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NORTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE FACTS



IIJA Funded Projects

Alligator River Bridge:

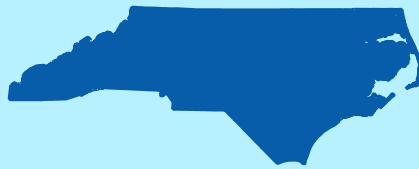
This \$110 million award will replace the Alligator River Bridge on U.S. Highway 64 with a modern high-rise fixed span bridge, resulting in improved reliability and safety along the primary east-west route between I-95 and the Outer Banks.

I-85 Futures:

This \$100 million award will widen a segment of I-85 from six lanes to eight lanes and replace multiple interchanges, overpasses, and railroad bridges, resulting in improved traffic flow, enhanced active transportation with nine miles of sidewalks and bike paths, expanded ITS capabilities through fiber optic installation, and added EV charging infrastructure.

Cape Fear Memorial Bridge:

This \$242 million award will replace the 54-year-old Cape Fear Memorial Bridge carrying US 17/US 76/US 421 across the Cape Fear River, resulting in improved safety and reliability along a critical route connecting New Hanover and Brunswick Counties—the fastest-growing counties in North Carolina.



As of January 2025,

\$12.7 billion

has been distributed across North Carolina from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, funding

1,193 projects.

Infrastructure At A Glance



\$135.8 billion

Amount in damages from \$1B+ disaster events experienced since 1980



\$70.6 billion

in wastewater needs



19,343

bridges: 7% of which were structurally deficient in 2025



79

miles of levees protect 7,700 residents



53.2 million

passenger trips across 103 systems



1,652

high-hazard dams



39% of roads are in poor or fair condition

Each motorist pays \$690 driving on roads in need of repair, and every resident loses \$1,617 to crashes



\$49.2 billion

Total drinking water need

Produced in December 2025, but data years vary.

See <https://infrastructurereportcard.org/north-carolina> for more sources and more information.