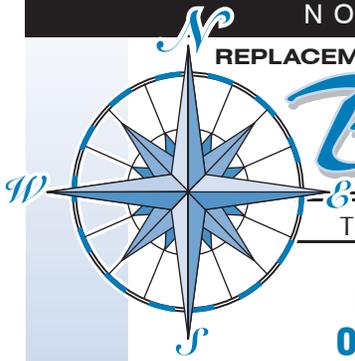


# Bonner Bridge Update

TIP Project No. B-2500

Dare County, North Carolina



## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENTS OF NC 12 IN THE RODANTHE BREACH AREA AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Phase IIb (Rodanthe breach) of the Bonner Bridge Replacement Project for public comment. The Bonner Bridge Replacement Project includes both a new bridge over Oregon Inlet (Phase I) and future phases that provide for the long-term maintenance of NC 12 from Oregon Inlet to Rodanthe. Phase IIb of the project is the long-term solution for the section of NC 12 in the southern portion of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge and in northern Rodanthe.

The EA identifies the two alternatives for Phase IIb that are shown on the figure on the next page. They are:

### How to Comment on the EA

Comments on the EA and the Preferred Alternative may be submitted in writing at any of the public hearings. Comments also can be mailed to:

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**Human Environment  
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**1598 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1598**

emailed to

**PublicInvolvement2@ncdot.gov**  
or faxed to **(919) 212-5785.**

**The deadline for comments is  
January 24, 2014**

► The Bridge within Existing NC 12 Easement Alternative (Preferred) consists of building a 2.3-mile bridge where the NC 12 roadway is today; it would pass over an area of Hatteras Island considered susceptible to both future breaches and the effects of shoreline erosion. In the Refuge, the existing NC 12 roadway would be removed. In Rodanthe, one-way service roads next to the bridge would provide access to private properties along NC 12.

► The Bridge on New Location Alternative consists of a 2.6-mile bridge in Pamlico Sound that would bypass an area of Hatteras Island considered susceptible to both future breaches and the effects of shoreline erosion. In the Refuge, the existing NC 12 roadway would be removed. In northern Rodanthe, the existing roadway would remain in place to provide access to private properties.

**Bulletin Board**  
PHASE IIb PUBLIC HEARINGS

January 7, 2014

**OCRACOKE**  
Ocracoke Community Center  
1009 Irvin Garrish Highway

Open House Hearing:  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

January 8, 2014

**RODANTHE/BUXTON**

Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo  
Community Center  
23186 Myrna Peters Road, Rodanthe  
Pre-Hearing Open House  
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Cape Hatteras Secondary School  
48576 Highway 12, Buxton  
Formal Presentation 7:00 pm

January 9, 2014

**MANTEO**

Dare County Administration Bldg  
954 Marshall Collins Drive

Pre-Hearing Open House  
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
Formal Presentation 7:00 pm

### PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED

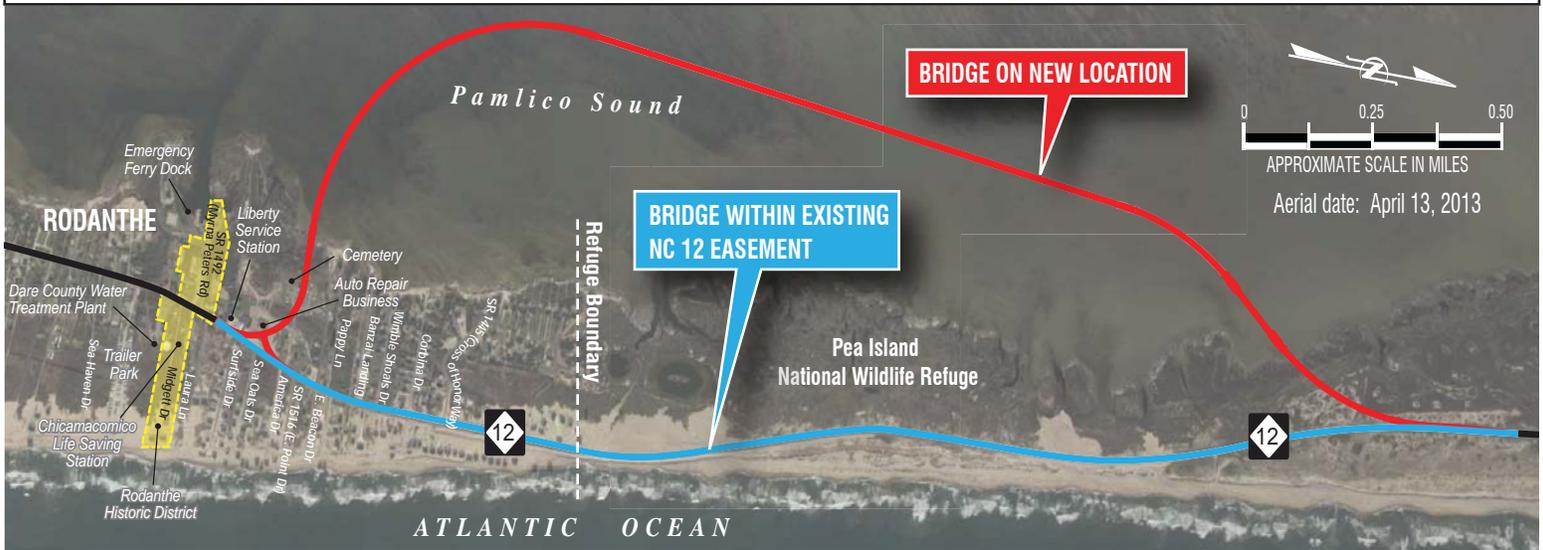
Locations and times of the public hearings, scheduled for January 7, 8, and 9, 2014, are listed to the left on the Bulletin Board. The purpose of the hearings is to give citizens the opportunity to express their opinions about the Phase IIb alternatives and designs under consideration.

The public hearing at Ocracoke is an open-house without a formal presentation. The public hearing in the Rodanthe area consists of an open-house at the Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center followed by a formal presentation in Buxton at the larger Cape Hatteras Secondary School to accommodate the expected number of participants. The Manteo hearing will be an open-house followed by a formal presentation. Citizens will be given the opportunity to comment and ask questions following the two formal presentations. For the three open houses, the public is welcome to drop in any time during the hours indicated. Study team members will be available to explain the alternatives and designs under consideration, answer questions, and receive comments. The same information will be available at all three public hearings.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in these hearings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Drew Joyner at (919) 707-6077.

**PHASE IIB DETAILED STUDY ALTERNATIVES**

— Bridge on New Location      — Bridge within Existing NC 12 Easement



**North Carolina Department of Transportation**  
**Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit**  
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**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

After reviewing comments from citizens, local government, and state and federal regulatory and resource agencies, NCDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will determine if the proposed Phase IIB project results in any significant new impacts beyond those previously taken into consideration and if a Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) is necessary. If an SFEIS is not needed, a Record of Decision (ROD) that identifies the Selected Alternative will be issued in early 2014. NCDOT plans to award a design-build construction contract in late Spring 2014.

**Feel Free to Contact the Study Team**

If you have any questions or wish to be added to our newsletter mailing list, please call John Page on our **Toll-Free Project Information Line, 1-866-803-0529**. You may also write the study team at:

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**EA Review Locations**

The EA and maps of designs for the two alternatives under consideration are available for public review at the following locations:

- Dare County, North Carolina library locations in Hatteras Village, Kill Devil Hills, and Manteo
- Fessenden Recreation Center in 49815 NC Highway 12, Buxton NC
- NCDOT Resident Engineer's Office, 349 Water Plant Road, Unit B, Manteo, NC
- Ocracoke School & Community Library, 225 Back Road, Ocracoke, NC
- Dare County Planning and Inspections Satellite Office, 49815 NC Highway 12, Buxton, NC

The EA and maps also are posted for online review on NCDOT's website at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/bonnerbridgephase2/>