



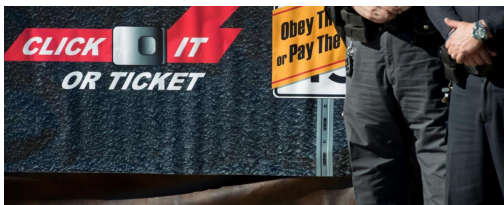
## NORTH CAROLINA Department of Transportation

Division 11

*COUNTIES SERVED | Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin*

### May 2025 Edition

#### Memorial Day Click It or Ticket



Whether you're driving or riding, always wear your seatbelt. It's proven to save lives.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program is running its statewide Memorial Day Click It or Ticket campaign from May 18 through June 1.

Law enforcement will increase patrols across all 100 counties to ensure everyone is properly buckled up.

Stay safe! Memorial Day is approaching, and the GHSP and its partners will be watching out for you.

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#### Litter Sweep Wrap Up

The department's Spring Litter Sweep just concluded, with 434,235 pounds of litter collected from North Carolina's roadsides.

With over 80,000 miles of state-maintained roads, we need everyone's help to keep our highways clean.

Visit our Litter Sweep [webpage](#) to learn about how you can get involved moving forward!





## Youth, Motorcycle & Bicycle Safety Campaigns

May is National Youth Traffic Safety Month, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and National Bicycle Safety Month.

In North Carolina, motorcycles make up just 2% of registered vehicles but account for nearly 10% of road fatalities. Proper training, wearing helmets, and following traffic laws greatly reduce the risk of crashes.

Drivers should stay alert, watch for motorcycles and bicycles, and always share the road.

NCDOT offers a variety of [safety resources](#) to help protect all users of the state-maintained road system.

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## News Near You

### Public Comment Period Open for Ashe County Bridge Replacement

**WEST JEFFERSON** – A proposed project is needed to replace a structurally deficient bridge — safe but old and deteriorating — over South Fork New River. The new bridge requires use of land currently owned by the nature preserve.



People may also submit comments by June 8 via phone at 336-931-9136, by email [dradams@ncdot.gov](mailto:dradams@ncdot.gov) or direct mail to Daniel Adams, Division 11 Project Team Lead, 801 Statesville Road, North Wilkesboro, N.C. 28659.

### Lane Closure Needed to Finish Ashe County Bridge Project

**WARRENSVILLE** – A bridge replacement project near Ashe County Middle School is on schedule to conclude this summer.

In order to finish the work, a contractor for the N.C. Department of Transportation will install a 30-day lane closure of the northbound lane of N.C. 194 at the bridge over the North Fork New River for most of May.

### Traffic Shift in Place for U.S. 601 Project in Yadkin County

Contract crews recently implemented a change to the traffic pattern on South State Street (U.S. 601) as the project to improve safety, congestion and utilities near U.S. 421 continues.

Crews from Blythe Construction of Charlotte closed the southbound right lane between West Maple Street and Sharon Drive and a new pattern has been formed on the northbound side between Beroth Drive and Lee Avenue, featuring a single through lane and center turn lane.

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