



## NORTH CAROLINA Department of Transportation

### Division 14

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

**July 2020 Edition**

## Road Tests Waived for Teen Drivers



North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles

Parents of teenage drivers rejoice! With the signing of House Bill 158 by Gov. Cooper, the required road tests for 16- and 17-year-old drivers to obtain their [Level 2 Limited Provisional licenses have been temporarily waived](#). Now young drivers itching to get back on the road and in need of new licenses no longer have to wait.

Drivers seeking the waiver must [schedule an appointment](#).

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### News Near You...

#### **New Plan for Dillsboro Bridge Saves Years, Shaves Millions**

DILLSBORO – Construction plans to replace a bridge on Haywood Road over Scott Creek and Smoky Mountain Railroad in Dillsboro are going in a new direction.

Officials from the Town of Dillsboro, the N.C. Department of Transportation and Wright Brothers Construction agreed to implement a new value engineering plan that will reduce the overall construction time from three years to nine months.



[Click here for more info](#)



## Summer Driving and Road Trip Tips

'Tis the season for travel, fun and sun. However, safety should be considered year-round. NCDOT would like to encourage everyone to slow down and pay attention to the road, [especially in work zones](#), during the busy summer construction season.

You can check on road conditions, closures and more for your specific route by visiting [DriveNC.gov](http://DriveNC.gov).

[See Tips Here](#)



## Get Prepped for Hurricane Season

From June 1 to Nov. 30, we are recognizing hurricane season and officials are urging you and your family to discuss emergency plans and update emergency supplies.

Go to the department's website and search "[storm FAQ](#)" for tips on storm preparations, potential evacuation details and current traffic information.



## N.C. Bridge Needs Your Vote in Photo Contest

A photo of the Marc Basnight Bridge is a contender in the American Society of Civil Engineers' Viewer's Choice Contest.

Your vote could help boost the N.C. bridge's chance to win. Voting will remain open until Aug. 30.

[Cast Your Vote](#)



## Promote Safety with #KeysFreeNC

The [Governor's Highway Safety Program](#) kicked off its annual July 4 "[Booze and Lose It](#)" campaign with a community drive-through event at the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point on June 29.

As part of their campaign, GHSP is asking everyone to display #KeysFreeNC in their car windows to encourage fellow North Carolinians to leave their keys behind if they are drinking during their Fourth of July celebrations.

The campaign will last through July 5.

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