NC Car Accident Lawyers Addresses Speeding Risks for Raleigh Motorcycle Riders on State-Maintained Corridors

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NC Car Accident Lawyers highlights critical safety data from Raleigh's federally funded Safe Streets for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan showing that speeding was involved in more than 54 percent of all fatal crashes in the city from 2019 to 2023, creating heightened risks for motorcycle riders on NCDOT-maintained corridors including the I-440 Beltline and US-1.

The comprehensive safety analysis revealed that Raleigh recorded 185 fatal crashes and 905 serious injury crashes during the five-year period, averaging approximately 37 fatal and 181 serious injury crashes annually. Of particular concern for motorcycle riders, 51 of 59 total traffic fatalities in 2022 occurred on NCDOT-maintained roadways where motorcycle traffic concentrates most heavily.

Active NCDOT construction at the I-440 and Western Boulevard interchange has intensified risks through major weekend lane closures and traffic rerouting on one of Raleigh's highest-volume beltline segments. The construction creates unpredictable lane conditions, construction vehicle traffic, and compressed merge zones that elevate crash risks for motorcycles operating near larger vehicles on altered traffic patterns.

North Carolina's contributory negligence rule presents a specific legal challenge for motorcycle accident victims in speed-related crashes. The law eliminates all recovery if the injured rider is found even one percent at fault. Insurance adjusters routinely argue that motorcycles were also traveling above posted limits in speed-related crash investigations, using independent speed estimates, skid mark analysis, or witness accounts to establish that rider speed contributed to the collision.

"When a motorcycle crash occurs in an active construction zone like the I-440 and Western Boulevard interchange, the critical evidence includes NCDOT construction records, contractor logs, and work zone

camera footage managed by entities separate from the police investigation," stated a firm representative for NC Accident Lawyer Raleigh motorcycle accident lawyer services. "Insurance companies immediately commission their own speed analysis to argue the rider was also traveling above the limit, and under North Carolina's contributory negligence standard, a finding of even one percent fault eliminates all recovery. Victims who don't act immediately to preserve this evidence lose access to the most powerful documentation in their case."

Motorcycles account for approximately 12 percent of North Carolina's traffic fatalities while representing less than one percent of registered vehicles, according to NCDOT data. This disparity reflects both the physical vulnerability of riders and the frequency with which speed and impairment crashes on high-volume corridors result in fatal outcomes for motorcycles but not for enclosed vehicle occupants.

When speeding contributes to a motorcycle crash on an NCDOT-maintained Raleigh corridor, the evidence determining liability typically includes traffic camera footage, speed measurement data, road surface documentation, and construction zone signage. This evidence is often controlled by NCDOT or construction contractors and must be obtained through formal legal preservation demands within days of the crash.

The firm assists Raleigh motorcycle injury lawyer clients in navigating these complex legal challenges, particularly in cases involving the contributory negligence standard and speed-related crashes on state-maintained corridors.

NC Car Accident Lawyers is a network of personal injury law firms serving motorcycle accident victims and other injured motorists throughout North Carolina, with offices in Raleigh, Durham, and Charlotte. The firm handles motorcycle accidents, car accidents, rideshare collisions, and truck accidents on a contingency fee basis, with no upfront costs and free case evaluations available 24 hours a day.

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