

May 2013

The Town of Southern Shores is starting the project development, environmental, and engineering studies for the replacement of Bridge No. 17 (Tall Pine Bridge), carrying South Dogwood Trail over Snow Goose Canal.

## Project Description

The purpose of this project is to replace the South Dogwood Trail bridge (Bridge No. 17) over Snow Goose Canal. This project is listed as B-5417 on the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) *State Transportation Improvement Program* (STIP).

The current bridge was built in 1970 and is scheduled for replacement within the next few years. It is classified as “structurally deficient” on the most recent NCDOT Bridge Inspection Report. A “structurally deficient” bridge, when left open to traffic, typically requires significant maintenance and repair to remain in service, but it is still safe to drive on the bridge.



## Studies and Future Improvements

Part of the project funding is federal, and the project must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A federal environmental document will be prepared for this project. Fieldwork and surveys will be conducted to assess the potential environmental impacts. It is anticipated that a new bridge will be built in the same location as the existing bridge and that there will be minimal impacts to adjacent property owners and the natural environment.

## Public Input

The Town of Southern Shores will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in the Pitts Center (5375 N. Virginia Dare Trail). This will be an informal, drop-in style workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to allow citizens the opportunity to meet with the project team to receive information and ask questions about the project. We invite your comments and questions.

### Public Workshop

**Date:** Tuesday, June 4, 2013  
**Time:** 4:00-6:00 PM (drop in anytime)  
**Location:** The Pitts Center  
5375 N. Virginia Dare Trail

## Anticipated Project Schedule

The following dates are anticipated for the project but are subject to change depending on funding:

- **May 2013:** Begin roadway and hydraulic designs
- **June 4, 2013:** Public workshop
- **June 2013:** Finalize environmental document
- **Fall 2013:** Begin final designs
- **Summer 2014:** Right-of-way acquisition
- **Late 2014/Early 2015:** Begin Construction
- **NOTE:** The bridge may be closed for approximately six months during construction with no temporary crossing. Detour route to follow East Dogwood Trail and NC 12 (Ocean Boulevard).

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# NEWSLETTER

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Bridge No. 17 (South Dogwood Trail), Looking North

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