# North Carolina Accountability Report

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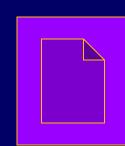
## North Carolina Accountability Report (N-CAR)



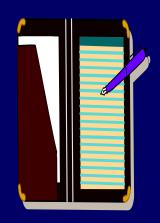
- Assess state programs for efficiency and effectiveness
- Will classify programs as <u>Performing</u> or <u>Not Performing</u>
- Agency will identify process improvement plans

#### **N-CAR** Development

N-CAR in the initial stages of implementing



- Modeled after Office of Management and Budget (OMB) <u>EXPECTMORE.GOV</u>
- Revised OMB <u>Program Assessment and</u> <u>Rating Tool (PART)</u> to reflect state perspective



## North Carolina Accountability Rating Process

- Identify programs for assessment
- Agency conducts assessment



- Agency creates performance improvement plan as required
- Final N-CAR rating posted for public review



Source: American Society for Quality

### Performing Program Ratings

Program Ratings



Effective

100-85 Points

Moderately Effective

84-70 Points

Adequate

69-50 Points

### Non-Performing Program Ratings

Ineffective

49-0 Points



Not-Rated: Results not Demonstrated

#### **Assessment Status**

 PED has completed pilot assessment of NCDOT Highway Maintenance Program



 Assessment results available in the future at: www.ncleg.net/PED/

## PROGRAM: NCDOT Highway Maintenance Program

**Highway Maintenance Program:** 

"Making Transportation Infrastructure Last Longer"

#### N-CAR Individual Sections:

- Program Purpose & Design
- Strategic Planning
- Program Management
- Program Results & Accountability

### North Carolina Department of Transportation Highway Maintenance Program

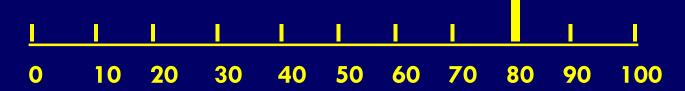
- Initial program assessed with N-CAR classified as <u>Performing</u>
- Overall rating:



#### Section 1. Program Purpose & Design

- Program well documented in Statutes
- "Powell Bill Funds" mandated pass through funding to Local Entities
- Only 50% of project funding based on need

Overall Rating: Moderately Effective 80 Points



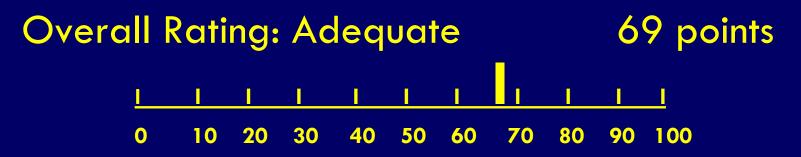
### Section 2. Strategic Planning

- Annual goals set with achievable targets
- Continuous Process Improvement Program not fully implemented
- Program collaboration and cooperation with partners under development
- Only 50% of funds allocated based on need



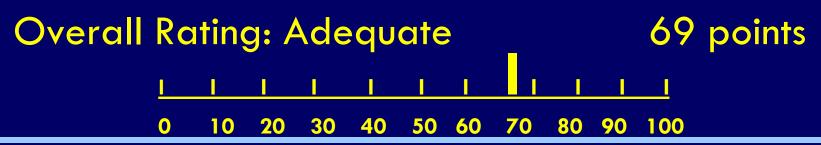
#### Section 3. Program Management

- Expenditure spend rates not analyzed
- Annual target goals lowered to obtainable goals
- Powell Bill Funding performance not linked to DOT short or long-term goals
- Multiple year strategic plan in implementation



#### Section 4. Program Results & Accountability

- NCDOT sets compromised annual targets/goals
- Only 50% of distributed funds are needs based
- Continuous Process Improvement Program is not fully implemented
- Mandated pass through funding has no oversight or outcome goals



#### NCDOT Highway Maintenance Program

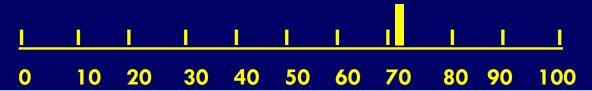
Program Designed to Goal of "Making Transportation Infrastructure Last Longer"

#### Individual Section Ratings

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- Strategic Planning
   Adequate
   66 points
- Program Management
   Adequate
   69 points
- Program Results & Accountability <u>Adequate</u> 69 points

Overall Rating: <u>Moderately Effective</u> 71 points



#### Process Improvements Underway

Implementation of long-term strategic plan

Review of annual goals/performance targets

 Increased senior management involvement in "Continuous Process Improvement Program"

#### Summary

NCDOT Highway Maintenance Program

- Rating: Moderately Effective 71 points
- Process improvements planned and underway
- NCDOT and PED will review in future

### Way Forward



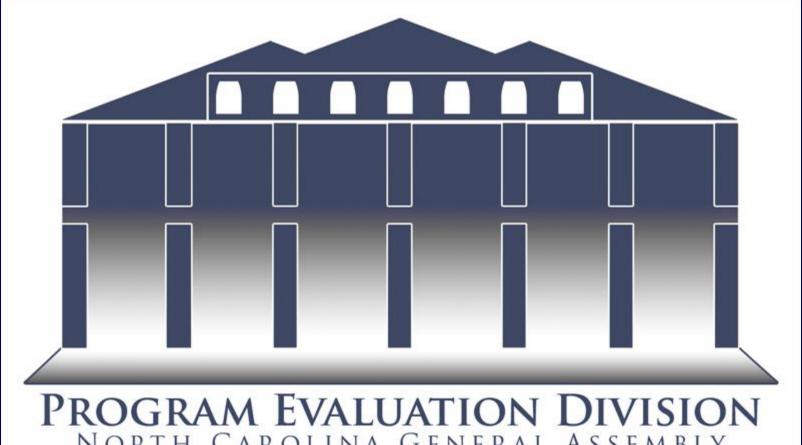
N-CAR provides a mechanism for more rapid PED program assessments, but will not displace or substitute for PED formal evaluations

PED is prepared to expand N-CAR—two options

Continue assessing programs as directed by Work Plan and General Assembly; or

Scale up with additional PED staff and or contractors subject to JLPEOC and Legislative Services

Commission approval



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY