



## The Multimodal Message

The latest news from the Multimodal Divisions of NCDOT  
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### Boyette Named NCDOT Secretary

Eric Boyette was appointed secretary of the N.C. Department of Transportation in February 2020.

He has more than 20 years of experience in state government. Boyette began his career with NCDOT and served in several leadership roles, including chief information officer, inspector general and Division of Motor Vehicles commissioner.



In 2017, Boyette was appointed as secretary and state chief information officer at the N.C. Department of Information Technology. In this role, he led the state department responsible for all IT procurement, state cybersecurity, operational services, broadband infrastructure, solutions division, data analytics center, the N.C. 911 Board and strategic IT planning.

Boyette earned a Bachelor of Science from Barton College and resides in Kenly with his wife Dana, son Jay and daughter Morgan.

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### NCDOT Mobi Awards Postponed Until August Message from Deputy Secretary Julie White

The 2020 NCDOT Mobi Awards luncheon has been postponed due to concerns about the coronavirus and in accordance with Gov. Cooper's latest recommendations.

The awards luncheon was scheduled for April 1, but it has been moved to Aug. 5.



The luncheon will be held in the same location, the Marriott City Center in downtown Raleigh. All current registrations will be honored for the new date.

Registrations are also transferable. Contact [wtsnctriangle@wtsinternational.org](mailto:wtsnctriangle@wtsinternational.org) if you want to transfer your registration. In addition, luncheon registration will remain open until July 24.

The NCDOT Mobi Awards, now in its second year, celebrate multimodal projects across the state – and the teams that made them happen. These projects are making an impact on their communities, supporting mobility, driving economic development and improving quality of life.

This year, NCDOT received 67 applications for the contest. The applications are stellar and are a testament to the impressive things our transportation and community leaders are accomplishing.

Stay tuned to this newsletter, as we'll be making future announcements about the NCDOT Mobi Awards.

If you would like to register to attend the Mobi Awards luncheon or learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit our [NCDOT Mobi Awards page](#). I hope to see you there in August!

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## Touring Piedmont Triad International Airport



NCDOT Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation Julie White and Aviation Division Director Bobby Walston joined legislators and economic development officials for a tour of Piedmont Triad International Airport in February.

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## Applications Open for Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grants

The N.C. Department of Transportation is accepting applications from communities for the [2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative](#). The program provides funding for municipalities across the state to develop comprehensive bicycle or pedestrian plans.

The deadline for [applications to be submitted](#) is May 19. Award recipients will be notified by September 2020.

This program is sponsored by the Integrated Mobility Division and the Transportation Planning Branch. Since 2004, approximately \$6.5 million has been awarded to 211 municipalities and six counties statewide.

[Read more.](#)



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## **Aviation Launches Economic Development Strategic Planning**

More than 50 airport, transportation and economic development leaders convened in Raleigh Jan. 29 to help the Division of Aviation develop a business development strategic plan for expanding aviation-related economic impact across North Carolina.



NCDOT Chief Deputy Secretary David Howard and Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation Julie White opened the workshop by highlighting air transportation's significant impact in North Carolina. Chris Chung, chief executive officer of the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, and Susan Fleetwood, executive director of economic development for the N.C. Department of Commerce, both attended the workshop in support of the initiative.

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## **GoTriangle Commuting Challenge: Rail vs. Car**



As GoTriangle works to advance commuter rail, their organization put together the video (seen above) to show the benefits of our passenger rail service, including reduced commute times and the ability to use Wi-Fi while you are enjoying the train ride.

**NCDOT Ferry  
2020 Career Fair**

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56658 NC Highway 12  
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Register at <http://bit.ly/Ferry2020>

## Ferry Division Hosts Career Fairs

The state Ferry Division is holding career fairs for potential employees on March 13 in Hatteras and March 19 in Morehead City. The division will be accepting applications for all positions system-wide, from parking lot attendants and engineers to marine welders, crew members and captains. Positions are also available for the dozens

of part-time and temporary summer positions that are needed every season.

The Hatteras Career Fair will be held at the Hatteras Civic Center, 56658 N.C. 12, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 13. The Morehead City Career Fair will be held, as part of the Eastern North Career Fair, from 2:30-6:30 p.m. March 19. The Morehead City fair will be held at the Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3305 Arendell St., Morehead City.

People interested in attending either career fair can pre-register at: <https://publicinput.com/Ferry-Division-Career-Fair>.

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## Southeast Corridor Rail Commission Officers Elected

The Southeast Corridor Rail Commission, which was formed to develop a regional rail plan and improve coordination among states, elected officers and the Federal Railroad Association, at its February meeting. The N.C. Department of Transportation is a member of this commission, along with Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The officers are:

- Chair - Julie White, deputy secretary for multimodal transportation, NCDOT
- Vice Chair - Jennifer Mitchell, director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- Secretary - Meg Pirkle, chief engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation



## Aviation Art Contest Winners Announced

The Division of Aviation has announced the winners of this year's [Aviation Art Contest](#), an annual competition among North Carolina students. The contest received 2,420 entries from 219 schools and 77 counties.

This year's theme was "Flying Yesterday and Tomorrow." The winning artwork can be viewed on the Division of Aviation's Facebook page. For the first time, certain winners will have their artwork displayed at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh.

In addition to cash prizes for the winners and their schools, the top three students in each age division will have their artwork submitted to the National Aviation Art Contest.

[Read more.](#)

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## Interim Director of Integrated Mobility Division Named

Heather Hildebrandt has been named the interim director of the Integrated Mobility Division. Hildebrandt takes the role after former director Hanna

Cockburn was selected as director of the Greensboro Transportation Department.

Hildebrandt has worked in the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division for the past six years, where she supervises the Statewide Initiatives Group that oversees Transportation Conformity, the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program as well as statewide multi-modal planning through the Strategic Transportation Corridors, Statewide Long-range Transportation Plan, and the Statewide Freight Plan.

Hildebrandt has worked with the Integrated Mobility Division on several projects over the years including providing funding to expand bike and pedestrian facilities, transit, and Transportation Demand Management programs through the Community Multiscale Air Quality modeling program. In addition, she is the NCDOT liaison to the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality on the Volkswagen Settlement and has worked on the CASSI project.

She graduated with a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering/Environmental Programs from NC State University.

## Multimodal News

- [Airports Help Support Rural North Carolina Communities](#) (ITRE)
- [Dorian Damage to Ferry Division Tops \\$4M](#) (Coastal Review)
- [Aberdeen Approves NC-DOT Railroad Corridor Concept](#) (The Pilot)

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