

North Carolina Reaches Electric Vehicle Registration Goals Two Years Early

Faster than expected adoption of EVs emphasizes need for increased charging infrastructure in NC

Governor Roy Cooper announced North Carolina has surpassed initial electric vehicle registration goals two years early in yet another indication of the major shift in underway for American drivers, and emphasizing the need for the state to rapidly increase access to electric charging infrastructure.

In 2018, Governor Cooper signed Executive Order 80 that called on state agencies to evaluate their operations and set specific, firm, and ambitious goals to decrease emissions across the economy – including increasing the number of total zero-emission vehicles registered in North Carolina. The order set an initial goal of 80,000 zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2025 and North Carolina has surpassed this goal as of November 2023. The order also called for a clean transportation plan to ensure that state, policy, infrastructure and consumers were prepared for this transition in the marketplace.

"We knew the private markets were shifting to electric vehicles so we set bold goals that would help North Carolina communities be ready. Now it's happening even faster than we anticipated," said Governor Roy Cooper. "The key is making EVs more affordable with the assurance that charging stations are available most places, and that's why we are modernizing state policies and working to build out charging infrastructure in every community all across North Carolina."

In 2018, about 10,000 total ZEVs were registered in the state, increasing by a little under 2,000 per year. EO 80's initial target of 80,000 ZEVs by 2025 was on pace with the highest potential adoption rate scenario published in the NC ZEV Plan ([ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/climate-change/Pages/plan.aspx](https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/climate-change/Pages/plan.aspx)). Surpassing this goal meant registering 5x more ZEVs per year and rapidly accelerating charging station deployment to ensure that North Carolinians can charge and operate their vehicles with peace of mind.

Since 2018, state agencies, local governments, utilities, and private partners have worked together to build the robust charging infrastructure needed to support this accelerated growth. In the last 5 years, this effort increased the total number of accessible public charging ports across the state from 1,400 in 2019 to just under 4,000 today.

Governor Cooper's EO 246, signed in 2022, set a new goal of 1.25 million ZEVs on the road by 2030. The Governor's administration is working diligently to increase our efforts across state agencies and in tandem with our partners to seize this opportunity to build the system we need and to ensure equitable access for all North Carolinians.

Since 2019, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality ("NCDEQ") has funded the construction of 901 Level 2 charging ports and 166 DC Fast Charging ports through the North Carolina Volkswagen Settlement Grant Program ([deq.nc.gov/Volkswagen](https://www.deq.nc.gov/Volkswagen)). The North Carolina Department of Transportation ("NCDOT") has funded charging stations installed in Asheville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Morrisville, Charlotte, Chapel Hill, Roxboro, Oxford, Cary, and Raleigh.

Federal grant opportunities and tax incentives passed as part of President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act will support these efforts.

In the coming weeks, NCDOT will release a request for proposals for the first round of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure ("NEVI") program designed to construct DC Fast Chargers along major highway corridors all across the state. A map of targeted locations for these chargers can be found at [ncdot.gov/Chargers](https://www.ncdot.gov/Chargers).

Local governments like the cities of Durham and Kings Mountain both received grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation ("USDOT") to install new chargers, with a particular focus on underserved areas. In addition to supporting EV drivers traveling down major interstates, these chargers, made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will bring with them increased activity for local businesses and new investment opportunities.

Under Governor Cooper, North Carolina is maintaining its role as a climate and clean energy leader and we will continue to ensure that we are preparing the state for the ongoing clean transportation transition.

DMV Announces Latest Modernization Change

To combat folks not showing up for their scheduled appointments at driver license offices, the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles is now requiring new appointments to be confirmed.

"This confirmation process is necessary to address the high no-show rate for appointments we have been experiencing in our driver license offices," said DMV Commissioner Wayne Goodwin.

In the month of February, 33.5% of appointments were no-shows.

Now, when appointments are reserved online at [SkipTheLine.ncdot.gov](https://www.ncdot.gov), customers will receive a text message and email with a confirmation link and they will need to confirm their appointment by clicking either link within 15 minutes, or the appointment will be canceled. Upon confirming their appointment, customers will receive a text and email notification letting them know the appointment was successfully confirmed.

Four days before the appointment, customers will receive a reminder text and email with a confirmation link. Within 24 hours, customers will need to again confirm their appointment. Once confirmed, another email and text will be generated confirming the appointment.

For appointments booked less than four days out, the second confirmation link will not be sent.

"Folks are used to having to confirm their medical and other appointments in this way," said Commissioner Goodwin, "so we're applying this standard from the private sector to our business model and expecting good results and increased appointment availability."

This latest technological improvement comes on the heels of the DMV Express self-service kiosk pilot that was announced two weeks ago and other modernization efforts including, adding more online services, launching the Walk-In Wait Time Tool and implementing Q-Anywhere.

Church

APRIL 14
Special Music Worship Service with Band of Brothers at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Rd, Wadesboro, 10:30am.

APRIL 20
Singles Workshop
At Divine Unity H.O.R.M., 6090 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 10am. Theme: "What do you do while you wait on Mr. Boaz?" with Pastor Renwick Fisher of True Holiness COG in Kannapolis, accompanied by Pastor Christine Hall of Flakes Chapel in Wadesboro & Pastor Terry Little of West Deep Creek MBC in Wadesboro.

MAY 12
Mother's Day Program
At 11am at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 1293 Cedar Creek Rd, Wadesboro with Rev. Judy Little of West Deep Creek Baptist Church. Theme is Proverbs 31:25 She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. Come & help us lift up the name of the Lord.

ONGOING
Bible Study
Every Tuesday at 6:30pm at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Ansonville

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Events

APRIL 10
Anson Ag Advisory Board Meeting, 9am to review applications for the Anson County Voluntary Agricultural District Progm. Location: Extension office, 501 McLaurin St in Wadesboro.

APRIL 16
Board of Commissioners Meet 6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. Meetings are available online at [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.

ONGOING EVENTS
Writers' Club Meets
Fourth Sunday each month at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, 3pm (except July & Dec). Open to public, new members of all ages invited. Info 704-694-5211 or sandy-bruney@gmail.com.

Lions Club Welcomes New Members
The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448

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The Bearcat Pride 5k run/walk will help support the AMS PTO by raising funds to support students & staff. The AMS PTO gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. The PTO builds an effective partnership of home and school. It provides financial assistance where needs are identified within the school, it fosters a community atmosphere, and supports the mission and vision of the school and school district.
We are offering a special registration price of \$15.00 for students that are ages 5-18. *Special pricing will show once you check out.
Register by April 9 and you will receive a FREE t-shirt.
Online Registration Deadline ends Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.
Race Day Registration will be \$30.
Please register online at the link below:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Wadesboro/BearcatPride5kRunWalk>
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The AMS PTO will ensure you get the best return on your advertising dollars for the sponsorship. In addition to putting your marketing tools in our goody bag, we mention the sponsors in thank you publications after the race as well as mention you in as many press releases and promotional materials as we can.

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