IMD PLANNING UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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IMD NEWS

MEENC PROJECT AWARD

The MEENC project (Mobility for Everyone, Everywhere in NC initiative) spearheaded by IMD received a regional award at the 2026 Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) conference where it won the regional America's Transportation Award in the Quality of Life/Community Development category. We are honored to have been selected for this award and continue to support communities across the state.

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. The stakeholder survey has now closed, see the link below for reference.

Safe Routes to School Statewide Strategic Plan

STATEWIDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The plan has completed its first steering committee meeting and held multiple public engagement opportunities. The Plan will update the 2013 Walk Bike NC Plan and will focus on policy and implementation level recommendations across NC. The survey below is currently open for community input:

Be a Part of North Carolina's Active Transportation Story

E-BIKE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

IMD is developing educational and outreach materials to support the safe and informed use of e-bikes and e-scooters across North Carolina. Materials may include online resources, fact sheets, videos, flyers, brochures, and rack cards focused on safety, e-bike and e-scooter laws and policies, e-bike classifications, and guidance on safe operation. These resources will be designed for use by communities, agencies, and partners statewide.

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 16 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. 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 2026. Awardees were notified of their awarding status. This year we awarded over 200 organizations across the state. Applications for 2027 will be available early January until February 2027.

MULTIMODAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Eleven municipalities were awarded Multimodal Planning Grant projects for FY27, with projects anticipated to kick off in December 2026. Looking ahead, the call for FY28 projects is expected to open in Spring 2027. The MMPG Program provides funding and planning assistance to communities across North Carolina to develop bicycle, pedestrian, and multimodal transportation plans.

Mountains FY27 Plans:
Bryson City
Town of Waynesville
City of Hickory

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

MICROTRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDIES CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

IMD issued a call for applications for Microtransit Feasibility Studies, open from November 10 - December 11, 2026 and is open to all NC transit agencies. The goals of the study will be to identify potential microtransit service models for the local area, provide guidance on capital and operational needs, including guidance on funding strategies and funding estimates, and also support outreach activities for public input. IMD will fund up to four planning studies, which are expected to begin in March 2027. See the program webpage for more details: Microtransit Feasibility Study Grants

FY 28 CONCPT TRANSIT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The newly funded ConCPT program is an effort to expand public transportation options and improve mobility for communities across North Carolina. Funded projects will strengthen regional coordination among 2 or more transit agencies, allowing communities to share resources, improve service delivery, and provide a higher level of service than could be achieved independently. For more information, please visit our website: Unified Grant Applications

2027 SEASONAL MOBILITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The purpose of the Seasonal Mobility Program is to provide supplemental public transportation services during peak tourist seasons and other eligible special events. Funding may support the operation of shuttles, trolleys, trams, and, when necessary, buses to accommodate increased transportation demand during these periods. . For more information, please visit our website: Unified Grant 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.



Aside from Harrison Ford jumping off a dam waterfall, the most iconic scene from the 1993 film, The Fugitive, is the escape sequence where a freight train smashes into fugitive Richard Kimble's transport bus, and the carnage left over from

that collision. The famous train wreck can still be seen on Haywood Road from the top of the slope in Sylva, NC. To see it easily and legally, buy tickets for the Tuckasegee River train ride excursion from Bryson City to Dillsboro. The wrecks were left there to highlight the tourist train ride.

QUESTIONS?

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