

Pursuant to Senate Bill 1695 (SESSION LAW 2008-221) the North Carolina Department of Transportation has updated the *North Carolina Truck Network* Map to reflect changes made as a result of the new law. The legislation made all primary routes (Interstate system plus all routes that start with NC or US - approximately 14,800 centerline miles) in North Carolina eligible for travel by tractor trailer combinations that use 53 foot long trailers.

The **September 1, 2008** Updated North Carolina Truck Network map is now viewable online at NCDOT's Information, Mapping & Graphics (IMG) Distribution page:

<http://www.ncdot.org/it/img/DataDistribution/StatewideMaps/default.html>

http://www.ncdot.org/it/img/graphics/NCTruckNetwork/NCTN_main.pdf

North Carolina's Truck Network map continues to show **designated** STAA dimensioned vehicle routes in **RED**. The remaining Primary (US & NC) routes are shown on the updated routes as gray lines (routes now statutorily eligible for 53 foot long trailers). **Dashed BLUE** map segments are routes that are statutorily eligible for the 53 foot trailers but that are requiring additional study. Primary routes that have been identified with truck restrictions are shown with a **BOLD BLACK** line. Please note many of the segments identified as restricted pertain to "through" truck traffic and allow necessary local deliveries. Primary road segments with truck restrictions are listed in a separate companion table (*North Carolina Truck Restrictions*) available at:

<http://www.ncdot.org/it/img/graphics/NCTruckNetwork/nctruckrestrix.pdf>

The legislation that initiated the revisions to the NC Truck Network was signed into law on August 17, 2008. The Department of Transportation's Traffic Engineering & Safety Systems Branch has aggressively conducted initial field investigations for the primary routes that were not initially part of North Carolina's truck network. Due to the extremely limited time frame, these initial investigations are serving as the baseline for additional freight network analyses and recommendations through coordination with North Carolina's State Highway Patrol, local law enforcement and municipality staff, and a full range of transportation and highway safety partners.