



## NORTH CAROLINA Department of Transportation

### Division 13

COUNTIES SERVED | *Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell,  
Mitchell, Rutherford, Yancey*

## May 2020 Edition

# May is Seat Belt, Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety Month



**Seat Belt Safety Awareness Month:** So far in 2020, there have been almost 200 vehicle crash fatalities in North Carolina. Fatalities can be reduced by seat belt use. Not wearing a seat belt can cost you \$179 or more in fines and fees, and result in lives lost. [Read more.](#)

**Motorcycle Safety Month:** [BikeSafeNC](#) offers tips on pre-ride safety checks, riding with a passenger, safety gear and more. They also host free [Rider Skill Days](#) 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. Learn how to help keep pedestrians and cyclists safe at [Watch For Me NC](#).

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## News Near You...

### **New Ramps Open at I-26/Brevard Road Interchange**

NCDOT officials have recently opened two ramps at the Interstate 26 interchange with Brevard Road (N.C. 191). A new onramp from [Brevard Road to I-26 East](#) opened in early May. A new exit ramp from [I-26 West to Brevard Road](#) opened one week later. The \$47.4 million improvement project will increase safety and mobility on I-26 and Brevard Road.



## NCDOT Using Drones in COVID-19 Relief Efforts

NCDOT is making it easier for you to comply with stay-at-home orders. The Division of Aviation is launching an initiative that will [use drones to deliver medical supplies and food](#).



North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles

### Is Your License Expiring? Need to Renew Your Vehicle Registration?

Recently, Governor Cooper signed a **one-time, 5-month extension** on more than 24 NCDMV services, such as driver licenses and vehicle registrations.

[Learn More and View FAQs](#)



### COVID-19 Impacts NCDOT Revenue

Sharp decline in revenue has resulted in NCDOT falling below the [statutorily mandated cash floor of \\$293 million](#).

Despite some restrictions, the department is [still actively working to serve citizens](#).



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There's a new NCDOT Now episode every Friday. Keep up to date on transportation news, projects and events.

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