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Upcoming Meetings:

TCC (STAFF)

Tuesday, May 10th
 Division 10
 716 West Main Street
 Albemarle, NC 28001
 10am to noon

TAC (ELECTED)

Thursday, May 19th
 Union County Agricultural
 Center
 3230 Presson Dr.
 Monroe, NC 28112
 6pm to 8pm



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Speed Limit Increase

The N.C. Department of Transportation has increased the speed limit from 35 mph to 45 mph on a 2.2-mile stretch of N.C. 24/27 in Locust.

NCDOT implemented the change on Thursday, Feb. 4, from Kings Drive on westbound N.C. 24/27 to Jenkins Street on eastbound N.C. 24/27. NCDOT studied this stretch of road and determined that the safe and reasonable speed limit, as well as the existing operating speed of motorists, is 45 mph. The speed limit on N.C. 24/27 just beyond these limits is already 45 mph. NCDOT worked to update existing speed limit signs to reflect the new posted speed. The new speed limit took effect as soon as the updated signs were installed.

48 hour-Pothole Fix

The N.C. Department of Transportation has created a new online system to report potholes. The substantial change in this reporting system is with the speed that the potholes must be fixed within 48 hours. This mandate will initially be hard to do because of the influx of sites, but NCDOT officials are confident that within the first year of the program its 48 hour target will be met. For more information or to report a pothole to NCDOT, click the following link:

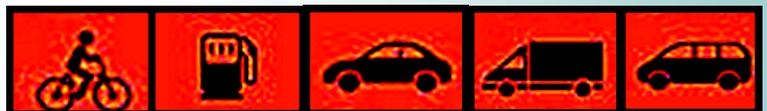
<http://www.ncdot.gov/contact/report/pothole/>

Report a problem

We can help you with that pothole.
In order to process your request, please provide the following:

<p>1 Locate it</p> <p>Address of Pothole *</p> <input type="text" value="Enter a location..."/> <p>County *</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Location details *</p> <p><i>Include street name, city, and nearby intersections if possible...</i></p>	<p>2 Describe it</p> <p>Additional details</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pothole located in the travel lane</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pothole located in the shoulder area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Potential for vehicle damage</p> <p>Description</p> <p><i>Enter details like nearby landmarks, size, etc...</i></p>	<p>3 Submit it</p> <p>Email *</p> <input type="text" value="Enter your email address"/> <p>We'll email your tracking number to this address. Please see our privacy policy for information about email usage.</p> <p>Phone</p> <input type="text" value="555-515-1234"/> <p>Cancel Submit</p>
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Upcoming Work



- Working with regional partners to implement the Freight Study.
- Working with the TCC Subcommittee to prepare the Project Priority list.
- Working to create online GIS Project Priorities Showcase for the RRRPO's public comment period, which begins on May 4th.

DATA, DATA, DATA: Pedestrian and Bike

Kristy Jackson and Dylan Home, with NC State's Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) are shown installing temporary pedestrian-bicycle counters on Hwy 52 in Albemarle. **Why?** All funding for transportation infrastructure projects is increasingly relying on data to prove its need. ITRE's staff was tasked to install pedestrian and/or bicycle counters across the state to provide a snapshot of data. Ultimately, ITRE will be installing permanent, continuous count stations to help gauge pedestrian and bicycle uses.



According to ITRE staff, this data will help inform the Priority 5 Process in project selection. Most other modes in the project selection process have historical usage data within their methodology and these new count stations are the first step for pedestrian and bicycle data collection.

The City of Locust and Town of Red Cross Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)

The draft CTP has been reviewed for information purposes by the City of Locust, Town of Red Cross and Stanly County. In addition, there was a 30-day comment period and two public input meetings. The comments were provided to NCDOT and the final draft should be released by the beginning of April 2016. N.C. Department of Transportation staff in partnership with the RRRPO will be presenting the final draft for adoption, if appropriate, in front of jurisdictions over the next few months. Once adopted, the RRRPO will be asked to review and endorse the CTP and it will then go before the Board of Transportation for formal approval. This process ensures infrastructure projects which are funded by NCDOT are well vetted by the community.

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