Joyner, Drew

From: Joyner, Drew
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 10:17 AM
To: Laura Larson
Cc: gofishavon@aol.com; wavecrest@embarqmail.com
Subject: Re: Public Meetings on Long-Term Solution for N.C. 12 at Pea Island Breach in Dare County

Ms. Larson,
There is no formal presentation at any of the hearings, so we felt the best way to involve out-of-town folks is using Twitter and Facebook. However, we will keep this in mind for future hearings with formal presentations. We appreciate your interest in this project and hope to see you at one of our hearings this week.
Sincerely,
Drew Joyner

----- Reply message -----
From: "Laura Larson" <lauradayne@aol.com>
To: "Joyner, Drew" <djoyner@ncdot.gov>
Cc: "gofishavon@aol.com" <gofishavon@aol.com>, "wavecrest@embarqmail.com" <wavecrest@embarqmail.com>
Subject: Public Meetings on Long-Term Solution for N.C. 12 at Pea Island Breach in Dare County
Date: Sun, Mar 10, 2013 8:50 am

Dear Mr Drew Joyner -

I am the Social Media Director for the Avon Property Owners' Association and a director for the Kinnakeet Shores Property Owners Association. (Presidents are CC'd)
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From: Levey,Matt. <mlevey@Dragados-USA.com>
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2013 8:35 AM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: RE: Pea Island Breach - Phase 2 Bonner Bridge

Mr. Joyner,

Please use Matt, Mr. Levey makes me feel like my father. I greatly appreciate the information regarding the Bonner Bridge Replacement Project. It is very helpful. I will try to track any future developments via the NCDOT site.

Kind Regards,

Matthew Levey, P.E., LEED AP | ***Project Engineer*** | **DRAGADOS USA** | 4600 Marriott Drive, Suite# 420 | Raleigh, NC 27612
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From: Joyner, Drew [mailto:djoyner@ncdot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 5:01 PM
To: Levey,Matt.
Subject: RE: Pea Island Breach - Phase 2 Bonner Bridge

Mr. Levey,
Again, thank you for your interest in this project. The delay in the let date for the Pea Island portion of the project was due to a delay in the environmental documentation for the project. The first of two documents has been completed and the department has already applied for most of the permits needed for the project in order to meet the current let date (July 2013).

There is no timeframe for resolution of the lawsuit. All of the briefs have been filed, and NCDOT is waiting on the court's ruling. That ruling could happen at any time. Please keep in mind that the court ruling could impact the let date for the Pea Island section, in addition to the construction schedule for the Bonner Bridge itself.

I hope this information is helpful.
Sincerely,
Drew Joyner

From: Levey,Matt. [mailto:mlevey@Dragados-USA.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 10:20 AM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: Pea Island Breach - Phase 2 Bonner Bridge

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From:	Michael R martin martin <dmbeachbully@embarqmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, March 04, 2013 1:29 PM
To:	Joyner, Drew
Cc:	mary helen g murphy; assignmentdesk; irenenoland; editor; george perrot; Wayne Kitelyn
Subject:	Fwd: logical solution to Pea Island NWR Hwy 12 area
Attachments:	Re: Rebuilding NC 12: Saving a vital link or throwing money in the ocean? :: WRAL.com; pics today Tues Nov 20 High Tide Mirlo Beach Rodanthe; Video talken 11/20/12 @ Mirlo ~~~

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Avon, NC

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From: Joyner, Drew
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 1:46 PM
To: 'Michael R martin martin'
Subject: RE: logical solution to Pea Island NWR Hwy 12 area

Mr. Martin,
Thank you for your comments concerning this important transportation project.
Sincerely,
Drew Joyner

Drew Joyner, P.E.
Human Environment Section Head

-----Original Message-----
From: Michael R martin martin [mailto:dmbeachbully@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2013 1:29 PM
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From: Michael R martin martin <dmbeachbully@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 3:21 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Cc: mary helen g murphy; assignmentdesk; irenenoland; editor; george perrot; Wayne Kitelyn
Subject: Re: logical solution to Pea Island NWR Hwy 12 area

Just read today that more sand is to be hauled to the Mirlo Beach-S curve area to replace the sand that was previouly hauled there after Hurricane Irene and after Sandy has been washed away since 3-6-2013, sand that covered the sand bags. This is absurd and a waste of money-all that sand did was cover up the sandbags-lets get serious and find a long term solution-not just to do cosmetic "looking good" projects. Have the permits been obtained and who from on dredging sand on the beach? in lieu of truck loads, same as they are doing now in Virginia Beach and did in Nags Head. If permits not obtained by now who is holding them up? Lets see names and organizations who are holding them up-this is a emergency situation here on Hatteras Island and it would seem that should help expedite the process.

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From: Jack McCombs <jackkdh@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 4:57 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: RE: Bonner Bridge Update dated February 2013

Mr. Joyner,

Thanks much for your prompt response and thanks to NCDOT for the planning to make the new bridge safe for cyclists. We are delighted.

J. McCombs

From: djoyner@ncdot.gov
To: jackkdh@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Bonner Bridge Update dated February 2013
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2013 19:32:44 +0000

Mr. McCombs,
Thank you for your interest in this project. The preferred alternative for this section of NC 12 on Pea Island that was breached by Hurricane Irene includes 8-foot wide shoulders and bicycle-safe rail on the bridges and 4-foot wide paved shoulders on the new roadway. It does not include a "pull-off" on the bridge, as you have suggested. I will pass your comments along to the project team. Again, thank you for your comments.
Sincerely,
Drew Joyner

From: Jack McCombs [mailto:jackkdh@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 9:43 AM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: Bonner Bridge Update dated February 2013

February 28, 2013
Mr. Drew Joyner
Human Environment
Section Head
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I would appreciate that you forward this email to the NCDOT personnel involved in the design of the new 2.1 mile bridge.

Best wishes,

Jack McCombs

Kill Devil Hills, NC

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From: Keith McCulloch <cnckeith@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:54 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: in favor of the 2nd S turns option of building a by-pass bridge in the sound.

Drew,

I went to the rodanthe meeting last night.

I wanted to let you know that i am in favor of the 2nd S turns option of building a by-pass bridge in the sound. and I am against the building of a bridge in the existing right of way.

Best regards,

Keith McCulloch

Joyner, Drew

From: Joyner, Drew
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:14 PM
To: Mcdanielmh@aol.com
Subject: Re: Public meetings (can we watch on internet?)

Captain McDonald,
The hearings are informal, drop-in sessions. There is no formal presentation. All the information is on the NC 12 page on NCDOT's website. Please let me know if you need anything else.
Sincerely,
Drew Joyner

----- Reply message -----
From: "Mcdanielmh@aol.com" <Mcdanielmh@aol.com>
To: "Joyner, Drew" <djoyner@ncdot.gov>
Subject: Public meetings (can we watch on internet?)
Date: Mon, Mar 11, 2013 12:15 pm

Drew-
For those of us outside the area, can we watch the hearings on the internet? Will there be recordings so we can watch later?

Thanks for ALL you are doing to help us rectify these issues with long term solutions.

thanks-
Mike McDaniel
Captain, U.S. Navy (retired)
Buxton property owner

COMMENT SHEET

NC 12 – Pea Island Long-Term Improvements
(Bonner Bridge Replacement Project Phase IIa)
Public Hearing
TIP No. B-2500A
Dare County

NAME: Natalie McIntosh - Director of Operations

ADDRESS: PO Box 56, Rodanthe, NC 27968

E-MAIL: nataliem@realwatersports.com

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

The residents & businesses of Hatteras Island need an immediate "emergency status" solution for the S-Turns/Mirlo area. I understand from Mr. Joyner that there is an "emergency bridge" solution that could precede Phase IIb. We need that now, just as we needed the emergency bridge at Pea Island after Irene in 2011. It took 6 weeks to install, and we need that kind of solution today to ensure the safety of our citizens & visitors as well as to support the livelihood of our island residents. Let's not wait for something even worse. Right now people from as close as Nags Head think we are cut off. For a place so dependent upon tourism, we cannot continue the perception that we are closed. With a road that comes & goes, that in effect is what we have as far as visitors are concerned.

Please take whatever measures you can to fast track an emergency solution in advance of Phase IIb.

Thank you!

Comments may be mailed by March 28, 2013 to:

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NAME: JOSEPH McNamara *

ADDRESS: PO BOX 1433
OCRACOKE NC 27960

E-MAIL:

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

long lasting Bridge – We are working on this Island for a living – We depend on tourist to come – SAFely & Able to leave SAFely. We have large community of Seniors who need to get off Island when they need to –

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ADDRESS: P.O Box 915 Buxton, NC 27920

E-MAIL: intouch massage and wellness@gmail.com

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

I am first of all concerned that an entire islands livelihood is being held hostage to lawsuits filed by the Defenders of Wildlife and other wildlife support groups. As well as the 2 bridge issue, in Buxton at the North end our road has basically been kept in place by Hotel owners trying to save their businesses. If not for them spending their own money to hold back the ocean, Buxton would be in a situation similar to the Tri villages. We need beach nourishment - as well as long term solutions to these problems - and we need it NOW!

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3/28/13

Mr. Drew Joyner (djoyner@ncdot.gov)
Human Environment Section Head / NCDOT
1598 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1598

Mr. Drew Joyner:

As a native North Carolinian, I have spent over half a century enjoying the natural resources offered by our great State. From the mountains to the coast our "Variety Vacationland" has been an asset not only to our native citizens but also to our friends and tourists which enjoy our State and reward us with their tourist dollars.

Recently, I have noticed a trend which involves a severe neglect of the Eastern most part of our State, specifically the Hatteras Island portion of the Outer Banks. Whether it's the closing of our ferries due to the lack of dredging within Hatteras Inlet or the closing of beaches due to unrealistic demands of "bird watchers"; I want you to know that even though I am a native of Mecklenburg County, it is terribly disturbing to watch the detrimental economic impact inflicted on fellow North Carolinians particularly those who reside south of the Oregon Inlet in Dare County.

Now, I have been made aware that once again the residents who live south of the Oregon Inlet are being **"punished"** due to the inactions of our State Government. Specifically there has been little progress made to replace the Bonner Bridge over the Oregon Inlet nor has the temporary bridge placed over the cut caused by Hurricane Irene been replaced.

Please consider this letter as support of the Bonner Bridge replacement project as well as a permanent bridge to replace the temporary bridge at "Irene Inlet" exactly as described in the Environmental Assessment, namely within the existing NC 12 easement alternative as the Preferred Alternative for Phase Two (a).

I consider myself an outdoorsman and a sportsman and I hope to one day share the Hatteras Island area with my children and grandchildren. I will be able to do neither if these bridges are not replaced.

If these bridges were on the beltway in Raleigh, I seriously doubt the citizens of Wake County would tolerate this type of economic oppression. The citizens of Hatteras Island as just as much citizens of our great State as any other area within our borders. Please do everything in your power to grant them the same level of support from NCDOT and build these valuable transportation links.

Hatteras Island has been patient beyond reason – Build these Bridges NOW!!!

Sincerely,

Benjamin E. Miller, Sr.

Cc: The Honorable Pat McCory, Governor of North Carolina.

Joyner, Drew

From: Michael Morse <searufus@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 8:26 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: Bonner Bridge Replacement

I wanted to let you know that I believe the best alternative to replace the HC Bonner bridge is to build the 16 mile bridge. Over time this is not only the cheapest option after a fair and complete analysis is made but the most dependable and safest option also. The dependability of the 16 mile bridge is without doubt. As sea level rises the State of NC will not need to address maintaining the current HWY 12 from storm to storm. Once the cost of building a number of smaller bridges is added to the unknown cost of always fixing the road between the bridges - the 16 mile bridge will be cheaper. Dependable and safe travel routes will always be where the focus should be. Thank you,

Michael Morse
332 Eagle Dr.
KDH, NC 27948

Sent from Windows Mail

Comments on the Bonner Bridge Phased plan for NC Hwy 12

I have recently become a permanent occupant of Waves NC. I am an emergency physician and have intended to live here and work for years enjoying the natural beauty of this area. My work however must be on the mainland. I have vacationed here for many years and have looked forward to this time however, having arrived what I have found is a community in peril.

The character of the Outer Banks is well known to all of us as a moving environment of sand, wind and sea. Access to this area is challenging however I, and many others have believed that the US and the state of NC are committed to maintaining access to this area of natural wonder and its communities. It is clear that there are plans in place to ensure that this access is long term and reliable. Many other areas in our country also require similar national and local efforts. However, it is also clear that the pace of the plans in place will not be sufficient to prevent the collapse of the communities on the NC Outer Banks.

These communities have been left weakened by several events in recent years that were beyond the control of the individuals involved. Hurricane Irene shortened the season two years ago reducing or eliminating profits for many businesses. The rebuilding required after Irene, even with insurance help left many businesses gone or for sale. Many rental houses used reserves for repairs at that time. Hurricane Sandy dealt another blow to the region's spirit and financial reserves. Property values left weak by the banking crisis teeter now on the aspect of the road.

The long term plan as presented for public hearing in March 2013 is clearly well thought however it comes during a week of current road closures due to over wash from a period of simply large waves and minor winds. All local residents and indeed any students of the area agree that any significant North East windstorm will cut the road at the Rodanthe S curves perhaps rendering the current easement completely unusable. Unfortunately, the pace of the Bonner plan is proving insufficient to the region's needs.

This plan began with hearings and attempts to make decisions as long ago as 2005 or earlier. Clearly, the needs have been anticipated. It is also clear that the issues of land use on Pea Island and the difficulties of obtaining permits have created delays and hampered efforts to respond to the yearly encroachment of the ocean to current easements. The current plans have been shaped not only by what needs to be done but what has been feasible given the political landscape of the area. However, we are now facing a time when such issues must be overcome or admit that this revenue positive area of NC will no longer be able to produce.

As a resident I face the decision of whether I will be able to live here as I had planned because my job requires reliable access. I am not alone by any means. The fragility of the road has now become such that it cannot be depended upon. A solution three years in the future will find the area decimated financially and the communities broken. This heritage

of NC will be gone and though the seasonal rental market may recover eventually the communities that support it will be forever changed.

Beach nourishment, though temporary, may bridge this gap and we have heard that it may begin in November 2013. The S curves have washed out every month of 2013 so far and clearly the limited sandbagging, though more than has been allowed in the past, will not hold the road against even normal tides. Again, November is not going to matter if the communities are cut off during spring and the area's access comes to be known as unpredictable. Building in the area has begun to rebound, barely, but intermittent road access has pushed up costs and delayed current projects.

This is no longer the time for legal argument. The communities of Hatteras Island are in clear danger of collapse. An 'emergent' plan must be enacted. The situation at the Merlo/Rodanthe S curves has advanced well ahead of the Bonner Bridge phased plan's ability to respond the need. There are many options that have been blocked at the S curves by policies that to the newcomer seem to be out of touch with the reality that erosion there has advanced too far too fast.

The S-curves hot spot has been talked about for years and has been barely maintained with constant management but this is simply no longer possible without overcoming the limitations placed by current easement and sand bagging rules. It is clear to anyone that what has been done is not going to be adequate. No one in the community believes it will work. It is, in fact, not working and is now becoming an embarrassment to the area. This situation is neither tolerable nor difficult to overcome but it is one where leadership is required. The ocean is predictable. Our response cannot be one of putting our heads in the sand, which is washing away.

Patrick Munson MD
Waves NC.

Joyner, Drew

From: Patrick Munson <pmunson1954@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 7:27 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: Hwy 12 rodanthe

Dear sir:

I am a resident of Waves NC, an Emergency Physician with a position in Elizabeth City. I have been to the recent public hearing regarding long term plans for Hwy 12. I have submitted some comments in writing at the meeting but would like to make an additional appeal.

I feel that what is being offered, while good and well considered, is similar in my profession to treating a bleeding patient with medication to lower their cholesterol. The Merlo/Rodanthe S curves especially but also the new 'pea island' inlet area and other areas are now being over washed by normal weather patterns. Any real storm is very likely to completely disrupt the pavement at the S curves as it is not uncommon to witness waves breaking over the current sand bag height.

I do realize that there are many rules and easement restrictions in place but as an emergency physician responsible for disaster management I understand that the most common miss-management decision is in not recognizing the emergency in its inception. This is occurring along the Hwy 12 corridor from Bonner bridge to Rodanthe right now and it is most acute at the Merlo/rodanthe S curves. These areas are no longer sustainable with practices that worked in the past and emergency override measures are required to keep the OBX communities from being cut off. There is a short window of time to avert this emergency. This year's tourist season and its tax revenues are at stake. Many, if not most local, businesses are one step from bankruptcy or closure. Acting next winter is simply gambling that we have seen the last of the wind and the last of the waves for this year. It is not a good bet and not one that I or the other residents here can afford to loose.

Now is the time for emergency management leadership. It is not that the solutions to this situation are impossible or even that difficult but they have been blocked by legal maneuvers which, while tolerable in normal times, are not tolerable during emergencies. After the fact response, as has happened many times in our countries' past, will leave this community, NC's North East costal tax base, and the leadership that did not respond soon enough damaged beyond repair.

Respectfully
Patrick Munson M.D.
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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

I am a retired pulmonary and critical care specialist and have extensive experience in the care of severely ill people. When a person is in desperate need of medical assistance time is of the essence. A clear and reliable roadway is an absolute necessity. Our road (Hwy 12) is probably the most unstable road in America. Several thousand people from elderly to small children depend

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NAME: JAMES VICKI PIERSON Jr

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E-MAIL: N/A

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

There is definitely a great lack of concern for the citizens of Ocracoke or any of the other villages on Hwy 12. The current governor has no concern for the Outer Banks. He also favor offshore drilling which is terrible. The only member of the state legislature that shows concern is Beverly Lynn. State Senator Cook is terrible. This year is worse than previous yrs and the tourist season hasn't even started. Lack of action by Billy or we will end up as Portsmouth Island nothing. The ferry + Hwy 12 is our only connection to the mainland. Would like to take the 3 hr. Swan Quarter Ferry + drive another 1½ hr. to go to a grocery, hospital or doctor if they are located in Nags Head but I have to drive to Nabalk and must stay overnight as one day doesn't fit the ferry schedule.

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Joyner, Drew

From: Smyre, Elizabeth A
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 4:53 PM
To: hpisek@aol.com
Cc: Joyner, Drew
Subject: RE: Bonner Bridge study / project

Helen-

Thank you for your comments! We included an updated cost analysis of a 17-mile bridge alternative in our most recent environmental document for the project, which is out for comment now. NCDOT concluded (again) that, based on the estimated cost of the alternative and the amount of money projected to be available to the department over the next few years, the alternative isn't one we can afford. The long-term solutions for the two sections of NC 12 that we're working on now, in Pea Island and in Rodanthe, are intended to address the majority of the problem areas along NC 12 at the north end of the island.

Please let me know if you have any further comments or questions!
Thanks,
Beth

Beth Smyre, P.E.
Project Planning Engineer
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From: hpisek@aol.com [mailto:hpisek@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 10:25 AM
To: Smyre, Elizabeth A
Subject: Bonner Bridge study / project

Haven't the past two or three years given more credence to the fact that the shorter bridge and subsequent Highway 12 do-overs will simply not be the smart way to go?

More thought should be given to the 17-mile bridge, thereby eliminating the cost of the "boys and their toys" on Highway 12, which is NEVER ending. We have a home in Salvo and we use the road frequently,
so we are aware of the constant man hours and equipment needed to keep the road open. We realize the longer bridge will cost lots more; BUT, will it - in the long run?

Helen Pisek
Kitty Hawk

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NAME: JERRY RYSCAVAGE *

ADDRESS: 921 PIRATES WAY ; MANTEO, N.C.

E-MAIL:

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

I BELIEVE THAT THE BUYOUT/BUILD IIA PROJECT IS A GOOD BEGINNING — AN ELEVATED ROADWAY IS THE ONLY WAY TO GO IF WE HAVE TO HAVE A "BEATING" LONG TERM SOLUTION TO NATURE'S INEVITABLE MOVEMENT OF THE SHORELINE WESTWARD. THIS BEGINNING, HOWEVER, HAS TO BE INCLUSIVE OF 1.) THE ROAD THE "BRIDGE WITHIN EXISTING NC 12 EASEMENT", AND 2.) A BRIDGE ACROSSING THE CAPON ZONE HOT SPOT EXTENDING AS FAR SOUTH AS NECESSARY. THIS IS THE ONLY RATIONAL WAY TO APPROACH THE PROBLEM POSED BY NATURE.

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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Myself and many homeowners strongly favor the proposed 2.1 mile Phase IIa bridge project as a long-term solution to the NC12 ongoing problems.

The wildlife biologists I have questioned actually predict a net gain in wildlife habitat after completion of the project.

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NAME: Shirley Mae Schoellkopf

ADDRESS: PO Box 520, Ocracoke, NC 27960

E-MAIL: —

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Thank you for finally bringing this public hearing to Ocracoke, NC. Always not knowing what's going on with the bridges, beaches & ferries. We have been suffering since late Oct. 2012 – Hurricane Sandy, storms & anything else. People are scared! We need Hwy 12 fixed ~~TODAY~~ not in the future! How did NCDOT let us get this bad? We live here and need access bridges and roads for us to live.

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Joyner, Drew

From: bsmyre@ncdot.gov
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Smyre, Elizabeth A; Joyner, Drew
Subject: I have Carbon Copied you on this ContactUs message

Original Requestor Information
Name: Heidi Smith
Phone: (252)945-6016
Email: heidijernigan@earthlink.net

Comment History
Tracking Number: 5A3RLVHV6K
Unit Name: PIO

Sent By: Contact Us Administrator **Date/Time:** 3/12/2013 9:22:28 AM
Comment:
Heidi- Thank you for your comments on the proposed long-term solutions for NC 12. NCDOT will carefully consider all potential options for this project before making a final decision. Please feel free to contact us again if you have any further questions or comments. Thanks, Beth Smyre

Sent By: Heidi Smith **Date/Time:** 3/12/2013 9:22:28 AM
Comment:
I want to thank the Governor and Secretary Tata for personally visiting Dare County yesterday. I would like to ask Secretary Tata to please reexamine the long bridge proposal but consider building the long bridge from Stumpy Point to Rodanthe which is the current emergency ferry route. A long bridge, while expensive to construct, is the only long term solution and in the long run will cost much less because Highway 12 would not have to be constantly maintained for asphalt traffic. U.S. taxpayers nationwide no longer have an appetite for paying to remove sand or renourish beaches. In fact that was one item slated for elimination in the Simpson-Bowles plan. A toll to cross the bridge, with the exception of island residents, would also be acceptable. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Heidi Jernigan Smith

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NAME: Stephanie Joy Sweeney *

ADDRESS: PO Box 1631 Rodanthe, NC 27968

E-MAIL: sjsweeneydmd@gmail.com

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

- Please consider pushing the soundside bridge even farther from shore to keep it less of an eyesore & allow us to enjoy the sound in Northern Rodanthe
- Please build adequate parking between New Inlet bridge & Rodanthe bridge
- Please build a boat ramp between New Inlet bridge & Rodanthe bridge
- Please take into consideration the effect of the bridges on the views of those living in Northern Rodanthe & create visuals of side view of the bridges from a 2nd or 3rd story &
- ~~Please reconsider long term beach renourishment~~ @ Rodanthe. This would maintain surfing, kiteboarding, & nature watching as sports in this area since these ~~activities attract most the tourists to this area.~~ Without tourism the economy will be severly impacted.
- Please consider a dredge pipeline through the dune system w/ pump out points every few miles so when we have to dredge the inlets the sand is used to save our beach instead of filling our inlets back up
- Please consider that without beach renourishment you are throwing a hundred private residences into the ocean & this bridge will not help those south of Buxton. Whereas beach renourishment in these at risk areas would preserve beach access & allow road access!

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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Fully Support the initiative to find a long term, permanent solution. Phase I and Phase II desperately needed - Do not have enough information regarding phases beyond II, need to complete these studies.

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NAME: Sarah Whitlock *

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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

As a long-term resident of Ocracoke, I feel worried that I will be forced to relocate if Hwy 12 is cut off from tourists being not permitted to drive and take the "free" Hatteras ferry. You should raise the road and add sand to the beach for a more permanent fix. We rely on the tourists just like you rely on their tax money!

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NAME: William D. Whitlock*

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E-MAIL:

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

The best connection to services I need (time-wise) is Highway 12 to Nags Head area. Please do not make us pay for the same services the rest of the state enjoys free. Please make improvements long term.

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28 March 2013

Dear Mr Joyner,

I have lived full time as a resident in Nags Head and Kitty Hawk, NC since December 1994. I am a property owner in both of the towns. I am writing to express my support for the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge replacement project and the permanent bridge over the "Oregon Inlet on Hatteras Island" exactly as described in the Environmental Assessment, namely within the existing NC Route 12 easement alternative as the Preferred Alternative for Phase Two (a).

These structures are vital to Hatteras Island and all its visitors and especially the residents. I urge NCDOT to move forward on these projects as quickly as possible.

Donald C Wobser

Donald Wobser
6055 Currituck Rd
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949-3807

March 28, 2013

Dear Mr. Joyner

As a property owner and I own and run Buxton Seafood, I am writing to offer my full support of the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge replacement project, and the permanent bridge to replace the temporary bridge at " Irene Inlet" exactly as described in the Environmental Assessment--namely within the existing NC 12 easement alternative as the Preferred Alternative for Phase Two (a). With no road I have no business, no payments made and no taxes collected for the state. THE END

I urge NCDOT to move forward as quickly as possible to secure this vital transportation link for Hatteras Island.

I thank you in advance for your action

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