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Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update

Randolph County — The 12th Steering Committee meeting for the Randolph County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) was held on November 24, 2025 and discussed and reviewed draft maps and recommendations for all transportation mode in future. NCDOT-TPD is also currently working on drafting Randolph CTP core document. More information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Randolph-County-CTP> .

Rockingham County — TPD is currently preparing for the next round of public involvement to get feedback on the project recommendations. The documents are being reviewed by TPD staff. Draft versions of a public involvement survey are being worked on. The steering committee will review these materials and set a plan for public workshops. More information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Rockingham-Co-CTP> .

Statewide Functional Classification Update Reaches Finish Line

Following a year of intense coordination with MPO/RPO partners, **the Statewide Functional Classification (FC) updates** were submitted to the FHWA in last year and approved by FHWA in December 2025. This decennial overhaul, necessitated by the 2020 Census urban boundary shifts will now be integrated into NCDOT [GIS Data Layers](#) and NCDOT [GO!NC](#) online mapping platform . For more information on Functional classification of highways, go to <https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/Functional-Classification-of-Highways.aspx>.

LOCAL NEWS/UPDATE

Liberty— The second interchange on U.S. 421 to help serve the Toyota battery plant and improve safety and mobility in the region opened to traffic Monday afternoon. The new interchange at the [southern leg of Shiloh Road](#) includes roundabouts at the on/off ramps. For more information and video are available at [roundabouts webpage](#).

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- NCDOT Mission Statement

FHWA News

FHWA released the FY 2026 Federal-aid Highway Program Apportionments

FHWA released the FY 2026 Federal-aid Highway Program Apportionments (Notice N 4510.905) in late 2025. The formal document released by the FHWA that calculates the exact funding for North Carolina's planning (PL) and construction programs for the final year available at [HERE](#).

SAFE ROADS Initiative & Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety

In late 2025, Secretary Sean Duffy and the FHWA ramped up the "SAFE ROADS" initiative, targeting non-freeway arterials and using data-driven assessments to protect vulnerable road users. For more details, see the initiative site, [FHWA SAFE ROADS Initiative](#) and VRU Research Plan: FHWA [Vulnerable Road User Research Plan](#).

The Eastern Transportation Coalition (TETC) Mileage-Based User Fee (MBUF) Pilot project Begins in NC.

To better understand how an MBUF program could work, TETC is conducting the TETC MBUF Pilot for individuals in the transportation industry. Drivers in most TETC member states including NC will be allowed to enroll in the Pilot starting on Feb. 1, 2026. You will have the opportunity to test MBUF technology, provide feedback, and help determine if this system could be a transportation funding alternative in your region. For more information, please go to <https://tetcoalitionmbuf.org/tetc-mbuf-pilot/#mbufpilot>.

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Upcoming	Date
2nd Quarter invoice and work summary due	February 10, 2026
Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for FY 27 due	February 27, 2026

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 \(nc.gov\)](https://www.ncdot.gov/Department-of-Transportation-2021-Resilient-Strategy-Report.pdf)

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

- [ncdot.gov](https://www.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 \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.ncdot.gov/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 -