

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR NC 12

TIP Project No. B-2500

Dare County

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) invites citizens to attend one of two public workshops to discuss long-term design options for N.C. 12 within the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge and in Rodanthe that were damaged by Hurricane Irene in August. NCDOT will use the feedback it receives to help determine the best long-term solution for each breach. NCDOT will hold public workshops at the following times and places:

- **Monday, Dec. 5, 2011 - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
Dare County Administration Building, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo
- **Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center, 23186 Myrna Peters Road, Rodanthe

The same information and maps will be available at both meetings. The meetings are informal, and citizens are welcome to drop in at any time between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. NCDOT representatives will be available to explain the design options under consideration for each breach site and answer any questions. The public is urged to share their ideas, thoughts and suggestions with department staff.

The process to develop long-term solutions for the two breaches on N.C. 12 is a continuation of work already under way as part of the Bonner Bridge Replacement Project. Phase one of the project involves replacing the bridge over Oregon Inlet, which is currently in the design stage. The project also includes an active coastal monitoring program that uses scientific data to determine what types of improvements are needed on N.C. 12 between Oregon Inlet and Rodanthe and when that work will occur. Using this program, NCDOT is enacting phase two of the project, which will implement the long-term solutions for the areas damaged by Hurricane Irene.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these workshops. Anyone requiring special services should contact Beth Smyre in the NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit at (919) 707-6043 or via e-mail at bsmyre@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Also, you may contact Bobby Norburn or John Page on our Toll-Free Project Information Line (866) 803-0529.

For more information about the damage to N.C. 12 from Hurricane Irene and NCDOT's efforts to temporarily fix it, visit www.ncdot.org/travel/nc12recovery, follow our N.C. 12 Twitter feed at http://twitter.com/NCDOT_NC12 or go to our Repairing N.C. 12 blog at <http://nc12repairs.blogspot.com/>. You may also visit the Bonner Bridge Replacement Project web page at www.ncdot.org/projects/bonnerbridgerepairs.