

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The NC Department of Transportation has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Sub-Applicant:** NC Department of Transportation

**Project Title:** [132997] Div 4 - Wayne County Roads; PA-04-NC-4465-PW-00479

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Latitude	Longitude
Nor Am Road	35.52481	-78.03333

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for repairs to Nor Am Road located in an AE Floodway (Regulatory Floodway) flood zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Wayne County Effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720268400K, dated 06/20/2018. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will be done on existing structures and will have no effect on the local floodplain. The proposed work has the potential to be impacted by flooding in the future but is functionally dependent on its location in the floodplain. The proposed work will not take place in a wetland per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have no potential to impact or affect wetland values.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The NC Department of Transportation utilized force account labor to repair Nor Am Road which was washed out at the approach of the bridge. Minimization of future damages will be accomplished through implementation of best management practices during construction which will be up to NC Department of Transportation road standards. The purpose of this work is to restore function to Nor Am Road, which is part of the transportation pattern essential for community travel and emergency services in Wayne County.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): The 'no action' alternative could adversely impact affected communities socially and economically by changing established transportation patterns.

**Alternative #2:** (Relocation): Relocation is not practicable as this road is a linear facility with minor damage/repairs and to align outside the floodplain is neither feasible or practicable.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer  
FEMA Region 4  
3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4465-NC-00479 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

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**End of Notice**