



# N.C. Board of Transportation Update

January 2025

## Winter Weather

- North Carolina faced its first substantial winter storm of the year on Jan. 10, bringing snow, ice, and freezing rain to various parts of the state.
- NCDOT crews applied more than 3 million gallons of brine to pretreat roads ahead of the weather and worked in shifts around the clock until roads on the state-maintained system were clear.
- As always, drivers should check [DriveNC.gov](https://DriveNC.gov) for the latest road conditions before traveling.

## Helene Update

- It's now been over 100 days since Helene and NCDOT employees and our partners have worked hundreds of thousands of hours to help with the recovery.
- Helene resulted in more than 9,200 damage sites and more than 1,400 road closures in the western part of the state.
- More than 85 percent of the total impacted roads have reopened, with about 185 road sections that remain closed.
- Recovery continues with temporary bridge installations, slide and shoulder repairs, and road reconstruction work with a focus on major corridors and communities with limited access.
- NCDOT will continue the restoration process to provide long-term solutions in these areas.
- Our communications team put together a video highlighting the progress made these past 100 days. Watch [here](#).

- Anyone interested can follow our efforts to reopen roads on a dashboard linked on [DriveNC.gov](https://DriveNC.gov).

## Booze It & Lose It

- The department's annual Booze It & Lose It holiday campaign recently concluded, during which law enforcement across the state increased patrols and checkpoints to promote safety and crack down on impaired driving.
- About 4,380 checkpoints and patrols took place during the week-long campaign, resulting in over 85,000 total traffic and criminal violations.
- While the campaign has concluded, our message to drivers never ends: Obey the laws of the road – buckle up, focus on the road while driving, don't speed, and never drink and drive.

## Military Proclamation Signing Ceremony

- In December, Transportation Secretary Joey Hopkins joined military officials in signing the proclamation to consider future arrangements in which NCDOT would manage road maintenance and highway construction projects on U.S. Army posts and Marine Corps bases in North Carolina.
- This kind of partnership is similar to an agreement signed in October, which allows NCDOT to provide transportation support services to Army posts statewide over a 10-year period, while the federal government fully pays for these transportation projects.
- This kind of partnership began in North Carolina in 2021 with Fort Liberty. Since then, NCDOT has delivered \$17 million in road improvements on the Army installation, with \$15 million more under contract.