

N.C. 12 INFORMATION - 12/18/12

Paving is now under way along the 0.4-mile section of N.C. 12 at the S-Curves just north of Rodanthe that was damaged during Hurricane Sandy and two Nor'easters.

Paving on this section will consist of three layers, with crews hauling the asphalt in from a plant in Williamston. They are putting down the first layer today. Weather permitting, crews will add a second, thinner layer tomorrow. Then, they will paint lines on the road and make sure the edge of the pavement has a gradual slope - not a sharp drop off - to ensure driver safety.

When the work is complete, NCDOT will remove the checkpoints and reopen N.C. 12 to all vehicles. NCDOT still expects this will occur on or by Dec. 25.

Crews will continue filling sandbags and rebuilding the dunes between the ocean and N.C. 12 after the road reopens. Then, the final layer of asphalt will be put in place.

Until the highway reopens, four-wheel drive vehicles must continue to pass through checkpoints at the temporary bridge on Pea Island and at Mirlo Beach to travel between Hatteras Island and the mainland. The four-wheel drive route remains open daily from 5 a.m.-10 p.m. For the latest information on recovery efforts, visit our [N.C. 12 Facebook page](#).

FERRY INFORMATION

As long as N.C. 12 from the Bonner Bridge south to Rodanthe remains closed to traffic, the NCDOT Ferry Division will continue to operate its Emergency Ferry route from Stumpy Point to Rodanthe.

The current schedule for this route is:

- Departing Stumpy Point at: 6 a.m., 8, 10, noon, 2 p.m., 4, 6, and 10; and
- Departing Rodanthe at 7 a.m., 9, 11, 1 p.m., 3, 5, 7, and 9.

The address for Stumpy Point is: 100 Log Storage Road, Stumpy Point, NC 27978.

The address for Rodanthe is: 23170 Myrna Peters Road, Rodanthe, NC 27968.

Essential commodities and materials get priority, as determined by Dare County Emergency Management. These priorities will receive an orange pass at the terminals. Residents will also be given priorities on weekdays. They will get a white pass when they show a proper Hatteras Island driver license.

Wait times at this route can vary and be lengthy at times. Please be patient and be prepared to wait. Bring water and snacks, as this route is only used for emergency events, and there are no terminal facilities available. To help you gauge the amount of traffic waiting to ride, visit the live webcams [Dare County](#) has stationed at [Rodanthe](#) and [Stumpy Point](#). The cameras cannot show priority order, but they can offer a real-time look at number of vehicles in line.

Wind direction and speed can affect the water levels in this area. Winds from the northeast can cause low water levels, which could suspend operations. Please keep advised of the weather conditions when you travel. For the most up-to-date ferry information, call 800-293-3779 (BY-FERRY) and press "1," or follow us on [Twitter](#).

Hatteras-Ocracoke ferry is running every other hour. NE winds can affect Hatteras Inlet by causing shoaling in the shallow passage. Sometimes tides and wind direction can cause cancellation of departures at this route. The current schedule is:

- Departing Hatteras at 6 a.m., 8, 10, noon, 2 p.m., 4, 6, 8, 10 and midnight; and
- Departing Ocracoke at 5 a.m., 7, 9, 11, 1 p.m., 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.