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MEMORANDUM

To: Division Engineers
Project Management Unit

From: Tim Little, PE, Chief Engineer 

Subject: Revised Guidelines for Temporary Pedestrian Accommodation in Work Zones

NCDOT is committed to safety in all aspects of our transportation program. In addition to worker and motorist safety, we must remember pedestrians and cyclists are users of our facilities as well. Of particular importance, we need to be mindful of access and safety for pedestrians and cyclists during the construction and maintenance of our roadways.

After careful review of the Guidelines for Temporary Pedestrian Accommodation in Work Zones, changes have been made that will help ensure planners and engineers will be able to better meet the needs of these users. We initiated a working group made up of the Work Zone Traffic Control, Community Studies, ADA, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Safety and Traffic Management Sections to ensure the policies are kept up to date and provide guidance during the planning, design, construction and maintenance of our transportation program. Some of the updates to this policy include resource requirements for understanding pedestrian volumes and determining ways to better serve those with disabilities. The revised guidelines can be found at: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/WZTC/Pages/PedSafety.aspx>.

In addition, the Communications Office has developed a training video titled "Pedestrian Work Zone Accommodations Training" that will assist everyone in understanding how to implement the guidelines and better maintain pedestrian access during construction and maintenance activities. I encourage everyone to review and become familiar with the information provided in the video. The video is located at: <https://youtu.be/AOuYa5IW3dg> and is posted on the Work Zone Traffic Control Section's webpage (<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/WZTC/Pages/PedSafety.aspx>) in the Additional Resources under the "Pedestrian Safety in Work Zones" heading.

I'm asking all employees to be aware and proactive in correcting deficiencies on existing construction projects and maintenance efforts. If you have any questions about implementation, please contact Steve Kite of the Work Zone Traffic Control Section for assistance. He can be reached by phone at (919) 814-4937 and by e-mail at skite@ncdot.gov.

Thank you for your commitment to safety, as well as improving our service to all users in North Carolina.

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