



The Multimodal Message

The latest news from the Multimodal Divisions of NCDOT
Bicycle/Pedestrian•Public Transportation•Aviation•Ferry•Rail

Continued Success from the Multimodal Divisions Message from Deputy Secretary Julie White

The state's fiscal year ended on June 30, making it the right time to take a look back at the accomplishments of our multimodal divisions. I am proud of all that our team has accomplished. Here is just a small sampling of our accomplishments last fiscal year:

- Broke ground on the Carolina Connector (CCX) intermodal transportation facility in Edgecombe County that will help create 1,300 jobs;
- Issued the 2019 North Carolina: The State of Aviation report showing that North Carolina's publicly-owned airports contribute more than \$52 billion to the state's economy and support 307,000 jobs;
- Worked with transit systems across the state to assist with evacuations during Hurricane Florence, as well as recovery;
- Developed new strategies to support bike and pedestrian projects statewide, furthering our goal of projects in all 100 counties;
- Managed the construction of nine ferry vessels, preparing the Ferry System for the future; and
- Presented the inaugural NCDOT Mobi Awards, where six multimodal projects in North Carolina were honored.

Despite being just two months into the new fiscal year, the multimodal divisions are already continuing that success. Here's what we've already accomplished:

- The Rail Division was recently awarded a \$77 million federal grant to improve passenger service, bringing their total competitive federal grants secured since 2018 to \$143 million.

- The Aviation Division's innovative use of drones to assist with Hurricane Florence response recently earned a regional award in the 2019 America's Transportation Awards competition from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Help the project win another award by voting online.
- The Bicycle and Pedestrian and Public Transportation divisions continue to work on a merger that will create the Integrated Mobility Division focused on innovation, mobility and community support and led by Hanna Cockburn.
- The Ferry Division's passenger ferry service has been popular, with nearly 27,000 passengers served this summer. Most passengers surveyed rated their experience as excellent.
- The NCDOT Mobi Awards were honored with a 2019 NADO Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations.

Rail Division Receives \$77 Million Federal Grant

The N.C. Department of Transportation has received a \$77 million grant to upgrade its fleet of passenger rail cars.

The Federal Railroad Administration has awarded the department's Rail Division with a \$76.8 million grant as part of the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Program. The grant will support the purchase of a fleet of new coaches to phase out the oldest cars in the Piedmont passenger service fleet and allow for more frequent service options in the future. The project also includes the construction of additional improvements to the Locomotive and Railcar Maintenance Facility in Charlotte that supports the Piedmont service.



With this award, the department's Rail Division has received nearly \$143 million since 2018 in competitive federal grant funding to support freight, safety and passenger rail programs.

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NCDOT's Use of Drones in Hurricane Response
One of Nation's Top Projects
Vote Online for People's Choice Award



The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) named NCDOT's Hurricane Florence Drone Response as one of the "Top 12" projects in the 2019 America's Transportation Awards. Learn more about this important project in this [video](#) by partner DJI.

The Top 12 are eligible for two top prizes - the Grand Prize, awarded by a panel of judges, and the People's Choice Award, determined by an online vote from the public. Anyone is welcome to [vote for NCDOT's project](#) as part of the People's Choice Award. People can vote once per day, every day, until the competition closes at midnight Oct. 6.

Winners will be announced at the AASHTO annual meeting Oct. 7 in St. Louis. Winners will be awarded \$10,000 to a charity or scholarship fund of their choice. Any winnings by NCDOT will go to the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund.

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Celebrating Women in Transportation



In August, leaders from the multimodal divisions participated in a panel at the Southern Transportation Civil Rights Executive Council Training Symposium in Charlotte. Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation Julie White hosted a table of the women in the modes at the "Women in Transportation Breakfast," where Karen Collette, division engineer for Highway Division 3, was an honoree.



Board of Transportation Approves Complete Streets Resolution

The N.C. Department of Transportation is improving its policy that focuses on evaluating every mode of travel for projects. The changes will enhance the safety and efficiency of the state's transportation network.

On Aug. 8, members of the N.C. Board of Transportation unanimously adopted a resolution in support of implementing amendments to the department's Complete Streets policy.

NCDOT adopted the Complete Streets policy in 2009. The policy directs transportation engineers and planners to take into account and incorporate different types of transportation into road projects, where feasible. The various transportation modes include driving, walking, biking, rail, aviation and public transit.

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NCDOT Mobi Awards Honored with National Award

The NCDOT Mobi Awards were recently recognized with a 2019 NADO Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations.



The NADO Impact Award honors creative approaches to advancing regional community and economic development and improved quality of life. The NCDOT Mobi Awards honor multimodal projects in communities across North Carolina for their lasting impact. The inaugural NCDOT Mobi Awards were presented in April.

[Learn more.](#)

Promoting Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety



In conjunction with [Watch For Me NC](#), select Uber and Lyft drivers have agreed to share safety campaign materials with riders. Watch for Me NC is a comprehensive program, run by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in partnership with local communities, aimed at reducing the number of pedestrians and bicyclists hit and injured in crashes with vehicles. Uber and Lyft drivers also agreed to include Watch for Me NC messages on their vehicles.

Trogdon Named Rail Council Chair

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has appointed N.C. Department of Transportation Secretary James Trogdon III to a two-year term as chair of the Council on Rail Transportation (CORT).



In receiving this appointment, Secretary Trogdon is recognized for leading one of the nation's premier rail programs. CORT addresses all policy, regulatory, safety, operations and investment issues states use to develop an efficient national freight and passenger rail system. CORT serves as the rail modal lead for the AASHTO Freight Transportation Network and Special Committee on Intermodal Transportation and Economic Expansion.

Members of CORT include all AASHTO participating transportation departments (all states including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico).

Passenger Ferry Success Continues



With the summer winding down, ridership on the Passenger Ferry continues at a strong pace. Nearly 27,000 passengers have been served on the Ocracoke Express, and nearly 1,500 bicycles have been brought aboard. Support from nearby communities and visitors has been important to the passenger ferry's popularity.

Rails with Trails Funding Approved by State Board

At its August meeting, the Board of Transportation approved funding for three local rails to trails/rails with trails projects. The funding was made through a new program by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Division, leveraging federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) money to secure and improve rail corridors in locations across the state for multi-modal use.

City of Shelby and Cleveland County

11.2-mile rail trail from City of Shelby to the South Carolina state line
\$5.2 million in local and federal funding

Hendersonville, Henderson County and Transylvania County

19-mile rail trail in Henderson and Transylvania County counties
\$8 million in local and federal funding

City of Greensboro and Guilford County

3.4-mile rail trail extension of the A&Y Greenway
\$5.5 million in local and federal funding



Help Shape the Future of the Ferry System

We want your input on the N.C. Ferry System's long-range plan. Take the online survey today:

Visit publicinput.com/NC-ferry-plan

Text FerryPlan to 984-205-6615

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Drone Summit Showcases Future of Transportation

The N.C. Drone Summit and Flight Expo returned to Greensboro in August, and this year's summit was bigger and better than before.

More than 500 people from around the world attended over three days, sharing their expertise and getting the chance to network with and learn from others in the drone industry. The summit featured a full schedule of flight demonstrations, informative talks, panel discussions and exhibitions.

The N.C. Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation helps host the summit to showcase the present and future of the drone industry and promote safe usage of drones.

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INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY (IPD)

Integrated Project Delivery Includes All Modes

Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) is a new effort at the N.C. Department of Transportation to improve project delivery with transparent, repeatable and accountable processes that are effective and efficient.

IPD will help NCDOT and its partners:

- make timely decisions regarding scope, schedule, budget and quality
- focus only on work processes and tasks that are required or will advance project objectives
- improve communication, coordination and decision-making
- ensure accountability for how we deliver on our promises and serve our customers.

The IPD Planning Team is working to make sure all transportation modes are fully integrated into the project delivery process. In July and early August, team members hosted interviews with stakeholders in all transportation modes – pedestrian, bicycle, transit, ferry, aviation, rail, and freight. Next, in workshops with key stakeholders, they will develop enhancements for incorporating multimodal considerations into the IPD process and identify current IPD elements that can be improved with the addition of multimodal considerations.

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