



## NORTH CAROLINA Department of Transportation

### Division 13

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

## June 2025 Edition

### Hurricane Preparedness



With hurricane season underway, NCDOT is preparing for future storms. Crews across the state are ensuring equipment and vehicles are running properly and taking inventory of important signage as well.

In the case of an event, our crews will be ready, and we want you to be ready, too.

Use [DriveNC.gov](https://drive.nc.gov), which provides real-time travel information for North Carolina. During major storms, NCDOT updates the site to include the latest weather-related impacts to transportation.

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### NCDMV Resumes Saturday Hours

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles has resumed Saturday hours at 20 driver license offices across the state.

Services will be provided from 8 a.m. - noon on Saturdays through Aug. 20.

Customers are still encouraged to utilize the [NCDMV's online services](#) for various needs, including but not limited to renewing or ordering duplicates of driver licenses



and ID cards, address changes and voter registration cards.



## 100 Deadliest Days of Summer Begin

The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is nationally recognized as the most dangerous time of year for teen drivers.

In 2021 alone, nearly 14,000 crashes in North Carolina involved teen drivers. The Governor's Highway Safety Program and its partners are working to promote safer driving habits among teens.

You can help make a difference. Start a conversation with a teen you know about the importance of safe driving. Encourage them to take advantage of the NCDMV's Graduated Driver License (GDL) program, which helps young drivers gain experience under safer conditions.

Together, we can help reduce teen crashes and save lives.

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## News Near You

### [Public Comments Open for Asheville Greenway](#)

**ASHEVILLE** - The N.C. Department of Transportation and City of Asheville held a public meeting regarding a proposal by NCDOT and the City to extend the Wilma Dykeman Greenway to the north along the French Broad River.

The 1.3-mile proposed section will connect the existing greenway south of Hill Street and extend to Pearson Bridge Road. This greenway will provide an important northern connection in the larger greenway network that makes up the River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project (RADTIP).

Additional information and a place to submit comments is available on the [public input site](#).

### [Public Meeting Held for Yancey County Bridges](#)

**BURNSVILLE** – The N.C. Department of Transportation recently held a public meeting regarding the replacement of three Yancey County bridges damaged by Hurricane Helene.

The purpose of the project — the three bridges are combined into one work package — is to reestablish critical roads damaged by Helene, and where feasible, install resiliency features to protect infrastructure in future storms.

Project details and maps can be found on the [project web page](#).

### [Division 13 Employees Compete in Safety Conference](#)

**MORGANTON** – N.C. Department of Transportation employees from the seven

counties of Division 13 recently convened for the annual Equipment Operators Safety Conference and competition.

For the more than 125 employees who gathered at the NCDOT Burke County Maintenance Yard, it was a welcome event after months of rebuilding from Hurricane Helene, plowing through snow and ice, and performing road maintenance in various traffic situations.

[See who advances to the state competition](#)



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