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NC Concrete Industry Needs for 2026-2027 and Beyond

North Carolina is facing unprecedented growth. Over the last decade, our state has experienced record economic development and a surge in population and workforce. This growth is driving the need for major investment in infrastructure, roads, and bridges – in addition to addressing an acute housing shortage across the state. The concrete industry is ready to build—but needs the right policies and resources to meet this demand.

Strengthen Funding and Planning for Transportation

New Funding Sources

- North Carolina's gas tax is no longer generating enough revenue to meet the state's surging transportation needs.
- Construction costs have increased significantly in recent years, while recovery from Hurricane Helene continues to demand significant attention and resources.
- The 2022–2023 state budget earmarked a portion of state sales tax to the Highway Fund. While the original 2% diversion stepped up to 6% in 2025, North Carolina will need additional long-term funding solutions.
- CRMCA urges coordinated action by legislators, the NC DOT, and the Governor's Office to identify and advance long-term funding sources.

Update the State Transportation Infrastructure Plan (STIP)

- Since its establishment, the State Transportation Infrastructure Plan (STIP) has served as the state's 10-year plan for project investment and delivery.
- Despite regular updates, projects within the STIP have faced significant delays due to rising construction costs, funding gaps, and regulatory, permitting, and administrative burdens.
- CRMCA encourages improvements to the STIP to keep projects on schedule and reduce unnecessary regulatory, permitting, and administrative delays.

Prioritize Workforce Development

- North Carolina continues to face workforce shortages in the construction industry.
- Despite being selected by Site Selection Magazine in 2026 as the #1 state for workforce development, the state's construction industry still faces pressing shortages driven by rapid growth in manufacturing and other large-scale projects, data centers, and residential construction.
- CRMCA encourages coordination among state leaders, legislators, and education and training partners to address workforce shortages and support the construction industry's growth.

Maintain a Competitive Tax Climate

- North Carolina's corporate income tax is on track to reach 0% by 2030, and maintaining this phase-out will be important to supporting continued growth.
- Maintaining the current reduction schedule, with the rate decreasing to 2.0% in 2026, 1.0% in 2028, and 0% for tax years beginning after 2029, will provide certainty for businesses.
- Eliminating the Franchise Tax on businesses in North Carolina would further strengthen the state's competitive position.

Increase Access to Beneficial Reuse of Coal Ash

- In North Carolina, the Coal Ash Management Act (CAMA) established the nation's first comprehensive law governing coal ash management, including the responsible recycling of coal ash, with fly ash serving as a key component in the construction industry.
- However, demand for fly ash now exceeds current production due to increased use and the continued closure of coal-fired power plants.
- The concrete industry will need far more fly ash than is currently produced under CAMA. Expanding access to and availability of fly ash will be critical to meeting construction demand and managing costs.

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