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Division 13
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Why Smart Driving Just Became More Important on Division 13 Roadways



The End of Daylight Saving Time Means Safe Driving, Walking and Cycling Just Became Paramount

That hour of daylight we lost this past weekend at the end of Daylight Saving Time means drivers, cyclists and pedestrians need to pay extra attention while traveling along roads.

For many residents, the time change means the commute home and evening walk, run, or bike ride will be in the dusk or even dark.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, driving either just before sunrise or immediately at dusk are the most dangerous time periods on the roadways, and traffic fatalities are **three times more likely** to take place.

[Click this link for Division 13](#) safe driving tips.

Honoring Our Veterans



As the nation celebrates Veterans Day this Friday, it seems fitting to recognize one of the most enduring expressions of this daily gratitude: **The Blue Star Memorial Highway Program**. The Blue Star Memorial Marker name refers to the blue star in the service flag, an official banner authorized by the U.S. Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces. The NCDOT works with garden clubs across the state to select locations for the memorial markers. Learn more about the history of the program and see pictures of the various Blue Star Memorial Markers [here](#).

Mountain Crews Are Prepared for Winter Weather Season



Preparing for any weather emergency is part of NCDOT's primary function.

During October and November, every county in all 14 divisions around the state check equipment and salt and brine supplies ahead of the winter weather season.

When a storm does threaten our communities, NCDOT proactively treats bridges and overpasses in advance with salt brine, because elevated structures freeze first during periods of cold and inclement weather.

We encourage motorists to prepare for the season now by logging on to our website now to view [severe weather and safety tips](#).



All Invited to I-40 Public Hearings About Three Interchanges

The NCDOT will hold a public meeting regarding three interchanges on Interstate 40: Jamestown Road, Drexel Road and Carolina Street. The meeting will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Nov.



Applications Open for NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative

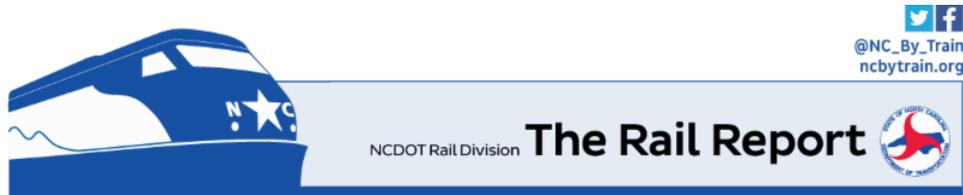
As we approach the holiday giving season, NCDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Division is calling for applicants for its annual Bicycle Helmet Initiative! The program distributes helmets to

16 at Mt. Home Baptist Church in Morganton.

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