

Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Milestones

1929

- Bicycle legally defined as a vehicle by the NC General Assembly

1974

- North Carolina Bicycle Program created
- Bicycle and Bikeway Act passed by the General Assembly
- First Bicycle Committee appointed

1975

- Bicycling Highways system initiated with development of the 700-mile Mountains to Sea route
- Governor proclaims the first North Carolina Bicycle Week

1976

- First bikeway demonstration project funded by the federal government in North Carolina
- North Carolina Bicycle Facility and Program Handbook receives award

1977

- General Assembly formally establishes North Carolina Bicycle Committee
- First "bicycle awareness" workshop held

1978

- North Carolina Board of Transportation adopts nation's first comprehensive Bicycle Policy for planning, design, maintenance, and construction of bicycle facilities

1979

- NC Department of Transportation signs first bicycle route
- First incidental bicycle facility projects included as part of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- First bicycle facility planning and engineering workshop held

1980

- First statewide poster contest and awards program implemented

1981

- First state-funded bikeway built and dedicated

1982

- Created and implemented bicycle law enforcement program

1983

- Bike Along '83, a cross-state event, undertaken as first phase of Governor's Outdoor Events

1984

- First statewide safety education campaign "Bicycles Are Vehicles" undertaken

1985

- NC Board of Transportation adopts first Bicycle TIP schedule

1986

- Initiated effort to require bicycle safety education in schools
- Bicycle considerations formally incorporated into departmental review process for highway and bridge construction projects

1987

- NC Board of Transportation authorizes first annual Bicycle TIP funding of \$250,000
- "Share the Road" sign created and first erected along roadways
- First "Bicycling Highways" route signed

1988

- NC Board of Transportation increases Bicycle TIP funding to \$500,000

1989

- Initiated statewide campaign to increase bicycle helmet use

1990

- Created "Basics of Bicycling" curriculum and began implementation in schools
- NC Board of Transportation increases Bicycle TIP allocation to \$1 million

1991

- NC Board of Transportation adopts revised and expanded bicycle policies

1992

- NCDOT creates Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation
- First year of Governor's Highway Safety Program funding to implement local bicycle safety programs

1993

- NC Board of Transportation increases Bicycle TIP funding to \$2.2 million
- NC Board of Transportation sets aside \$500,000 for pedestrian projects
- NC Bicycle Facility Planning and Design Guidelines published and adopted by the Department

1994

- NC DOT implements policy for providing incidental pedestrian facilities in highway improvement projects
- NC DOT develops greenway policy to incorporate local greenway plans into highway planning process

1995

- NC Board of Transportation allocates \$1.4 million annually for pedestrian facility construction
- Computer-assisted-design technology first utilized for in-house preparation of project construction plans
- Grant to fund Bicycle Safety Education Specialist position secured

1996

- NC Board of Transportation adopts *Bicycling and Walking in North Carolina: A Long-Range Transportation Plan*
- NC Board of Transportation increases Bicycle TIP allocation to \$3.0 million Train-the-trainer program for Basics of Bicycling instructors initiated

1997

- NCDOT raises the bicycle and pedestrian office to Division status
- First Walkable Communities Workshop sponsored
- Through continued funding from Governor's Highway Safety Program, Basics of Bicycling instruction underway in half of NC's counties

1998

- Engineering squad created to partner with localities to design and construct bicycle facilities and to provide bicycle and pedestrian design elements of highway construction projects
- School Crossing Guard Training Program initiated

1999

- Co-sponsored inaugural "Cycle North Carolina" cross-state ride from Murphy to Manteo
- Created database of and analyzed reported bicycle and pedestrian crashes for 1995-98

2000

- Coordinated series of Pedestrian Safety Roadshows
- Conducted statewide survey to determine bicycle and pedestrian usage
- Coordinated NCDOT Secretary's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Summit
- NC Board of Transportation passes resolution to make bicycling and walking a critical part of the State's transportation system
- NC Mountains to Sea Bicycle Route Wins Millennium Trails Designation

2001

- Child Bicycle Safety Act helmet legislation passed
- DOT Bicycle Helmet Campaign

2002

- NC Board of Transportation increases Bicycle TIP allocation to \$6.0 million

2006

- The NCDOT, Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation, received the 2006 The North Carolina Transportation Hall of Fame Founders' Award for its accomplishments in Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation.