

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

North Carolina Department of Transportation has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through 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: North Carolina Department of Transportation

Project Title: [168982] Cat-E Buildings Southport Facilities PA-04-NC-4393-PW-02957

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Southport Terminal	1650 Ferry Road, Southport NC. 284610	33.93486	-77.99378	Approx. Year Built: 2008

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the installation of two (2) pendant cranes at the Ferry Dock Southport Terminal. All the work is located in a VE Coastal High Hazard Zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Brunswick County Effective FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 3720300600K, dated 8/28/2018. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the VE zone. The proposed work will take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The NC Department of Transportation utilized force account labor, rental equipment, and contract to restore the Southport Terminal back to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within the existing footprint. Sub-Applicant purchased and installed two (2) ST-Pendant Cranes at the Ferry Dock. These are pendant cranes with the hoist mounted on a steel frame that can be anchored to concrete and were used to lift and lower the vehicle access ramp to the ferry boat. No work was done in water while installing the new cranes.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the Southport Terminal facility. If new cranes were not installed, it would be rendered unsafe to raise and lower the ramps for the ferry boat. This terminal is used for transportation of the public, including for emergency personnel to Fort Fisher.

Alternative #2 (Relocation): The relocation alternative is not feasible because this is a functionally dependent facility and cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. This alternative may result in social and economic impacts.

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. Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-02957 11988 COMMENT].

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

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