



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation

Division 14

COUNTIES SERVED | Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood,
Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Polk, Swain, Transylvania

May 2019 Edition

It's Motorcycle, Bicycle and Seat Belt Safety Awareness Month



With warmer weather here, it's a good time for some reminders about how to keep yourself and others safe while on the road.

Seat Belt Safety Awareness Month: In 2018, 41% of automobile fatalities in North Carolina were drivers or passengers who were not wearing their seat belt. Buckling up can save your life and your passenger's. [Read more.](#)

Motorcycle Safety Month: [BikeSafeNC](#) offers tips on pre-ride safety checks, riding with a passenger, recommended safety gear and more. They also host free [Rider Skill Days](#), providing instruction and advice to help make a motorcyclist's experience safer and more enjoyable.

Bicycle Safety Month: You can stay safe while biking by wearing a helmet and reflective clothing, riding single file in the direction of traffic and using hand signals when turning. As a motorist, learn how to help keep pedestrians and cyclists safe at [Watch For Me NC](#).

Happening Near You...

Traffic Shifted on Cowee Mountain for Lasting Repairs

A contractor for the NCDOT shifted lanes on U.S. 441 in Jackson County that will provide safe travel lanes and a safe work zone while construction crews repair road damage on Cowee Mountain.

[Learn more about the repairs](#)

Public Input Sought for N.C. 9 Safety Improvements Near School

A proposed safety project on N.C. 9 in Polk County includes a new turn lane into Polk Central Elementary School, wider travel lanes and 6-foot wide paved shoulders.

[Learn more about the proposed project](#)

NCDOT Seeking Opinions for U.S. 441 Improvements in Franklin

A proposed project would upgrade 2.8 miles of the Macon County highway between Belden Circle/Wide Horizon Drive and Prentiss Bridge Road to a four-lane highway with a median.

[Get the details](#)



Carolina Connector Facility to Benefit all of NC

Officials recently broke ground on a new intermodal facility (trucks/trains) in Rocky Mount that will provide jobs, spur economic development, and make shipping less expensive across the state.

[Learn More](#)



Do you Know How to Navigate a Roundabout?

The department is building more roundabouts to better improve safety and travel flow, more so than with traditional intersections.

[And they are easy to learn how to use!](#)

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