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**NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation
Updates for Triangle Bicycle and Pedestrian Workshop, March 11, 2016**

Policy Update: Guidelines for Accommodation of Greenways

In 2014, DBPT Director Lauren Blackburn started working with several preconstruction units and the Highway Divisions to develop new policy-guidance for how DOT accommodates future greenway connections under DOT bridge replacement projects. Final guidance was passed in Summer 2015, and DBPT provided internal and external training on how to apply the guidance to the hundreds of bridge projects DOT undertakes each year. This guidance, and other DOT accommodation policies, may be found on the DBPT website here:

<http://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/lawspolicies/>

Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts Program

The Non-Motorized Traffic Volume Collection program (A.K.A Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts) completed a full year in the pilot region, which covers Winston-Salem eastward to Chapel Hill. NCSU Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) is summarizing the results of the data collected, so early lessons learned can be shared. The program is expanding to include Divisions 4, 5, 8 and 10, primarily focused on the Charlotte and Triangle regions. DBPT hopes and expects to install equipment at permanent locations in these new regions later in 2016.

Watch for Me NC

Watch for Me NC is in its third year as a statewide campaign, following its first few years in the Triangle region. Nearly all major metropolitan regions are partners in the campaign, and partners have created innovative ways to educate the public. NCDOT held a press conference in Durham last fall to highlight several successes of the campaign, including declines in some crash rates and improvements to rates of motorists yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks in communities, like Durham, where enforcement has become more routine. Information on Watch for Me NC may be found here: <http://watchformenc.org/>

Legislative Update

House Bill 232 was passed by the legislature in summer 2015 requiring DOT to study several elements of bicycle and motorist safety. DOT complied with this bill by creating a working advisory group who met several times last fall to discuss related issues. DOT released a draft report late December, received hundreds of public comments via email, and sent a final edited report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee in January 2016. The final report, as well as appendices and comments received, is posted to the Laws page of the DBPT website here: <http://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/lawspolicies/>. Note that none of these recommendations are law unless the legislature takes action on one or more of them. DBPT Director Lauren Blackburn recently learned the JLTOC has added the H 232 report to their April 8 agenda, and she and State Traffic Engineer Kevin Lacy are to present the report to this legislative committee.

