

IMD PLANNING UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Integrated Mobility Division
N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Mountains Region - August 2026

STATEWIDE PLANNING

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN

IMD kicked off the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Strategic Plan in coordination with the National Safe Routes to School Partnership. The plan will develop a roadmap for the Safe Routes to School program, focusing on the current state of the program, a review of peer states, stakeholder engagement, program recommendations, implementation and metrics.

[Safe Routes to School Statewide Strategic Plan Stakeholder Survey - PublicInput](#)

STATEWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Plan has kicked off, in the process of establishing a committee with an anticipation of completion in summer 2027. Many touchpoints to come. This plan will be update the state's 2013 plan.

TRANSIT

2025 ON-DEMAND MICROTRANSIT ANNUAL REPORT

NCDOT Published the 2025 On-Demand Microtransit Report that provides an overview of all agencies operating microtransit services through FY2025, including operational statistics and other service characteristics. This is a great resource to review the variety and types of microtransit implementation happening around the State.

[On-Demand Microtransit Annual Report](#)

GRANTS AWARDED

CONCPT GRANT AWARDEES

The ConCPT Grant funded a total of 13 projects with the purpose of supporting transit agency coordination and collaboration within regions. The total amount of state

funding approved in June was ~\$5.7 million. 5 additional applications are currently being scored and pending approval.

TDM PROGRAMS

Six programs were awarded FY 2027 funding during the June BOT: Centralina Regional Council, Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC), City of Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS), Land of Sky Regional Council, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and Sustain Charlotte.

TDM programs promote the use of all travel options available to increase efficiency of North Carolina's transportation network and support community livability by decreasing vehicle miles traveled, reducing traffic congestion, and improving air quality.

BICYCLE HELMET RECIPIENTS: AWARDING YEAR 2026

The annual call for applications for our bicycle helmet initiative closed in February. Awardees were notified of their awarding status. This year we awarded 184 organizations across the state.

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE – MULTIMODAL PLANNING GRANT

The team hosted the first community meeting June 25th, 2026, on the Ecusta Trail at Trailside Brewing. The steering committee has met twice, and the consultant continues the prioritize projects based on public and steering committee feedback.

TOWN OF FRANKLIN – MULTIMODAL PLANNING GRANT

The plan subcommittee convened twice. The consultant released a public survey producing nearly 100 responses. The team continues to refine the draft plan.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CALL FOR PROJECTS

NCDOT Traffic Safety Unit has an open Call for Applications to Develop Projects that improve Pedestrian Safety. The Call for Projects will close on August 28th, 2026. This call for projects is specifically focused on improvements in smaller urban and rural areas that can be obligated relatively quickly and require little to no right-of-way acquisition. Eligible pedestrian safety projects include a range of pedestrian-focused-improvements. The following website contains more details about the Call for Projects, including a map of eligible areas, entities that are eligible to submit projects, scoring criteria, and a link to submit projects: [Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects](#)

FTA AND STATE TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAMS FY 2028

The fiscal year 2028 grant cycle opened in April for transit agencies statewide to apply for federal and state funding to support their transit operations. Application deadline is Oct. 2. During a typical grant cycle, IMD staff reviews and approves more than 400 applications.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

The Mountains region is beautiful! Send your favorite photo and a caption to anabija@ncdot.gov to be featured in the next newsletter! Photos from your ongoing NCDOT multimodal projects are encouraged.



This month's photo features an overlook at Carver's Gap on the North Carolina and Tennessee border. The nearby gardens are home to the world's largest natural display of Catawba Rhododendrons.