

Mission

North Carolina Turnpike Authority

In October 2002, the North Carolina General Assembly established a law creating the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA). The NCTA is authorized to study, develop, construct, operate, and maintain up to nine toll roads in the state. The Mid-Currituck Bridge is one of the NCTA's candidate toll facilities. Current law prohibits the NCTA from tolling existing roads. Toll revenue may be used by NCTA for: administrative costs, project development, right-of-way, construction, operation, maintenance, debt service on revenue bonds, and related purposes.



Why Toll Roads?

Historically, North Carolina highways were not built until the necessary funding was available. The major source of funding came from taxes on motor fuels and lubricants, in addition to vehicle registration fees. Over the years, however, this conventional method of financing projects has become a less viable option due to the significant increase in our state's population and the ever increasing burden on the state's transportation infrastructure.

North Carolina's rapid growth has placed increasing demands on our already stressed transportation infrastructure. By 2030, our state's population is estimated to increase by 42 percent. Meanwhile, a projected \$65 billion gap between transportation needs and revenues during the next 25 years means the state will be able to meet less than half of the state's transportation needs.

North Carolina faces an important choice: find new sources of funding that could speed the construction of some critical highway projects or wait years, perhaps even decades, until traditional funds are available to build non-toll roads. The reality is North Carolina no longer has the funding to construct and maintain all the roads needed to meet the demands of the increasing number of citizens and businesses. Use of innovative financing, such as tolling, is necessary to construct the Mid-Currituck Bridge in the foreseeable future.

Questions? Comments?

We look forward to your continued participation in this project. You may write or call the project team at any time with questions, comments, or concerns.

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Mid-Currituck Bridge Project

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Welcome to the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project Citizens Informational Workshop

During tonight's workshop, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA), in coordination with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), will provide you with information regarding the proposed project.

Tonight's agenda is informal. Please:

Sign In and Pick Up a Handout.

Please sign in at the registration table and provide your address to help us maintain a current project mailing list and document public participation in the workshop.

Learn About the Project.

Project displays and other project materials are available to help you learn about the project.

Ask Questions.

Project team members are available to answer your questions about the proposed project.

Provide Your Input.

This information packet includes a comment sheet. We look forward to receiving your input.

Please submit your comments tonight or mail your comments to the address on the comment sheet by March 28, 2008.

About the Project

NCTA is proposing to make improvements in the Currituck Sound area between US 158 near Barco to NC 12 near Corolla. Several alternatives, including improving the existing US 158/NC 12 corridor and constructing a new bridge across Currituck Sound, have been considered. Several alternative corridor locations for a new bridge are part of the study. As part of the project, NCTA will study the feasibility and impacts of developing the proposed project as a toll road. The project is intended to ease congestion, reduce travel times, and provide enhanced evacuation and emergency access. The project is included in the 2007-2013 NCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as Project No. R-2576.



