



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation



NCDOT History

NC FIRST Commission

May 3, 2019

NCDOT History

NC Railroad created; opens for service in 1856

1715

NC authorizes streetcars in Asheville and Raleigh

1848

Wright Brothers flight at Kitty Hawk

1881

1901

1903

1909

State Highway Commission established; \$10,000 budget

1910

1915

1916



Local courts directed to provide for the operation of ferries and to construct and maintain roads

First State Highway Commission formed but disbanded after two years

NC begins registering motor vehicles

3,200 vehicles registered

Federal financial assistance to states begins in exchange for agreement that roads are not tolled

First NC highway map published

NCDOT History

State takes control of 5,500 miles of county roads

\$600,000 bond authorized to build a bridge across Albemarle Sound; toll rate set at 75¢ per car

7,444 miles of roads

State Highway Patrol established as division of State Highway Commission

1920

1921

1923

1925

1927

1929

1930

1931

127,000 vehicles registered

One penny per gallon gas tax effective in March

\$15 million bond authorized

\$20 million bond authorized

\$30 million bond authorized

474,000 vehicles registered

State Highway Commission assumes responsibility for maintaining 45,000 miles of road

\$50 million bond authorized

NC route numbering system begins

Staff expanded from 500 to 3,000 in one year

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Construction starts on Blue Ridge Parkway, ending in 1967

686,000 vehicles registered

\$200 million bond authorized

1933

1935

1941

1945

1946

1949

1950

1951



State Prison Department collapsed into renamed State Highway and Public Works Commission

State Highway Patrol removed from Commission, except for DMV officers

NC gains approval for its portion of the Interstate Highway System

63,603 miles of road

1,170,000 vehicles registered

Powell Bill authorized, allocating \$4.5 million to 428 municipalities

NCDOT History

The Commission relocates to current facility facing State Capitol

1953

1957

1,907,000 vehicles registered

1960

\$300 million bond authorized

1965

73,990 miles of road

1971

11,500 employees

1972

1974

Name changed to North Carolina Department of Transportation

1975



12,369 employees

State Prison Department removed and State Highway Commission restored

The North Carolina Department of Transportation and Public Safety is created by combining the State Highway Commission, DMV and State Ports. It is managed by the Secretary of Transportation.

Department formally creates divisions for aviation, ferries, bicycles, public transportation and rail

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NC Ports moved to Department of Commerce		Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Needs and Financing convenes	<i>Carolinian</i> passenger train service begins		<i>Piedmont</i> passenger train service begins	\$950 million bond authorized	
1977	1978	1980	1984	1989	1995	1996	1998



State Highway Patrol section assigned to DMV moved to Department of Crime Control and Public Safety 13,499 employees	First STIP Released (1979-1985)	Commission recommends raising the gas tax by five cents per gallon and creating 4% sales tax on the wholesale price of gas		Highway Trust Fund created, establishing Equity Formula Sales tax on vehicles replaced with Highway Use Tax		NC purchases all NC Railroad stock for \$71 million, becoming sole owner
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NCDOT History

6,978,046 vehicles registered		Counties authorized to fund highway projects	NC Ports moved to NCDOT		Motor fuels tax formula changed; DMV fees indexed and raised 30%	NCGA passed BUILD NC, authorizing a \$300 million issuance for 10 years	128,625 miles of road
1999	2002	2007	2011	2013	2015	2018	2019



NC Turnpike
Authority
created

NCGA creates
21st Century
Transportation
Committee

Committee
recommends
increasing the
highway use tax and
registration fees,
eliminating General
Fund transfers, and
proposes a vehicle
miles travelled fee

Strategic
Transportation
Investment
(STI) Act
passes

STI eliminates
the Equity
Formula and
creates a data
driven process
to select
transportation
projects

9,281,183
vehicles
registered

The NC Future
Investment
Resources for
Sustainable
Transportation (NC
FIRST) Commission is
formed to offer
recommendations to
modernize
transportation
revenues