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NCDOT Receives Grant to Start Human Trafficking Training for Public Transit Workers

Thanks to a federal grant, the N.C. Department of Transportation will start a program this year to train public transportation employees on how to recognize and respond if they see human trafficking.

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced this week the NCDOT will receive a $120,000 grant to develop and deliver training on human trafficking for public transit providers statewide. The grant will also be used to pay for human trafficking education materials that can be posted in bus stations and other public transportation facilities, as well as on public transit vehicles.

Learn more

News Near You...

Cove Creek Road Closing for Repairs

WAYNESVILLE – N.C. Department of Transportation officials recently awarded a contract to stabilize a hillside on Cove Creek Road about five miles from Jonathan Creek Road in Haywood County.

Read more about the improvement

Public Comment Opportunity for Future NCDOT Division 14 Projects

Residents still have the chance to provide input on what transportation projects they would like to see included in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's 10-Year transportation plan for 2023-2032. The 30-day public comment period to submit project ideas continues until Feb. 28.

Residents can be part of the process by contacting Steve Williams of the Division 14 office at sjwilliams@ncdot.gov; NCDOT Division 14, 253 Webster Road, Sylva, NC 28779; or 828-586-2141. The 2023-2032 draft plan will be released in February 2022, with a vote on it by the Board of Transportation the following summer.

REAL ID Enforcement Begins This Year

On Oct. 1, REAL IDs will be federally enforced. A REAL ID is not separate from a driver license but is an optional enhancement. It will be helpful for people who frequently fly on commercial airplanes or those who visit military bases, nuclear sites or other federal facilities.

To find out how to get your REAL ID or schedule an appointment at your local DMV, go to ncdot.gov.

Get your REAL ID

Port of Wilmington Named Fastest Growing Port

The Port of Wilmington has been named the fastest growing U.S. port. The port grew nearly 27% from 2017 to 2018, according to the American Council of Engineering Companies.

This happened in large part because of the cold storage warehousing dock and the growth in the Wilmington area's industrial real estate market. The cold storage warehousing dock makes it easier for farmers and businesses to export and import perishable goods like pork, seafood, fruits and vegetables.

With more than 300 ports in the nation, the Port of Wilmington is now ranked the 25th largest.

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