

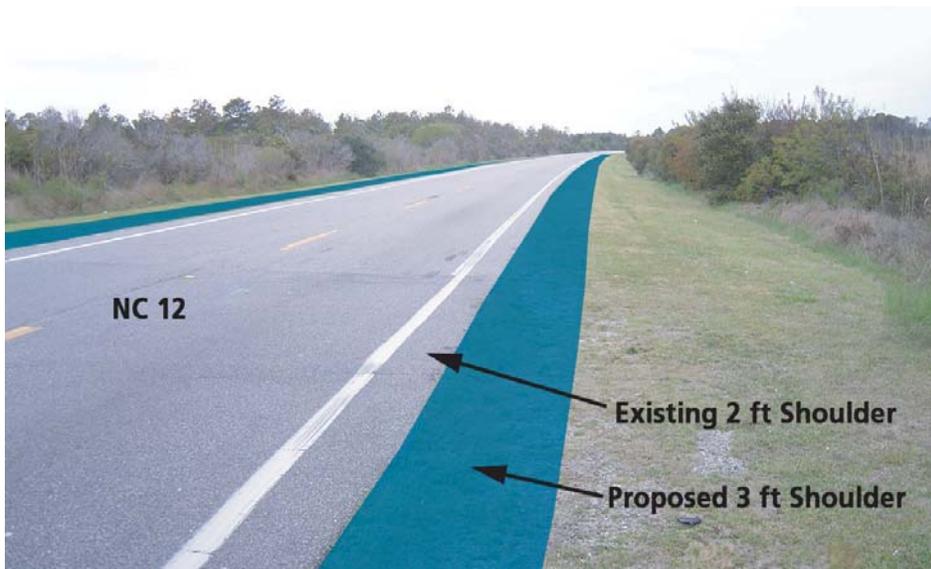


PUBLIC SCOPING - COMMENTS ACCEPTED UNTIL MARCH 4, 2009

The National Park Service, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is preparing an Environmental Assessment for proposed highway improvements within Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The proposed improvements would be on 5.28 miles of NC 12, from Whalebone Junction to the Bodie Island District Ranger Station at the Coquina Beach Access Road. The proposed improvements would include rehabilitation of the roadway, replacement of existing culverts, and expansion of the existing 2-foot paved shoulder to a paved 5-foot shoulder.

These highway improvements would be implemented to remedy existing safety hazards and improve conditions for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians using this segment of NC 12.

The public comment period will open on February 3, 2009 and close on March 4, 2009. Public scoping is part of the process to prepare an EA pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Public input is important to identify issues, concerns, and impacts early in the process.



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Written comments may be submitted by mail and by submission through the park's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha>. Click on the "NC 12 Improvements" link to view the project scoping documents. Comments can also be mailed to: Superintendent, Outer Banks Group, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954. To ensure that your comments are included in the process, all comments must be entered or postmarked by March 4, 2009.

