



# Bonner Bridge Update

Environmental Impact Statement

TIP Project No. B-2500

Dare County, North Carolina

## NEW OREGON INLET BRIDGE PROPOSED

### Both Bonner Bridge Replacement and NC 12 Overwash Issues Addressed

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is proposing to build a new bridge to replace the existing Bonner Bridge over Oregon Inlet prior to the end of its reasonable service life. Four corridors were evaluated for the replacement bridge. The corridors are shown in the figure on page 3. Corridor Alternative 4 would minimize natural resource impacts and would bypass three locations on NC 12 regularly threatened by overwash. Corridor Alternative 1 would minimize costs but may not be compatible with the management strategies of the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. Corridor Alternatives 2 and 3 are no longer under consideration because of higher cost and natural resource impacts.

The NCDOT and a multi-agency team studied the four bridge corridors before Alternatives 1 and 4 were selected for more detailed evaluation. The corridors were evaluated for their potential impacts to natural resources, including federally protected species, wetlands and submerged aquatic vegetation (SAVs), costs, construction method, and compatibility with Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge and National Park Service plans and policies. All of the corridors begin on Bodie Island at the northern endpoint of the existing bridge near the Oregon Inlet Marina and the U.S. Coast Guard Station.

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### Citizens Informational Workshops

Citizen Informational Workshops are scheduled for June 26th in Rodanthe and Buxton. These workshops will provide the public an opportunity to learn more about the proposed bridge and discuss concerns with NCDOT. Two workshop locations will make it more convenient for property and business owners on Hatteras Island to attend one of the workshops.

One workshop will be held at the community center in Rodanthe. The other workshop will be held at Cape Hatteras Secondary School in Buxton. Both workshops will be informal, with the public welcome to drop in any time between 4 and 7 pm to view displays and ask questions about the project. Study team members will be on hand to discuss the project with you.

The same information will be available at both workshops. If you cannot attend one of the workshops you may write the study team or call the toll-free project information line with your comments or questions. See the last page of this newsletter for the names and numbers of study team contacts.

**Bulletin Board**

*Bonner Bridge Citizens Informational Workshops Scheduled for June 26, 2003 4:00 - 7:00 PM*

**RODANTHE**  
 Rodanthe Waves Salvo Community Center  
 23186 Myrna Peters Road  
 Rodanthe, NC 27968

**BUXTON**  
 Cape Hatteras Secondary School (Auditorium)  
 48576 Highway 12  
 Buxton, NC 27920



### Contacting the Study Team

This newsletter is being sent to individuals who have requested to be on the Bonner Bridge Study mailing list, property owners on Hatteras Island, and individuals who are on mailing lists maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, and the National Park Service, Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

If you have any questions or wish to be added to our newsletter mailing list, please call John Page or Liz Kovasckitz on our toll-free project information line, **1-866-803-0529**. If you call outside of normal business hours, please leave a message and someone will return your call. You may also write the study team at:

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*We hope to see you at one of the Citizens Informational Workshops on June 26th!*



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