

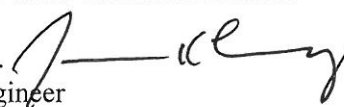


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DATE: October 29, 2018

SUBJECT: Route Changes for Designated Bicycle Routes

This is a follow-up to our meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> regarding formalization of the process for establishing and changing designated bicycle routes within the state. It is my interpretation that United States (US) bicycle routes, which require approval from the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), are established for interstate bicycle route continuity, and that North Carolina (NC) bicycle routes are established for intrastate travel. It is also my interpretation that regional bicycle routes are considered state highways for their mode of travel as they provide connectivity within the region for which they serve and are considered part of the “primary highway system” of North Carolina under 19A:04A.0104 (b) of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) and act as collectors for the region which they serve.

Therefore, as requested, we will bring the designation of bicycle routes into the formalized process for establishing and numbering highways overseen by the Interstate and US Route Committee and formalized through the ordinance process in accordance with 19A:04A.0104 of the NCAC. The benefits of this are as follows:

- Mainstreams bicycle routes with other designated and numbered routes
- Formal process for making and recording decisions as to where bicycle routes are and where they go
- Brings bicycle routes into the discussion with projects

Furthermore, since the Department may designate bicycle routes (“bikeways”) on all public roads in accordance with G.S. §136-71.11, this necessarily means that signing and/or marking (as appropriate) of the established bicycle routes may take place on both State Highway System routes and local routes.

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