

= North Carolina Highway 98 =

North Carolina Highway 98 (NC 98) is a 44 @-@ mile @-@ long (71 km) state highway and a semi @-@ urban traffic artery connecting Durham , Wake Forest , and Bunn as well as many small to medium @-@ sized towns in the north portion of The Triangle region of North Carolina . Running from downtown Durham , the route leaves the city to the east , running into a rural area near Falls Lake . As the road approaches Wake Forest , it widens to a four @-@ lane divided highway and runs along the southern side of the city . Once leaving Wake Forest NC 98 becomes a two lane road again , running through rural areas east of Bunn . After a short concurrency with NC 39 , NC 98 continues southeast to reach its eastern terminus at U.S. Route 64 Alternate (US 64 Alt .) and NC 231 west of Spring Hope .

NC 98 first appeared in 1930 as a state route connecting NC 91 and NC 102 in the coastal region of North Carolina . That routing was abolished in 1931 in favor of an extended NC 58 . The current routing of NC 98 was established in 1934 with the road 's western terminus at NC 91 (present @-@ day Jones Dairy Road) to US 64 west of Spring Hope . In 1941 , NC 98 was moved to a new section of road running from Zebulon Road to US 1 in Youngsville , which would later become part of NC 96 . In 1952 , NC 98 was again relocated along NC 264 through Wake Forest to Durham , and NC 96 took over its abandoned section . In 2003 , a bypass was completed around Wake Forest leading to the rerouting of mainline NC 98 to the bypass and the establishment of a business route through the town center .

= = Route description = =

NC 98 begins at US 15 Bus . / US 501 Bus. in downtown Durham . The eastbound lanes of the road begin at Roxboro Street , however the westbound lanes continue to Magnum Street along a one @-@ way road . From its terminus , the road heads east along Holloway Street , following a concurrency with US 70 Bus . Holloway Street continues to the US 70 interchange , where the US 70 Bus. concurrency ends . NC 98 continues running along Holloway Street , until intersecting Clayton Road , where it then become Wake Forest Highway . Wake Forest Highway continues to be the name for NC 98 throughout Durham County . The highway passes by Oak Grove Elementary School and Neal Middle School on the outskirts of Durham . Before leaving Durham County , the road passes over an extension of Falls Lake .

As the highway enters Wake County , the name changes to Durham Road , which stays the name of the road until Wake Forest . After an intersection with Old Creedmoor Road , NC 98 and NC 50 have a cloverleaf interchange . Continuing to the east , the road intersects Six Forks and New Light Roads , before once again crossing over Falls Lake . After passing by several neighborhoods and crossing over Falls Lake two more times , the road intersects Thompson Mill Road , where it widens from a two lane road to a four lane divided highway . After about one @-@ half mile (0 @. @ 80 km) , the road intersects both Falls of the Neuse Road and NC 98 Bus . The name Durham Road changes to follow NC 98 Business and NC 98 continues to become the Dr. Calvin Jones Highway . After passing by the Wakefield neighborhood , the road has an single point urban interchange with US 1 (Capital Boulevard) . Continuing straight it goes on to intersects Galaxy Drive , US 1A (South Main Street) , Franklin Street , and Heritage Lake Road , before meeting back up with NC 98 Bus. at the Wait Avenue / Jones Dairy Road intersection . After the intersection , NC 98 changes back into a two lane road , carrying the Wait Avenue name . The highway passes through a very rural area east of Wake Forest , with a few neighborhoods present . Wait Avenue intersects Averette Road at a stoplight , and then continues on to intersect NC 96 just north of Rolesville .

Continuing with the same Wait Avenue name into Franklin County , the highway intersects US 401 at an intersection with slip ramps . From there the road continues to go through a rural area east of Bunn with very few neighborhoods nearby . As the road enters into the downtown areas of Bunn , its name changes to Jewett Avenue . The road travels through a mainly residential area of the town before intersects NC 39 in the center of town . NC 98 turns right onto South Main Street to begin a concurrency with NC 39 , which it follows for a little over one mile (1 @. @ 6 km) . South Main

Street runs through the main commercial center of the town , and passes by Bunn High School before NC 39 turns off to the south . NC 98 continues southeast along its own highway , toward Spring Hope running through very rural areas of Nash County . As the highway reaches its terminus , a few houses appear along the southern side of the road . NC 98 has its eastern terminus at an intersection with US 64 Alt . , which continues east to Spring Hope and south to the US 64 freeway . This spot also marks the northern terminus of NC 231 .

= = History = =

NC 98 was established in 1934 as a renumbering of a section of NC 581 ; from NC 91 (Jones Dairy Road) in Wake Forest to US 64 west of Spring Hope . In 1940 , it was truncated to a relocated NC 91 (Zebulon Road) , with its routing west into Wake Forest becoming part of NC 91 . In 1941 , NC 98 was extended north as a new primary routing to US 1 in Youngsville . In 1952 , NC 98 was rerouted west through Wake Forest ending in Durham , replacing NC 264 ; its former alignment became part of NC 96 .

In 1975 , NC 98 was rerouted in Durham : replacing the old alignment to US 15 Bus . / US 501 Bus. via Miami Boulevard and Greer Street , to Holloway Street (westbound) / Chapel Hill Street @-@ Liberty Street (eastbound) and its current western terminus . In 1978 , NC 98 replaced part of US 64 's routing to its current eastern terminus . In 1981 , part of NC 98 was abandoned and placed on new construction as a result of the creation of Falls Lake ; remnants of the old alignment that were not submerged became secondary roads . In 2006 , NC 98 was rerouted south along US 1 and onto a new four @-@ lane bypass south of Wake Forest to Jones Dairy Road ; its old alignment becoming NC 98 Business . In 2011 , NC 98 was removed from US 1 and placed onto new construction east of Falls of Neuse Road ; NC 98 Business was also realigned , starting further east along a new alignment of Durham Road .

The first NC 98 was established in 1930 as a new primary routing from NC 91 near Wilson , to NC 102 near Snow Hill . In 1931 , it was decommissioned in favor of becoming part of NC 58 .

= = North Carolina Highway 264 = = =

North Carolina Highway 264 (NC 264) was formed in 1941 as a renumbering of NC 91 . It went from the intersection at Roxboro and Greer streets in Durham to US 64 / US 264 in Zebulon . It was renumbered in 1952 . The route from current NC 98 to Zebulon was renumbered as NC 96 . The rest of the route was renumbered as NC 98 .

= = Junction list = =

= = Bannered routes = =

= = Wake Forest business loop = = =

North Carolina Highway 98 Business (NC 98 Bus .) begins at the NC 98 / Falls of the Neuse Road intersection just north of Wakefield . The road runs northeast along the western edge of the Crenshaw Hall Plantation neighborhood . After about one @-@ half mile (0 @. @ 80 km) the road turns a more eastern direction following the old routing of NC 98 (Durham Road) . The road has an interchange with US 1 (Capital Boulevard) in the western sections of Wake Forest . NC 98 Bus. continues to the east toward downtown Wake Forest . Once reaching downtown the road runs along the southern side of the Southeastern Baptist Seminary before having a roundabout intersection with US 1A . US 1A joins NC 98 Business and continues along the eastern side of the seminary . NC 98 Bus. turns right onto Roosevelt Avenue and enters downtown Wake Forest . The road merges into Wait Avenue and continues east out of downtown Wake Forest . Just before the road

ends at NC 98 the road makes a 90 degree right turn before ending at the NC 98 / Jones Dairy Road / NC 98 Bus. intersections . The road name Wait Avenue continues along NC 98 east .

NC 98 Bus. was first created running along Wait Avenue through Downtown and met NC 98 at the US 1A roundabout . This was a renumbering of NC 98 as the first sections of the Wake Forest bypass were put into place . As NC 98 was expanded to US 1 , NC 98 Bus. expanded to cover all of the previous NC 98 routing east of US 1 and west of Jones Dairy Road . In September 2010 the third segment of NC 98 was opened from US 1 to Thompson Mill Road with the old routing between Thompson Mill Road and Fawn Drive being torn up and replaced with new routing which became NC 98 Business .

Junction list

The entire route is in Wake Forest , Wake County .