

2016 Triangle Bike/Ped Workshop Legislative Update

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2015 Session Highlights

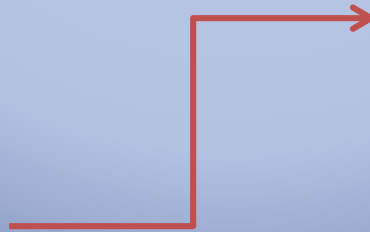
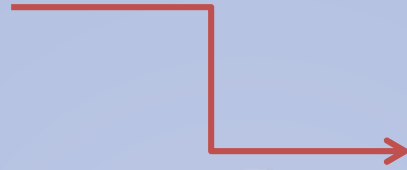
Money Session



Historic Tax Credits



Sales Tax Redistribution



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H97 Budget Bill

- Sec. 29.5a requires NCDOT to charge locals for changes they request that are not safety related to a project
- Sec. 29.17D removes the percentage of the gas tax that paid Powell Bill and move to an appropriation of \$147.5m a year.
- Sec. 29.41 limits the Strategic Transportation Investment spending on light rail to \$500k. The House subsequently passed S605 to remove cap, but it has not passed the Senate and remains alive for the short session.
- Sec. 29.27A gives each city the ability to levy up to a \$30 municipal vehicle fee and requires they spend no more than \$5 on public transit, \$5 on any other lawful purpose, and the remainder on public streets.
- Sec. 29.15A raises the cap on the number of turnpike projects in the State
- Sec. 29.16m splits \$89m equally among each county for road maintenance (a House provision the body amended out on the floor)
- Sec. 29.20a offers cities tiered help with utility relocation costs

NCDOT Report

- <http://ncdot.gov/> or 1-877-DOT-4YOU
- 2 day - all potholes
- •10 day*
 - Culvert Blockage or Drainage issue causing standing water in road
 - Missing or Damaged Signs
 - Guardrail (still have 7 day policy for median guardrail)
 - Malfunctioning Traffic Lights
 - Debris in Road
 - Shoulder – Drop-off or causing standing water in roadway
- ***Hazards deemed to be an imminent threat to the public should be addressed immediately.**
- •15 day
 - Culvert Blockage or Drainage issues not causing standing water in roadway
 - Debris not in roadway
 - Items above that are investigated and deemed non-safety related

Category	Subcategory	AR COUNT	ARs Closed on Time	ARs Closed Exceeds time	ARs Open
Maintenance	Drainage	938	524	4	410
Maintenance	Remove Obstruction	296	230	0	66
Maintenance	Shoulder Repair	403	255	2	146
Maintenance	Guardrail Damage	121	72	3	46
Maintenance	Pothole	2438	1500	413	525
Traffic	Signal Malfunction	98	85	2	11
Traffic	Signing	271	216	9	46

Studies

- S119 – Study of unpaved state roads – NCDOT to conduct survey of paved and unpaved roads that are open to the public but not current a part of the state system. Report June 2016. \$1m NR to improve them. State doesn't have to continue to improve them in the future.
- S581 Study Subdivision Streets/Traffic Calming Devices passed – DOT to study requirements for DOT to accept subdivision streets into highway system and report by Feb 2016 – HOAs need 60% of property owners rather than 70% for traffic calming
- H232 Study Bike Safety - Visibility (clothing or other reflective gear) and lighting requirements, operating position in roadway, informal group rides on rural roadways require city permit

STI Attacks

- Currently, three of the four House Transportation budget chairs hail from the coast
- Senators remain somewhat firm
- Rural legislators unhappy
- I-77 revolt
- Light rail cap

What Will 2016 Hold?

- “We’ve been told by the leadership in both the House and Senate, ‘**Do not bring up anything controversial.**’ The governor told us the longer we are in session the lower his poll numbers go,” he added. “I think we are going to be home quickly. The only thing we’ve got to do is look back at the budget. ... If there are any emergencies we will respond to that.... I hesitate to say this with the media in the room but **my expectation is I’ll be home by July Fourth.**” – Rep. Chuck McGrady

2016 Short Session Big Issues

- Tweaks to the FY2015-17 biennial budget
- Teacher pay/State employee raises
- Economic development tier system rewrite
- Rural economic development
- State pension/health care plan
- Legislative compensation and session length
- Continued changes to tax laws
- Medicaid continued tweaks

Other Big City Issues?

- Transportation: Light rail cap/STI/MPO
- Municipal service district legislation
- Bike safety laws
- LGBT issues

Torbett Study Committee

- Mega Projects: I-77 and I-95
- Ports
- Tech advances in infrastructure development
- Autonomous vehicles

