

AGENDA



PIEDMONT TRIAD RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) & Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting

1:30pm

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Location: Piedmont Triad Regional Council 1398 Carrolton Crossing Drive Kernersville

Welcome

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| I. | Conflict of Interest Statement | James Blake |
| II. | Welcome and Introductions | James Blake |
| III. | Public Comment | James Blake |

Action Items

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| IV. | Approval of April 20, 2016 Minutes | James Blake |
| V. | Approval of SPOT 4.0 Regional Impact Points | James Blake |

Discussion Items

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| VI. | Updates from the Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation | Kelly Larkins |
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Other Business

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| VII. | Division Updates | Planning/District Engineers |
| VIII. | TPB Update | Michael Abuya |
| IX. | Local Jurisdiction Updates | TCC Members |
| X. | RPO Update | Kelly Larkins |
| XI. | New Business | Kelly Larkins |
| XII. | Adjourn | James Blake |

Next Meeting Date

August 17, 2016 1:30pm



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Agenda Item IV

April 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Background

The minutes are presented for your review and approval.

Action Requested

Approval of the minutes.

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MINUTES

Joint Meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

April 20, 2016

TAC Members Attending

Jimmy Blake	Town of Biscoe
Alvin Foster	Town of Yanceyville
Stan Haywood	Randolph County
Edward Burks	City of Asheboro
Jackie Morris	Montgomery County
Mark Richardson	Rockingham County
Cheryl McQueary	NCDOT Board of Transportation Member for Division 7

RPO Staff

Kelly Larkins	Piedmont Triad Regional Council
Jesse Day	Piedmont Triad Regional Council

TCC Members Attending

George T. Murphy	Town of Wentworth
Ed Lewis	NCDOT, Division 7
Darius Sturdivant	NCDOT, Division 8
Jennifer Britt	NCDOT, Division 8
John Grant	NCDOT, Division 8
Greg Patton	City of Randleman
Jeff York	Randolph County
Brandon Holland	Town of Biscoe
Trevor Nuttall	City of Asheboro
Donna Setliff	City of Reidsville

On the Phone

Michael Abuya	NCDOT, TPB
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The meeting began at 1:32 pm.

Welcome

- I. **Conflict of Interest.** Mr. Jimmy Blake read the conflict of interest statement. No one indicated any conflict(s) of interest.
- II. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mr. Blake welcomed those in attendance, reviewed the agenda and opened the meeting.
- III. **Public Comment.** Mr. Blake asked for public comment, but no comments were offered.

Presentation

- IV. **Division 7 Presentation.** Ms. Cheryl McQueary, the NCDOT Board of Transportation Member for Division 7, presented on activities within the division. She highlighted economic development projects, growth at the Piedmont Triad International Airport, rail transportation within the division, and upcoming bicycle and pedestrian projects in Greensboro. Ms. McQueary also emphasized the importance of rural counties continuing to receive transportation funding.

Action Items

- V. **February 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes.** The meeting minutes were shared. Mr. Stan Haywood made a motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Greg Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Approval of 2016-2017 PWP.** Mr. Larkins discussed the 2016-2017 Planning Work Plan for the RPO, noting that this draft Planning Work Program is similar to the current one. The RPO will receive the same amount of funding next year as the current year. He also discussed

several work items expected to be either started or continued in the upcoming year such as expected updates to the Human Services Locally Coordinated Plans (LCPs) in Caswell County and Rockingham County; CTPs potentially starting in Reidsville, Stoneville, and Liberty; continuation of the Streetscape Assessment Program; focused attention on improving rural safety; and continued work on SPOT 4.0.

Mr. Jackie Morris made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 PWP and Mr. Mark Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- VII. Approval of Five-Year Planning Calendar.** Mr. Larkins discussed the Draft Five-Year Planning Calendar and noted it contains standard on-going work of the RPO over a five-year horizon. A draft version of the Five-Year Planning Calendar was presented at the February 20 meeting and there have been no changes since that date.

Mr. Trevor Nuttall made a motion to approve the Five-Year Planning Calendar and Mr. Alvin Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- VIII. FY 2016-2017 Local Match Amounts.** Mr. Larkins presented the local match amounts for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Larkins mentioned that there have been no changes since a draft version of this information was presented at the meeting on February 20.

Mr. Jackie Morris made a motion to approve the FY 2016-2017 Local Match Amounts and Mr. Alvin Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- IX. Resolution for Randolph County TIGER Grant.** Mr. Nuttall mentioned that there is a county task force looking to move the Deep River State Trail forward and that the project is supported by both the county and PTRC's planning staff. Mr. Nuttall noted that the TIGER Grant that is being submitted to NCDOT will be for both design and construction of the trail for roughly 18 miles, with a special emphasis on essential connections that will tie the Franklinville portion with the Ramseur portion of the trail. He also mentioned that there is typically a match involved when asking for a TIGER Grant, but because Randolph County is rural, no such match is needed. Mr. Nuttall concluded by saying that while this grant application process is competitive, at the least Randolph County would receive feedback that can be applied to future applications that may be submitted.

Mr. Stan Haywood made a motion to approve the resolution for the Randolph County TIGER Grant and Mr. Greg Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- X. SPOT Project Update.** Mr. Larkins noted that the preliminary SPOT scores had been released by NCDOT and gave a brief overview of the revised schedule going forward. Mr. Ed Lewis noted the efforts of Division 7 in reaching out to partner MPO and RPOs.
- XI. State Ethics – Conflict of Interest Evaluations.** Mr. Larkins noted that the State Ethics Commission has identified several members of the TAC that have potential conflicts of interest after filing their 2016 Statement of Economic Interest and Real Estate Disclosure forms. Mr. Larkins also noted that the State Ethics Commission requires that the names of members with potential conflicts of interest be recorded in the minutes of the TAC meeting and the list be brought to the attention of the RPO Chair. The members on the list are Daryl Carter, Alvin Foster, Jim Matheny, David Owen, and Mark Richardson.

Other Business

- XII. Division Updates**
- **Division 7** – Ed Lewis provided a written and verbal report.
 - **Division 8** – Darius Sturdivant provided a written and verbal report.

- XIII. TPB Update.** Mr. Michael Abuya noted that the CTP study for Caswell County is currently underway.
- XIV. Local Updates.** No updates.
- XV. RPO Update.** Mr. Larkins mentioned that there will be SPOT meetings in each of the counties and asked for recommendations for meeting locations. Mr. Nuttall asked how the public input will factor into the technical scores that were just released. Mr. Day explained how the final scoring would work and the importance local input points can have in determining which projects will be eventually selected.
- XVI. New Business.** Mr. Larkins noted that the North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' annual conference will be held Wednesday, May 11 through Friday, May 13 at the Greensboro Downtown Marriott.
- XVII. Adjourn.** Mr. Blake adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm.

James (Jimmy) Blake, TAC Chair

Date

Kelly Larkins, Secretary

Date



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Agenda Item V

Approval of SPOT 4.0 Regional Impact Points

Background

The Piedmont Triad RPO has completed scoring highway and transit projects in the Regional Impact category following the methodology outlined in the Prioritization Policy which was approved at the February meeting.

Action Requested

For discussion and approval.

Basic Project Information							Quantitative Scores	Location Summary				Scoring Information				
SPOT ID	Route	From / Cross Street	To	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70)	Funding Region(s)	Division(s)	MPO(s)/RPO(s)	County(s)	Final RPO Score	PTRPO Ranking	(Draft) Point Assignments	Transfer Action	(Draft) Points Transfer
H090598-B	NC 109	SR 1127	SR 1174	Widen Existing; Add Shoulders; install Turn Lanes at Traffic Generators and Signalization.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 15,100,000	17.52	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Montgomery	85	1	100	n/a	0
H151065	US 220 (Future I 73)	NC 135	Virginia State Line	Upgrade US 220 expressway to freeway standards and designate as Interstate 73	3 - Upgrade Expressway to Freeway	\$ 187,376,000	24.85	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	80	2	100	n/a	0
H090273-A	NC 14	NC 700/770 (Meadow Road) in Eden	Fisher Hill Road	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 31,191,000	33.15	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	75	3	100	n/a	0
H090114	NC 24, NC 27	I-73/74/US 220	Carthage Bypass	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 100,800,000	25.85	E	08	Triangle Area RPO, Piedmont Triad RPO	Moore, Montgomery	75	4	100	Transfer Points to TARPO	-89
H090256	NC 49 (Fayetteville Street)	SR 2427(Kinro Road)	NC 49 (Swannanoa Street)	East Liberty Bypass, NC 49(Fayetteville Street) at SR 2427(Kinro Road) to NC 49 (Swannanoa Street). Two Lanes on Four Lane Right of Way, Part New Location.	6 - Widen Existing Roadway and Construct Part on New Location	\$ 25,300,000	12.95	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Randolph	75	5	100	n/a	0
H141230	NC 86	US 158	Virginia State Line	Provide passing lanes and shoulder improvements at key locations from US 158 to Virginia State Line	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 1,000,000	39.91	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Caswell	70	6	100	n/a	0
H090113	NC 24	NC 73	Troy Bypass	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 74,003,000	35.50	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Montgomery	70	7	100	n/a	0
H090229	NC 86	US 158	Virginia State Line	US 158 to Virginia State Line. Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 88,200,000	32.51	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Caswell	70	8	100	n/a	0
H150912	US 29 BYP(US 29 Future I-785)	NC 150	US 29 Business	Upgrade expressway to freeway, install service roads and close driveways along US 29 to upgrade to Interstate Standard	3 - Upgrade Expressway to Freeway	\$ 89,475,000	30.68	D	07	Greensboro Urban Area MPO, Piedmont Triad RPO	Guilford, Rockingham	70	9	100	Transfer points to GUAMPO	-36
H090598-C	NC 109	SR 1174	NC 24/27	Widen Existing; Add Shoulders; install Turn Lanes at Traffic Generators and Signalization.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 21,400,000	20.32	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Montgomery	70	10	100	n/a	0
H090228-A	NC 65	West of SR 2371 (Old County Home Road) in Wentworth	Sandy Cross / Wentworth Street	Upgrade Existing Roadway.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 2,050,000	39.29	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	65	11	100	n/a	0
H150728	NC 68, NC 65	NC 65 (south)	US 220	Widening roadway from Guilford County to Rockingham County to improve capacity and travel time. Provide more direct connection between Winston Salem and Future 1-73.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 23,048,000	37.72	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO, Greensboro Urban Area MPO	Rockingham, Guilford	65	12	7	Receive points from GUAMPO	+93
H111119	US 220 BUS	US 311 Extension	SR 2123 Caudle Road	Widen Roadway to Four Lanes with a Median	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 9,436,000	32.80	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Randolph	65	13	100	n/a	0
H090140-A	US 158	NC 86 West of Yanceyville	NC 86 Near Pleasant Grove	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 57,800,000	24.09	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Caswell	65	14	100	n/a	0

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H090061-DA	US 64	SR 1409 (Lake Park Road)	Proposed Asheboro Bypass	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 62,750,000	38.77	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Randolph	60	15	93	n/a	0
H090228-C	NC 65	Vance Street Extension	US 158-29 Business (Freeway Drive) in Reidsville	Upgrade Existing Roadway.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 3,925,000	28.53	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	60	16			
H090598-A	NC 109	NC 73 (Main Street)	SR 1127	Widen Existing; Add Shoulders; install Turn Lanes at Traffic Generators and Signalization.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 13,400,000	26.21	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Montgomery	60	17			
H090120-B	NC 49	Lassiter Mill Road	Proposed Asheboro Bypass West of SR 1193 (Old NC 49)	Widen to Multi-lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 62,261,000	27.26	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Randolph	55	18			
H150908	US 220 BUS	Ridge St	Atlantic Ave	Re-align and explore signal control at Country Club/Atlantic and effect of Telephone Ave @ US 220Bus traffic when Zoo Parkway Improvements are implemented at Dixie Drive. Access management extends towards Ridge St.	11 - Access Management	\$ 3,334,000	37.11	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Randolph	50	19			
H090158-A	NC 211	US 220 East of Candor	SR 1241 near Seven Lakes	Widen to Multi-Lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 64,141,000	27.32	E	08	Triangle Area RPO, Piedmont Triad RPO	Moore, Montgomery	45	20	0	Receive Points from TARPO	+14
H141540	US 220	US 311 / NC 704		Reconfigure Interchange	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 27,300,000	21.80	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	45	21			
H150359	NC 770 (E. Meadow Road)	East of SR 1798 (Industrial Drive) where 4-lane ends	SR 1743 (Gant Road)	Widen to multilanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 40,956,000	10.80	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	45	22			
H090228-B	NC 65	Sandy Cross / Wentworth Street	Vance Street Extension	Upgrade Existing Roadway.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 2,103,000	37.66	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	40	23			
H090740	NC 109	NC 24/27	NC 47	NC 24/27 in Troy to NC 47 in Denton. Widen Existing Two-Lane Cross Section; Improve Shoulders; Add Turn Lanes at Traffic Generators; Improve Signalization. Provide Bicycle Accomodation	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 22,773,000	28.72	E, D	08, 09	Piedmont Triad RPO, High Point Urban Area MPO	Montgomery, Davidson, Randolph	40	24			
H090023-A	I-73 , I-74 , US 220	North of US 220 Alternate	North of SR 1500 (Post office Road)	Upgrade freeway to interstate standards	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards	\$ 22,100,000	20.54	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Montgomery	40	25			
H090023-B	I-73 , I-74 , US 220	North of SR 1500 (Post office Road)	North of US 220 Alternate	Upgrade freeway to interstate standards	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards	\$ 17,100,000	20.16	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Montgomery	40	26			
H141840	US 311 , NC 770	Gant Road	Virginia State Line	Widen existing two-lane roadway to three lanes and construct grade separation over railroad	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 27,300,000	20.03	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	35	27			
H090273-B	NC 14	Fisher Hill Road	Virginia State Line	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 22,175,000	23.02	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	30	28			

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H150910	US 421 (US 421)	Julian Airport Rd		Convert at grade intersection to a diamond interchange to facilitate increased vehicle movements due to the development of the Randolph / Greensboro Mega Site development.	7 - Upgrade At-grade Intersection to Interchange or Grade Separation	\$ 16,800,000	13.56	E	08	Piedmont Triad RPO	Randolph	30	29			
H090147-A	US 158	US 220	US 29 Business (Freeway Drive)	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 145,661,000	26.77	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO, Greensboro Urban Area MPO	Rockingham, Guilford	25	30			
H142083	US 220 (Future I-73)	NC 68	NC 135	Upgrade US 220 expressway to interstate standards	3 - Upgrade Expressway to Freeway	\$ 194,000,000	30.27	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	20	31			
H150859	US 220 BYP(Future I 73)	NC 770		NC 770 Bridge over US 220 needs to be widened and ramps upgraded to Interstate Standard	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 11,700,000	15.77	D	07	Piedmont Triad RPO	Rockingham	20	32			

SPOT ID	Project Category	Route / Facility Name	Project Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost To NCDOT	Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70)	County(s)	(Draft) Point Allocations
T130084	Regional Impact	Randolph-Montgomery Restore Discontinued DR Service FY17	Purchase additional 20' LTV w/ lift for fleet operations in Rand and Mont Co to help restore discontinued demand response transit services. As a result of reduced NCDOT Rural Operating and Assistance Program funding allocations to both counties, demand-response services in both counties were scaled back, resulting in staff and fleet reductions. Requests for these discontinued services continues to ... Use SpotID: T130084 on Connect Site for additional info.	1 - Expansion Vehicle	\$ 7,000	42.00	Randolph	100
T130086	Regional Impact	Randolph-Montgomery Restore Discontinued DR Service FY19	Purchase additional 20' LTV w/ lift for fleet operations in Rand and Mont Co to help restore discontinued demand response transit services. As a result of reduced NCDOT Rural Operating and Assistance Program funding allocations to both counties, demand-response services in both counties were scaled back, resulting in staff and fleet reductions. Requests for these discontinued services continues to ... Use SpotID: T130086 on Connect Site for additional info.	1 - Expansion Vehicle	\$ 7,000	42.00	Montgomery	0

Basic Info and Scores								
SPOT ID	Project Category	Route / Facility Name	Project Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost To NCDOT	Statewide Mobility Quantitative Score (Out of 100)	Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70)	County(s)
R140004	Statewide Mobility	NS M line	Construct new siding at Sophia on the M Line to move cars out of High Point Yard and create room to allow the local train to clear the mainline.	Freight rail infrastructure improvement or construction	\$ 1,526,142	34.88	27.10	Randolph



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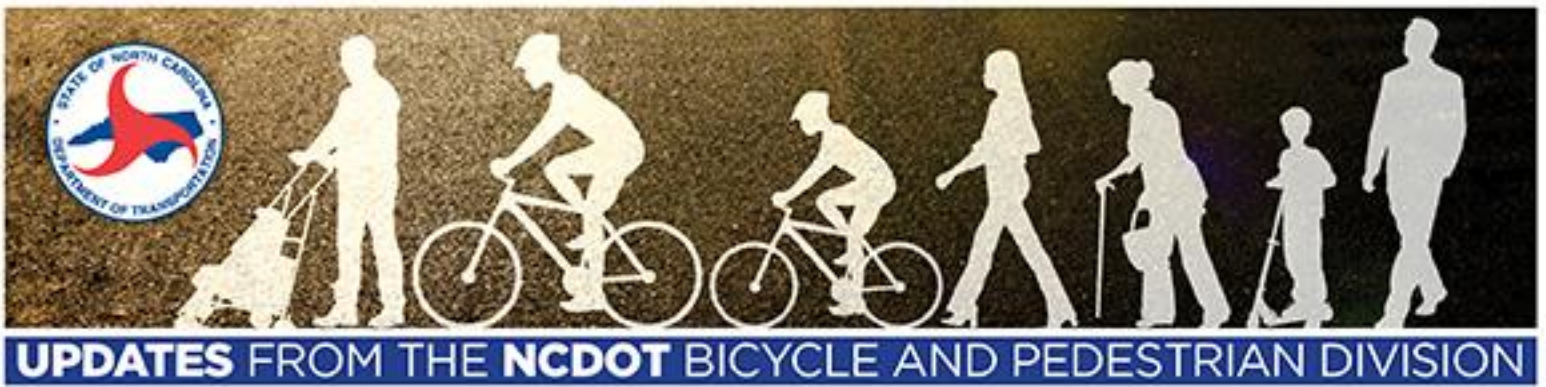
Updates from the Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation

Background

A brief overview of the latest happenings in NCDOT Bike-Ped.

Action Requested

For your information.



News from Bike-Ped: Updates from the Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation

The past year has been full of new plans, new data, new research and new tools. Here are some of the latest happenings in NCDOT Bike-Ped.

Planning Studies

Seeking planned large-scale bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects: DBPT is soliciting projects of interest for planning studies. The focus of the study will be to progress a project from its current long-range plan status to a level where potential engineering issues and reliable cost estimates can be determined. A planning study will consider alternative alignments or design options within a study area, and will identify a preferred alignment and/or design concept. Submission deadline is July 1.

For more information, please see the [Connect website](#).

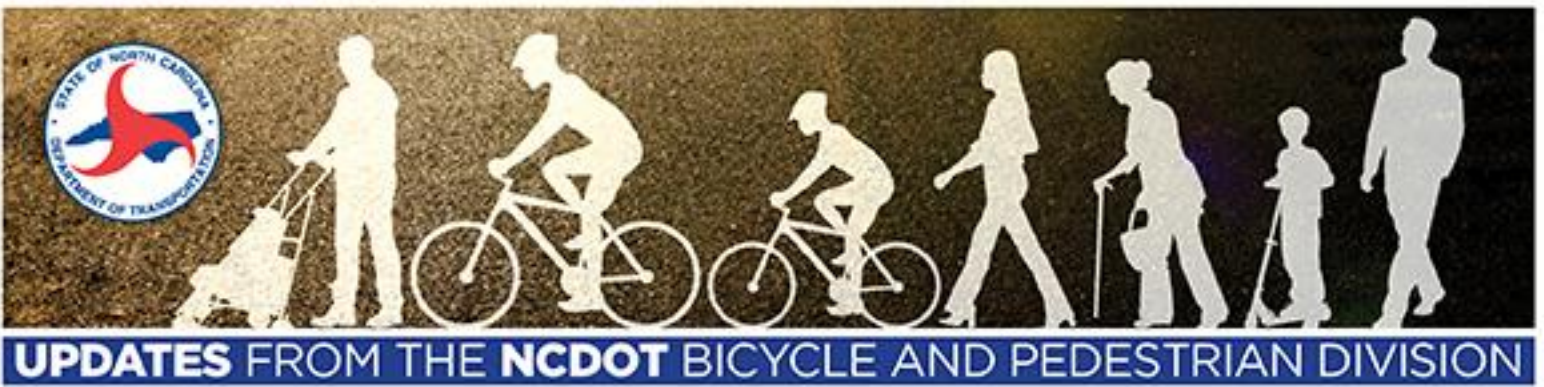
Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Network

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Network (PBIN) is a standardized geodatabase consisting of existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian facility types throughout North Carolina. The latest submitted additions to the geodatabase (through March 2016) are now available on the network website. Types of facilities represented on the PBIN include bike lanes, shared-use paths, sidewalks, crossing facilities, bike parking and much more.

Know of facilities that are not yet shown? Counties, towns and other entities are encouraged to submit their bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure data in a standardized format by visiting the [website](#).

PBIN Glossary

Is it a greenway, a shared-use path, or a multi-use trail? What's a bike box...and a green zone? To clarify the terms used in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Network, a glossary of bicycle and pedestrian terminology is [now available online](#). The definitions are intended to help planners and other users understand the terminology for specific types of infrastructure and to provide a reliable source for accepted names for each type.

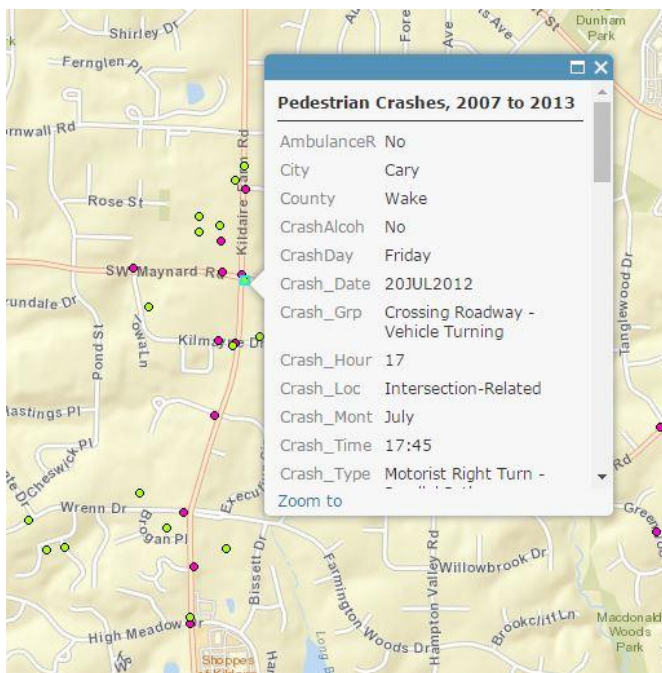


Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Data

NCDOT bicycle and pedestrian crash data is provided through an online crash data tool and an online interactive map.

- The [crash data tool](#) allows users to query crash data by selected variables and geographic areas.
- The online map displays both bicycle and pedestrian crashes across the state and provides a crash geodatabase that can be downloaded. With the recent addition of 2013 crash data, seven years of geocoded crash data are now available. View the interactive map or download data [here](#).

The bike and pedestrian crash data is very popular with a variety of users, from transit agencies using it to plan pedestrian safety improvements near bus stops, to planners recommending infrastructure projects to help fix crash hotspots.

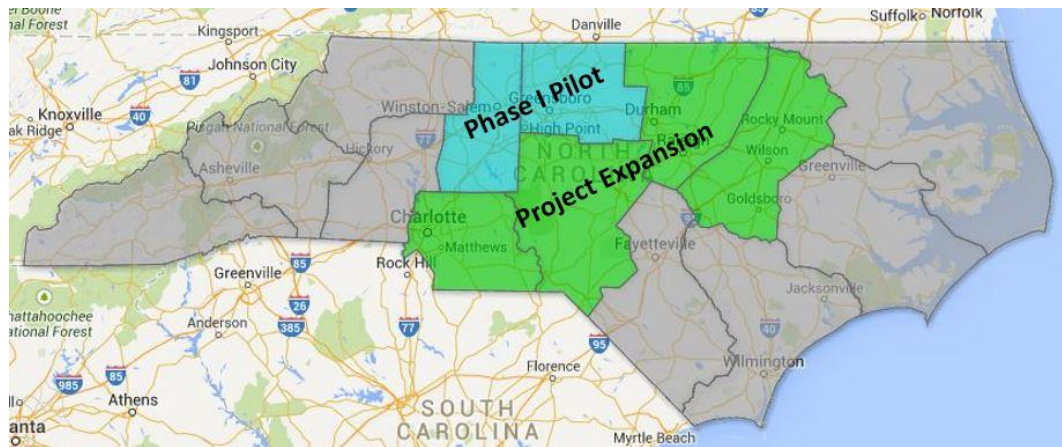
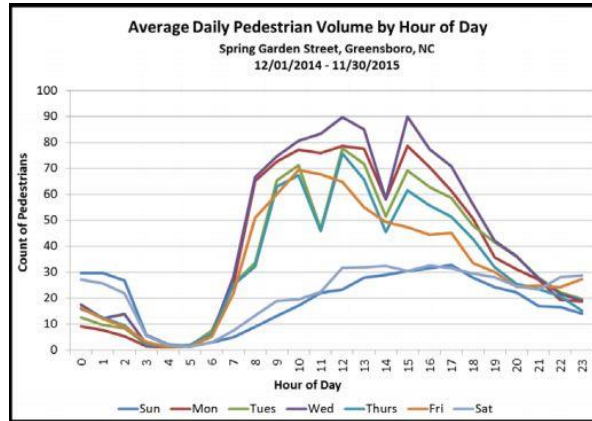


How is your agency or locality using the crash data? Let us know! Send your description to transportation planner Betsy Kane at ekane@ncdot.gov.



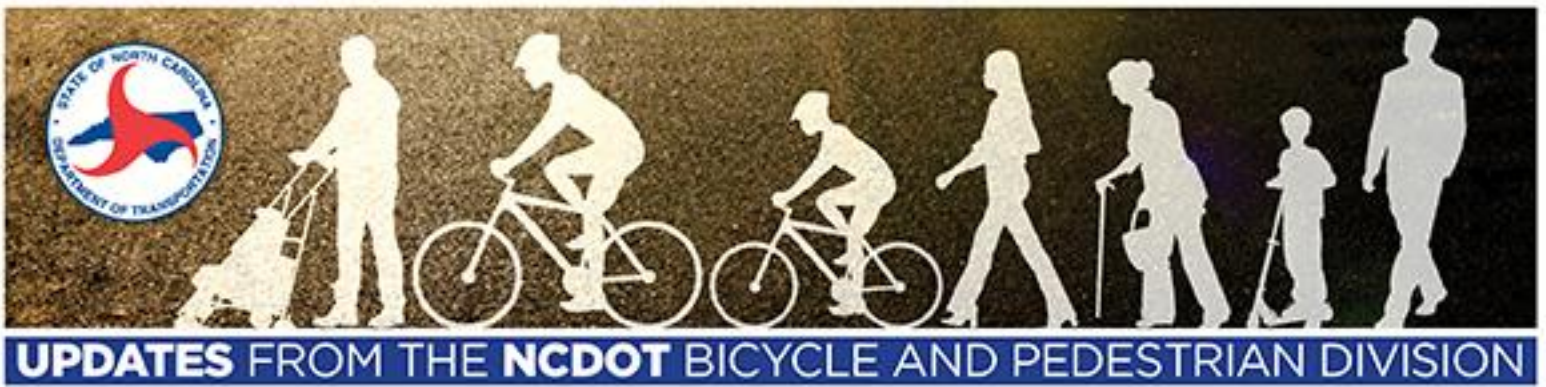
Non-Motorized Volume Data Program (Bike and Pedestrian “Counts”)

The pilot phase of the NC Non-Motorized Volume Data Program to count bicycle and pedestrian activity was conducted in the geographic region which comprises NCDOT Divisions 7 and 9. Continuous count stations to monitor bicyclist and pedestrian travel for this phase were activated in late 2014. The data from the first phase reveal interesting usage patterns on the streets, highways, and greenways where counts were conducted. The summary report is available [online](#).



Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Construction Cost Estimator Tool

A beta version of a bicycle/pedestrian [cost estimator tool](#) (and associated study report) will be made available on our website this spring. The Excel-based cost estimator tool uses sample cost data from across the state to estimate various construction cost elements. Users provide project input data in order to generate cost estimates for a variety of bicycle/pedestrian facility types.



Content Standards for NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans

Since 2004, NCDOT has provided a lengthy Recommended Template for how bicycle and pedestrian plans funded through the Planning Grant Initiative are prepared. Now, this template has been replaced with a [Content Standards document](#). This two-page document identifies various elements now required in our plans, while offering flexibility in how the plan is organized.

Design Guidance for Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans

The Planning Grant Program no longer requires that bike and pedestrian plans include a chapter providing general design guidance for bike and pedestrian facilities. Instead, the focus is on adapting authoritative guidance sources (such as the NACTO and AASHTO bike guides) to the specific projects recommended in each plan, through cutsheets, project descriptions, and conceptual diagrams. This approach should result in more accurate cost estimates, as well as identification of constraints ahead of time, which can smooth the way to implementation. To find sources of authoritative design guidance, see the updated webpages on the [website](#) and [Connect site](#).

Helmet Grants

In April, the Bike-Ped Division shipped 1,776 children's bike helmets to fifty program recipients across the state, including police and sheriff's departments, school safety groups, health clinics, and non-profits organizations. These groups are now distributing the bike helmets to kids who need them through a variety of local programs, such as summer camps, bike safety clinics, and after-school events. Funding for the Bicycle Helmet Initiative, now in its eighth year, is made possible through sales of the Share the Road specialty license plates. Applications for the next cycle will open again this fall; more information is available on the [website](#).

