

COMMENT SHEET

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

NAME:

ADDRESS:

E-MAIL:

COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Build a bridge in the
Sound is a bad idea.
Long bridge in the Sound is
the only long term solution.

Suggestions to help with Long-term Preservation of Pea Island area

Problem: Erosion of Pea Island and Mirlo Beach Travel Areas Due to the Transfer of Wave Energies.

Temporary Bridge (Little Bridge) flooding and stress:

Possible solution: Cost efficient – rock the north ocean side and south ocean side of bridge.

The stacked rock walls will allow the transfer of wave energy to be processed instead of deflected. The rock walls will allow energy to pass through but at slower speed. This would also lower stress threats of the temporary bridge from the direct energies of waves. The slower rate of energy transfer gives the opportunity for the sand and water to filter and sift rather than causing water to pool around the foot of both sides of the bridge.

Mirlo Beach: Erosion is immense. The sand bags are stacked.

Possible Solution: Studies show that seawalls have a better chance of dulling wave energy when the bottom of the wall stretches out further into to water with a slow slope that reaches the top of the sandbag wall to the road. This shape of a seawall helps absorb the height of wave energy well before reaching the compromised area. This shape prevents erosion better than a straight wall. Straight walls encourages wave energy to push under the wall, over the wall, and back out to the ocean taking much sand with it.

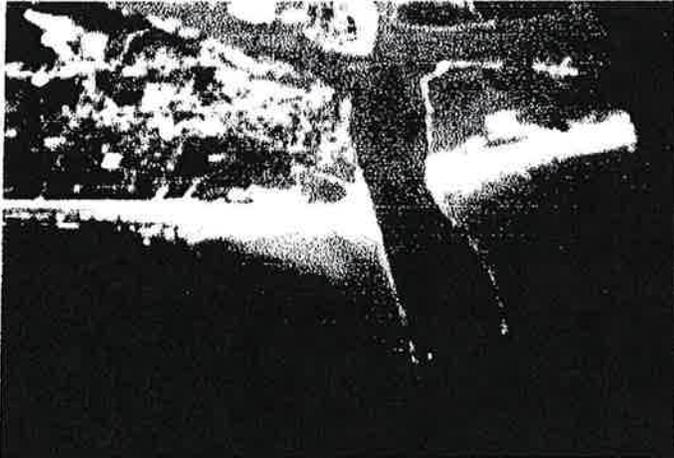
Lastly, a shorter, cost effective long-term solution until any other longer-term solution is necessary:

Oregon Inlet: The shape of the inlet encourages major sand transfers into the channel, causing the need for money to dredge the area. The shape of the inlet also encourages currents to carve out the southern parts of the island and push those parts back into the sound, ultimately removing the current southern shoreline to the west. This aids in creating stressors to the roads to reach Hatteras Island.

Possible Solution: Oregon Inlet jetties. Port Aransas, Texas has a shaped jetty that encourages currents to let nature predominantly carve out the channel. The north side of the north jetty and the south side of the south jetty encourage sand DEPOSIT and fish habitats. The north jetty is slightly curved to force wave energy to dissipate before reaching the southern jetty. This helps sand to deposit pass the southern jetty and may help build beaches naturally.

The rock jetties would be a cost-effective solution. The jetties may create many years of life for the road systems, without the expense of the bridge and with less

conflict from environmental groups. The jetties would allow for, not only more time for further reviews of investing in a long bridge, but make a reasonable attempt to see if a less invasive solution may work. The yearly revenue and the increase of employment in Leisure and Hospitality Services that the county offers to North Carolina state make any road to Hatteras Island being opened, necessary.



Texascoastgeology.com

Thanks for your time-
Robin Arnold

(Waves, resident,
employed in Waves,
member of Old Dominion Geological Honor Society)

Joyner, Drew

From: bsmyre@ncdot.gov
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 11:48 AM
To: Smyre, Elizabeth A; Joyner, Drew
Subject: I have Carbon Copied you on this ContactUs message

Original Requestor Information

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Tracking Number: Q7VPDYDCO0

Unit Name: Bonner

Sent By: Contact Us Administrator

Date/Time: 3/13/2013 12:41:31 PM

Comment:

Robert- Thank you for your comments! NCDOT works with several coastal engineers and scientists to try and determine the potential impacts of maintaining NC 12 on the coastal environment of the Outer Banks as part of its NC 12 project studies. We will certainly consider the kinds of issues that you have raised in your comment. Please feel free to contact us again if you have any further questions or comments. Thanks, Beth Smyre

Sent By: robert brown

Date/Time: 3/13/2013 12:41:31 PM

Comment:

N.C. Outer Banks Erosion--My concern about Coastal Erosion is that if large areas of the Outer Banks are allowed to erode away what are the overall effects on the Inland areas of the State. *What will the effect of daily Tidal Salt Water have in the Pamlico and ALbemarle Sounds. *What elevation will high and low tides reach in Inland Rivers and Sounds. *What will the increased salinity have on the cypress trees and vegetation. *What effect will this have on Storm Surge Flooding Inland. In my opinion the shore line should be maintained at any reasonable cost.

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I understand the importance of getting a permanent Bridge where the temp one is at Pea Island, however with the Businesses that are impacted by the continuing washing out of the S-curves in Rodanthe, for a long term solution the best route to take would be to erect Both Bridges at the same time, as a business owner, I feel the impact of the loss of business due to the Road closure from Ocean overwash at Rodanthe. Even with a beach nourishment proposal, would be a waste of time & money to use as a long term fix. This is a barrier island and will continue to feel all impacts of future storms, no matter the size of them.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Barbara Bullock
Ocean Waves Campground
Waves, NC

Phase 2
part B

1. Existing Right of Way / Easement Alternative:

This alternative would *seriously* impact the future of the Island Convenience store and adjacent properties. It would cause:

- a) the closure of the entire 31 year old Island Convenience store, fuel islands, canopy, propane tanks, parking/paving (and more) to be destroyed. Moving it further west would cause immeasurable expense in addition to the related legalities, licenses and permits required.

The community relies heavily on Island Convenience as it is the only store which stays open year round in the villages of Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo. It is a valuable community asset.

- b) approximately 35 employees per year to lose their incomes.
- c) customers to be denied direct access to Island Convenience without having to navigate through an exit ramp. Visibility to the store would be lost.
- d) loss of direct access to the nearby Midgett's Campground.
- e) the adjacent Garage and attached building to be torn down, thereby losing the ability to generate vehicle repair and commercial rental income. The building would not be able to be moved.
- f) additional commercial and residential rental properties to be torn down, costing additional loss of rental income.
- g) several remaining rental properties would find themselves within feet of the new bridge/access roads. The viability of *ever* renting these properties would be seriously compromised.

Truthfully, if this Alternative is selected, the difficulties described above would be insurmountable. Island Convenience would close down permanently. The livelihoods of many people would be affected as would the entire fabric of a community which has supported us for through good times and bad, for all of these years.

Island Convenience Store
Midgett's Campground

owners Scotland Martha
Caldwell

252 986-2284

Phase 2
Part B

2. Sound Alternative

This alternative would *eliminate* Midgett's Campground. It would cause:

- a) the loss of 23 RV and tent camp sites,
- b) the Bathhouse permanent structure to be razed. This building currently houses showers, toilet facilities and a laundry.
- c) all roads, and electrical service and camp site septic systems to be removed,
- d) the adjacent Garage and attached Commercial building to be torn down, thereby losing the ability to generate vehicle repair and commercial rental income. The building would not be able to be moved.
- e) the complete loss of 2 residential and two commercial rental properties; thereby displacing our tenants. The loss of acreage from another residential property.
- f) all projected income from a business we have been building up for five years.
- g) Island Convenience (store) to maintain its current viability as a business.

While we would lose much with this alternative, we would still be able to run and maintain the Island Convenience store. We strongly endorse this Sound Alternative plan, which would maintain our ability to retain our main source of income – the Island Convenience store.

Island Convenience Store

Midgett's Campground

Owners Scott and Martha
Caldwell

252 986-2284

Joyner, Drew

From: Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station Historic Site & Museum <clss@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 4:47 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: Pea Island Causeway

Mr. Joyner,

I do commend all at NC DOT for the prudent decision for a permanent bridge at Pea Island. In as I may be unable to make the Rodanthe meeting, I have only one comment. A suggestion, really.

Immediately after the temporary bridge was opened, it became a popular tourist destination. Nothing wrong with that. Since that will obviously continue, why not provide amenities like paved or gravel off-road parking, bath house, etc. I realize I have wandered into the darkness of NPS/USF&W/ NC DOT jurisdictions and all manner of regulations, funding issues, etc., but it still seems like something worth looking into and having agency cooperation for the benefit of all.

James Charlet
Historic Site Manager

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Joyner, Drew

From: Joyner, Drew
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 1:12 PM
To: 'Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station Historic Site & Museum'
Subject: RE: Pea Island Causeway

Mr. Charlet,
Thank you for your suggestion. I will pass this along the rest of the project team.
Sincerely,
Drew Joyner

From: Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station Historic Site & Museum [<mailto:cls@embarqmail.com>]
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Joyner, Drew

From: Joyner, Drew
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 11:28 AM
To: 'jennifer crowe'
Subject: RE: tourism

Ms. Crowe,

I am checking with our local maintenance staff. I hope to have you an answer this week. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Drew Joyner

-----Original Message-----

From: jennifer crowe [<mailto:jennimcrowe@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 1:29 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: tourism

Having spent every summer vacation of my entire life on the outer banks, I find myself wondering if we will actually be able to drive to Avon this year or will we be forced to cobble together a trip which includes ferries and long waits? What can you tell me about the likelihood of Route 12 being open or closed north of Avon this summer? I have to pay the realty company the remainder of our rental fees by May 22, 2013. Thank you. Jennifer Crowe, 757 399-9092 (Portsmouth, VA)

Mr. Drew Joyner
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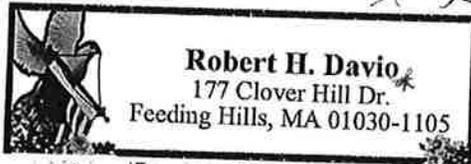
Dear Mr. Joyner,

As a (choose one of full time resident, property owner, fellow Dare County resident, concerned visitor etc), 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).

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

Thank you in advance for you action.

Thanks
RD



Joyner, Drew

From: Carol <cldd6@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 11:47 AM
To: Joyner, Drew; Smyre, Elizabeth A; pagej@pdworld.com; bill.cook@ncleg.net; phil.berger@ncleg.net; paul.tine@ncleg.net; Jeff.Warren@ncleg.net; braxton.davis@ncdene.gov; bill.rabon@ncleg.net; kathy.harrington@ncleg.net; warren.daniel@ncleg.net; Yamamoto, Brian F; Harry.Brown@ncleg.net; beau.memory@ncleg.net
Subject: Rt 12 Hatteras island

NCDOT :

I want to go on record opposing the easement alternative for highway 12 on Hatteras Island. This plan is nothing more than the continued act of the NCDOT of retreating and being on the defense regarding how to address the problems that this highway has had for the past four decades. The state of NC under the influence of what I call the destruction of the "Orin Pilkey era", allowing nature to take its course. No other state along the Eastern Seaboard has CAMA or the Federal regulations that have created a completely broken, unhealthy shoreline like the NC coastline we now have. Other states understand the importance of their coastlines and they nourish, stabilize, and have preventative measures in place to protect and prevent the assaults from the Atlantic Ocean.

Hatteras island has not had one grain of sand nourished along its beaches in the past 39 years. We are the target of almost every storm that forms off the coast of Africa and have endured hundreds of storms in the past four decades, while being left unprotected and extremely vulnerable. Frankly I'm surprised this barrier island is still in only dealing with the four "hotspots" that were identified over 30 years ago. While tens of millions have been spent reacting and repairing to the disasters of rt 12, not one dime has been spent trying to prevent them. We have the technology today to build cities in the middle of the ocean, countries all over the world are taking measures of prevention to protect their shorelines, just not the state of NC. Birds and turtles are protected, but human life and livelihoods are clearly not.

So, for the record, I would like this project development unit to know my feelings of just how ridiculous and damaging it has been to live on Hatteras Island while the NCDOT has studied, reacted to damages storms have done to rt 12, yet not one measure of prevention has even been attempted. The public hearings you are having now to tell the people of Hatteras Island how you now want to bridge the areas of concern instead of even having one test area of stabilization is quite simply gross negligence.

Bridging these hot spots is more of the same actions of NCDOT, retreating, and it simply is not necessary! Please look to our neighboring states for guidance, they are not bridging or retreating. Use the knowledge that is available and protect this highway, prevent these inlets and breaches, don't keep waiting to react to the disasters. It is more costly to this state but the emotional, financial and mental stress that the closures of rt 12 have put on the residents that live on Hatteras Island and the millions of people that visit here is great. This island's business community will not survive another closure, period! The ocean tide was coming over at will in Buxton and Rodanthe yesterday and this morning. No storm, no wind, just a high tide and full moon. We need dredges to start throwing sand at these hot spots within days! Not months! Without this happening, the next northeaster or storm will create another inlet or breach 100%. Why not try to act before this happens? 39 long years of not one grain of sand being put back along the beaches of this barrier island that has endured 100's of storms and hurricanes at least deserves the state of NC to try and save us.

We don't need bridges! We need someone to understand acts of prevention instead of playing defense and react after the fact, it's that simple! Please use whatever power, influence or measures available to change the pattern of what this state has done in the past and nourish and stabilize rt 12 along Hatteras Island because a very wise man told me years ago that the saddest two words in the English language are "too late"!

Respectfully,

Carol Dillon Dawson
434-249-7546

Sent from my iPad

Joyner, Drew

From: Carol Dawson <cldd6@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 7:49 AM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: Hatteras island

I'm still in Raleigh. Hatteras Island is being attacked again this morning. Buxton and Rodanthe, all the hotspots are being flooded this morning. We may not get home today! I'm over it! My husband said the meeting yesterday was not with anyone that could get us help. What do we have to do? Exactly what has to happen to get ncdot attention? I'm thinking a lawsuit! Making the call this morning! I'm done!

Carol Dawson ✎

Sent from my iPad

Joyner, Drew

From: Carol Dawson <cddd6@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2013 5:53 PM
To: Joyner, Drew; Communication Office; Allen, Hollie G
Subject: Hatteras island rt 12

Hello:

My name is Carol Dawson and I am writing to ask if you would have any time available to meet with a team of us coming over to Raleigh on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26& 27 of this coming week. We are from the Hatteras Island Business Association and we are going to Raleigh to meet with a lot of the senators and house members about our highway rt 12.

We would like to meet with you also if you are available. Please let me know if this is possible.
I can be reached by this email or my cell phone # 434-249-7546.

Thank you, as you know our crippled highway is the only lifeline we have to our island, after losing two entire Fall seasons the business community has been destroyed. This highway was closed last weekend. We cannot afford ncdot to continue to put band aids on the only infrastructure to he mainland. A long term fix is the only correct answer. I hope to meet with you soon.

Carol Dawson
434-249-7546

Sent from my iPad

Joyner, Drew

From: Carol Dawson <cldd6@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 3:51 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: Hatteras island meeting

Drew:

Thank you for the confirmation time tomorrow at 2:00 to meet with the team from Hatteras Island concerning highway 12. There will be six people coming over for the meeting. We look forward to meeting with you and thank you for your time on such short notice.

Respectfully,

Carol Dawson
434-249-7546

Sent from my iPad

Joyner, Drew

From: Carol Dawson <cldd6@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 11:40 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: Hatteras island

Drew:

Well, highway 12 is closed tonight! Buxton and North Hatteras the ocean tide has closed our highway once again. We are sick and tired of this unnecessary closure and the business community of Hatteras Island will be destroyed!

Ncdot has done nothing but react to these ocean attacks and retreating and repairing! It is nothing short of criminal negligence for the ncdot to continue to sit back and watch as our island and its only highway gets closed again. All the medical appointments and jobs will have to wait because once again the highway to Hatteras Island is closed.
Carol Dawson

Sent from my iPad

Joyner, Drew

From: Carol Dawson <cldd6@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2013 1:25 AM
To: bill.cook@ncleg.net; bill.rabon@ncleg.net; beau.memory@ncleg.net; warren.daniel@ncleg.net; kathy.harrington@ncleg.net; phil.berger@ncleg.net; governor@nc.gov; jerry.tillman@ncleg.net; Jeff.Warren@ncleg.net; Harry.Brown@ncleg.net; Joyner, Drew; frank.ller@ncleg.net; Allen, Hollie G; mary.jennings@ncleg.net; melissa_midgett@hagan.senate.gov; paul.tine@ncleg.net; thom.tillis@ncleg.net
Subject: Rt 12 Hatteras island. URGENT
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These are some pictures of rt 12 after Sandy. Rodanthe and Buxton Ncdot put the road back in the exact place as you see in these pictures. They put sandbags three layers deep, paying one million dollars for the work, the ocean broke through yesterday in both places from a high tide and full moon. There is a strong northeast storm coming next week, the islanders are crazy scared to death of another inlet in these hotspots. We are living in fear for losing everything we have worked for our entire lives.the lifeline of rt 12 gets us to the mainland, it has not had one grain of sand of beach nourishment in 39 years, 1973. Please help us before another disaster happens, we are begging you to bring in the dredges that are in this area, the money is there to save us.

CAMA said today, Braxton Davis director, he would do anything he could to get a permit right away. He would go to Raleigh to meet with you, whatever it takes. It's one o'clock and ill have another sleepless night because my mothers motel in Buxton, her life's work, is in the ocean. The pain I saw on her face today was more than I can bear. The look of hopelessness on the faces of the local people here, we are hard working, tax paying Americans. It feels like we are living a nightmare. Please use any influence you have to get the dredges here and then stabilize the hotspots to secure rt 12 as a safe passage to the mainland. Thank you!

Carol Dawson

I met with you yesterday, all of you seemed to want to help us.

Joyner, Drew

From: Carol Dawson <cddd6@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2013 2:20 AM
To: phil.berger@ncleg.net; paul.tine@ncleg.net; bill.cook@ncleg.net;
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Subject: Urgent. Rt 12 Hatteras island

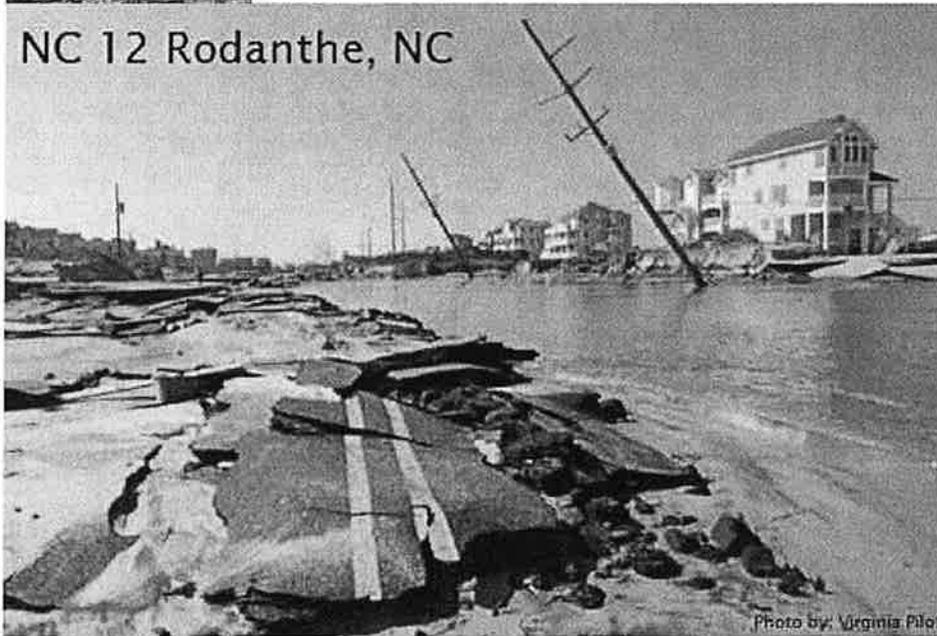


Photo by Virginia Pilot



Photo by Don Bowers

Storm surge from Hurricane Sandy on Oct. 28 dumped several feet of sand on Highway 12 from Mirlo Beach in north Rodanthe to the Bonner Bridge and damaged the roadbed in several places.



Buxton,

Dave Dawson watched, coffee cup in hand, as Bobcats cleared sand off N.C. 12 in front of his motel. Sandy's waters ravaged the motel, ruining all of its first-floor rooms and carrying off its air conditioning units, he said.

But he is well-experienced in the challenges of running the oceanfront Cape Hatteras Motel.

"It's nothing I haven't seen before," Dawson said.

Sent from my iPad

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MARCH 28, 2013


Date: Thursday, March 28, 2013 5:46 PM
From: devane@carolina.rr.com
To: djoyner@ncdot.gov
Subject: Bridge

Dear Mr. Joyner,
As a former resident (30 years) and the mother of a present resident (Laura Parker), 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).

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I respect the loggerhead turtles, but having lived there, I understand the need for the PEOPLE to be able to come and go, and the tourists, who provide a good deal of their livelihood, to also have access to the Island. My daughter teaches 5th grade at Cape Hatteras School, her husband works on a Tug Boat for a Company which moves them around. He is currently in the Gulf of Mexico, but he flies in and out of Norfolk and is home 2 weeks out of 4, and runs a charter boat in season when he is home. While the road was out, it took him ELEVEN HOURS to get on a ferry to the Island and ride down the sand road the rest of the 45 miles. They are permanent residents, have 3 children, own their home, and are productive citizens. You can't ask people whose lives and businesses are permanent on Hatteras to just pick up and move some where else. The Bridge is essential to their lives, as well as to the thousand of visitors who come every summer, expecting restaurants, motels, charter fishing, shops, and service stations to be there. The Bridge(s) just MUST be replaced!
Thank you in advance for helping keep Hatteras alive!

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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

I endorse and thank you for the hard work to keep
NC12 at the Rod and the "S" curves open. It is a never
ending job.

There is a need for a permanent solution as proposed.
However, the length of time it will take to build the
proposed bridges and new roads is not fast enough.

As exhibited by the numerous storms in March facilitating
numerous closing of NC 12, there should be plans and
implementation of a short term solution. When
the road is closed, we are isolated. ~~The isolation~~ we
are coming into tourist season. Most of the economy of
the Outer Banks is based on tourism. ~~If they tourists~~
~~can't get on and off the island~~ The tourist must have a safe
and timely way of getting on and off the island to avert
economic disaster for this area. We need help now.

Comments may be mailed by March 28, 2013 to:

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Robert Eakes

From: "Robert Eakes" <fish@reddrumtackle.com>
Date: Thursday, March 28, 2013 9:02 AM
To: <djoyner@ncdot.gov>

Mr. Drew Joyner
 Human Environment Section Head
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 Raleigh, NC 27699-1598

PS I tried emailing this but your mailbox would
 not accept.

Dear Mr. Joyner,

Having been a resident of Hatteras Island for almost 40 years, I am fully aware of the problems facing our state with issues such as Oregon Inlet. Both the bridge replacement and stabilization of Pea Island and Highway 12 are necessary for Hatteras and Ocracoke Island's future. Several years back I sat with the Directors of both the National Park Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service and explained how our bridge had deteriorated to such a state that it was unsafe. Both Directors agreed that to replace the existing bridge would not create or be a problem. **They agreed to the replacement.**

Well, along come environmental groups such as Defenders of Wildlife. DOW and their legal lawyers only sue federal and state governments. That is their so called job in life. For whatever reason, they have targeted North Carolina and Dare County as an area of attack. Over and over these same three groups sue over every issue. The sanctimonious bastards don't come to the table with funding to help their cause and neither do they offer alternatives which make sense to anyone. They simply sue over and over and ask the judge at the end of the process to recoup the fees for suing. What a piss poor way of making a living.

Bonner Bridge needs to be replaced. If DOW, SELC, and Audubon will fund the long bridge then so be it. But until that happens, please build us a new bridge and let us get on with our lives. I for one am tired of having to cancel doctor appointments, plan around the tides and storms, and mostly worry that my future is being held hostage by outside environmental groups who don't give a rat's ass about me or mine.

My business is down 45% from 10 years ago. I have decreased my work force from 12 to 5 people. Hatteras Island is no longer the jewel of North Carolina's tourism industry.

During my father's time, we would have settled this issue promptly but now we afford those who don't even live here their day in court over and over and over and over until the bridge simply collapses.

Thanks for listening,


 Bob Eakes, President
 Red Drum Tackle Shop, In.
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Joyner, Drew

From: Roger Fitzgerald <fitz@qis.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:50 AM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: NC 12 Repair and Bridge options

Please enter my comments into the official record for the NC12 subject:

- 1) Bonner Bridge: This will be the ultimate "Bridge to Nowhere", all funding should be immediately diverted from this project to a long term solution. All money spent on the Bonner Bridge is a total waste of resources, it will only allow visitors to see a few thousand feet of Pea Island since the rest of NC12 is impassable for much of the year.
- 2) Stumpy Point to Rodanthe Bridge: Use all the money from the Bonner Bridge project to build a low bridge, about 20 feet above the water, across Pamlico sound to connect to Rodanthe. As the islands migrate to the West, just continue to use this bridge by shortening the off ramps, this is a 100 year solution instead of a two year solution like that proposed with the Bonner Bridge and additional bridges on Pea Island in the current right of way.
- 3) Recognize that Hatteras Island will always migrate to the west and set up the roadway "right of way" accordingly, with the roadway automatically shifted to the West to follow the movement of the island.
- 4) Taxpayers across the country visit the Outer Banks and are interested in long term access, but we don't want to see our money wasted on useless sand pumping projects, it is time for a realistic long term solution instead of short term fixes that don't really address the issues.

Thank you,

Roger Fitzgerald ✉
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COMMENT SHEET

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

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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

NEED BEACH NOURISHMENT JUST SOUTH OF

S-CURVES - KWA CAMPGROUND AREA IS DESIGNATED

DUNES ARE TOTALLY GONE -

~~THE~~ 30' DUNE ON MAC OCA DR IS GONE -

NEXT HURRICANE WILL DESIGNATE SOUTH ROAD WITH

WAVES - FROM OCEAN OVERWASH -

CANNO - WAIT FOR LONG TERM STUDIES OR SOLUTION -

NEED HELP NOW -

APPRECIATE WHAT NCDOT HAS DONE TO KEEP ROAD

OPEN -

Comments may be mailed by March 28, 2013 to:

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March 28, 2013

Mr. Drew Joyner
Human Environment
Section Head – NCDOT
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Dear Mr. Joyner:

As concerned visitors, we are writing to offer our 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).

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

Thank you in advance for your action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph & Cindy Habib".

Joseph & Cindy Habib
12008 Ashleigh Park Blvd
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

COMMENT SHEET

**NC 12 – Pea Island Long-Term Improvements
(Bonner Bridge Replacement Project Phase II)**

**Public Hearing
TIP No. B-2500A
Dare County**



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Dee Hardham

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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

While the Preferred Alternative route is not as ideal
as "Road on new location" for the eroding coastline, the problems
faced by those groups and government entities not aligned with
the survival and success of Hatteras Island's existence would
delay any action to improve the transportation corridor within
budgetary constraints. I congratulate and thank the
engineers and employees of NC DOT for their work for
planning the Preferred Alternative bridge and raised road
within the NC #12 Easement.

Thank you.

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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

I own Kitty Hawk Kites, we currently employ 15-20 people on Hatteras & Curacoa Island. In the summer we employ 55-70 people. We operate 3 stores, a restaurant, a kite boarding school, kayak tours, surfing lessons, ^{and a condominium resort} on Hatteras Island. We operate a retail store on Curacoa Island. Since Hurricane Irene, because of the uncertainty of the road we are losing our kite boarding customers to other kite boarding destinations. We pay significant sales tax to the state from these locations. ~~We are~~ ^{Because of the road closures we are losing daily revenue} and therefore cannot afford the payroll we would normally have. We need a permanent solution quickly to maintain the economy of Hatteras and Curacoa Islands. We need to start construction no later than fall 2013.

Ann Harris

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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Project priorities should be
changed to reflect the following:
#1 Priority should be a permanent
fix for the Rodanthe/Scurry hot spot.
and that fix should be a bridge.
#2 Priority should be a permanent
bridge over New Inlet.
#3 Priority: a new Bonner bridge

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TIP No. B-2500A

Dare County

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COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS:

Bridge under way - Oregon Inlet - Okay
Phase IIa - currently access is working except
South end of bridge - need to extend bridge over
that low area.

S Curves - More urgent than Phase IIa!! We
need help now - people incurring expenses to
stay in motels in Nags Head just to go
for chemo and dialysis!! S Curves more
urgent for vacation dollars - At least add
beach nourishment to help temporarily sustain

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Joyner, Drew

From: ROY JARED <royjared@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 9:55 PM
To: Joyner, Drew
Subject: NC 12 Phase IIa

I attended the meeting at Rodanthe on March 12 and reviewed the handout. Overall, a very informative program.

I noted that even in summary, the project impact included such things as shade ... and fish habitat change by a 0.05 acre of bridge piles, etc. However, I did not see mention of the substantial benefit of replacing ground level road way with elevated road way that would protect terrestrial animal life from life threatening encounters with vehicles as well as protect motorists from damaging accidents with larger animals such as deer. In some places this has been the raison d'etre for an elevated road way. This seems a more substantial result than the possibility that the waterway, left undisturbed, might be a helpful passageway for the chance visit by a turtle.

Roy Jared ✕
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