division and provides a roadmap for TPD business units as TPD continues to evolve to serve a rapidly changing state and industry.

The Strategic Plan was developed through collaboration with TPD staff, NCDOT internal partners, and external partners who offered feedback on how TPD might best serve its customers. The executive summary is included in this news letter and the full report is available with this [link](#).

*“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**

## FHWA News

### U.S. Transportation Secretary Announced Over \$1.5 Billion to Repair Roads and Bridges Damaged by Natural Disasters.

In May 2025, U.S. Transportation Secretary announced more than \$1.5 billion in federal funding under the FHWA Emergency Relief (ER) program to help repairs to roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure damaged by natural disasters, including Hurricane Helene. North Carolina is receiving \$415 million of which more than \$400 million is for Hurricane Helene damage. For more detail is available at [here](#).

### New Pedestrian and Bicyclist Crash Typing Manual Supports Improved Crash Analysis.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released the [2023 FARS/CRSS Pedestrian Bicyclist Crash Typing Manual: A Guide for Coders Using the FARS/CRSS Ped/Bike Typing Tool](#) to guide analysis of crashes using the Ped/Bike Wizard application.

The manual provides 2023 coding procedures for the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and Crash Report Sampling System (CRSS).

## NCDOT Receives ICEOT Stewardship Award

NCDOT and its partners were honored with the Stewardship Award at the May 2025 [International Conference on Ecology and Transportation \(ICEOT\)](#). The award recognizes the Red Wolf Essential Survival Crossings Under Evacuation Route (RESCUER) project. RESCUER is an innovative initiative designed to protect the world's only wild population of Red Wolves. For more details, see [the link](#).

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Upcoming	Date
Last day to submit revised FY25 PWP with signatures. TPD approves FY26 PWP and indirect Cost Allocation Plan	June 30, 2025

### Statewide Plans

- NC Moves 2050 Plan—<https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/nc-2050-plan/Pages/default.aspx>
- NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors—<https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/strategic-corridors/Pages/default.aspx>
- NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan (25-Year Vision) - <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/rail/Pages/rail-plan.aspx>
- NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan (2023) - <https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Statewide-Freight-Plan/Pages/default.aspx>
- Great Trails State Plan—<https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/integrated-mobility/multimodal-planning/great-trails-state/Pages/default.aspx>
- Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan (2013) - <https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/walkbikenc/default.aspx>
- Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities (Public Transportation Strategic Plan—2018) - <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/Integrated-mobility/public-transit-services/statewide-strategic-plan/Documents/december-2018-strategic-plan.pdf>
- NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report (2021) - [Department-of-Transportation-2021-Resilient-Strategy-Report.pdf \(nc.gov\)](#)

**Helpful Links:** To learn more, click on the following links or do an internet search using “NCDOT: and names in black:

- [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov)—NCDOT home page
- <https://drivenc.gov/> - Real-Time Traffic
- <https://www.ncdot.gov/contact/Pages/form.aspx?UnitName=pothole&sourceUrl=/contact/> - Report a pothole
- [NCDOT Annual Average Daily Traffic \(AADT\) Mapping Application \(arcgis.com\)](#) - Interactive Annual Average Daily Traffic Map
- <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/transportation/stip/Pages/default.aspx>—NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program
- <https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx>—Interactive Bicycle Routes Map
- <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/State-Mapping/Pages/Traffic-Survey-Group.aspx>—Links to all traffic count data information -

# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIVISION (TPD) VISION AND MISSION

## Vision Statement

Become a premier leader in planning innovative transportation solutions.

## Mission Statement

Deliver a premier planning process that is integral to a high-performing, multimodal transportation system in North Carolina. Add value and visibility to TPD employees, partners and the public, and meet new challenges through leadership and innovation.

## HOW DO WE GET THERE?

To achieve a high-performing, multimodal transportation system in North Carolina, TPD will focus on:



Proactive and productive partnerships to coordinate timely, high quality customer service.



Consistent, impactful planning to strengthen project development and delivery.



Forward looking, data driven planning in response to dynamic, changing conditions and forecasts.



**Transportation Planning Division (TPD)**

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Advancing NC's Mobility Future



# Strategic Plan Overview

Advancing NC's Mobility Future

## WHO IS THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIVISION (TPD)?

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Transportation Planning Division (TPD) plays an important role in long range planning, project planning, and the delivery of a top quality multimodal transportation system across the state of North Carolina. TPD provides critical functions at the statewide, regional, and local levels by providing essential transportation planning services and products. These services include developing long range transportation plans, such as Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs), as well as technical services, such as traffic forecasting and travel demand model development.

## A COLLABORATIVE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

TPD continuously aims to improve its operations to best serve its partners and communities in North Carolina. The TPD Strategic Plan aligns NCDOT's and TPD's organizational priorities and activities with its vision, mission, and values. This plan builds upon previous strategic planning of the Division and provides a roadmap for TPD business units as TPD continues to evolve to serve a rapidly changing state and industry.

The Strategic Plan was developed through collaboration with TPD staff, NCDOT internal partners, and external partners who offered feedback on how TPD might best serve its customers. Additionally, a survey of peer agencies and best practices was conducted to understand trending industry topics and best practices for TPD to consider. This diverse feedback helped TPD leadership determine the strategic goals, objectives, and action items it needs to advance the next evolution of transportation planning within NCDOT.



**1**  
Internal and external engagement



**2**  
A synthesis of national best practices in DOT planning



**3**  
The development of vision, goals, and objectives built on the findings of the first two steps



THE TPD STRATEGIC PLAN OUTLINES SHORT-, MID-, AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIES TO ENSURE TPD ACHIEVES ITS GOALS AND REMAINS A TRUSTED LEADER IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.

## STRATEGIC GOALS



### Goal 1: Be a national leader in planning practices.

- Increase participation in national conferences, webinars, and peer collaborations.
- Set interim milestones and updated performance metrics to meet and exceed, where appropriate, national requirements.
- Strengthen partnerships with Federal agencies and other NCDOT business units to support long-range planning and innovation.



### Goal 2: Strengthen TPD's brand/identity.

- Enhance visibility and accessibility of TPD resources and initiatives for internal and external partners.
- Develop branding, communication, and implementation strategies to clarify TPD's role.
- Be a steward to all products, services, and institutional knowledge related to planning.
- Elevate planning's stature and value through awareness and tracking of TPD-led initiatives and projects and their impact on NCDOT's overall goals.



### Goal 3: Strengthen the connection between transportation planning and programming.

- Increase visibility and value of Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs) to inform integrated project development decisions.
- Enhance integration of planning objectives into project prioritization and development.
- Expand coordination with partners on travel demand models, traffic forecasting and performance tracking.
- Bridge the gap between Central Office activities and on-the-ground staff knowledge at the Divisions.



### Goal 4: Be the North Carolina leader in emerging technology planning and other future disruptions.

- Collaborate with the Office of Strategic Initiatives and Program Support to advance statewide plans and corridor studies.
- Be aware and proactively prepare for future technology's uncertainties and impacts on transportation needs.
- Plan for resiliency and sustainability.



### Goal 5: Provide premier, tailored customer service.

- Be a collaborative partner across NCDOT and with other state and local agencies.
- Further increase knowledge of and be the stewards of state and federal opportunities for all levels of planning.
- Be a trusted statewide resource for transportation data for performance-based planning.



### Goal 6: Be an attractive place to work.

- Enhance recruitment, training, and staff development opportunities to retain high-caliber talent.
- Promote cross-training, mentorship, and leadership transparency to strengthen institutional knowledge.
- Establish a culture of continuous professional development and career growth.