

**The Albemarle  
Rural Planning Organization**

**Camden, Chowan, Currituck,  
Dare, Hyde Gates, Pasquotank,  
Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington  
Counties**

**Project Priorities for the  
2007- 2013  
Transportation Improvement Program**

## Introduction

The Albemarle Rural Planning Organization was chartered on November 28, 2001 with the goal of providing the rural areas of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington Counties an opportunity to work in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation in both short and long range transportation planning on a region basis. The Transportation Improvement Program is the primary tool by which future transportation projects in the region are determined. The projects outlined in this document represent the priorities of the Albemarle RPO of inclusion in the 2007- 2013 Transportation Improvement Program.

In developing the Albemarle RPO Transportation Improvement Program recommendations a Project Prioritization Process was established. A Project Prioritization Sub- Committee consisting of two Technical Coordinating Committee Members from each county was formed. Project lists were submitted individually by each county and ranked on a regional basis to form this list.

The following Project Priority List was recommended by the Albemarle RPO Technical Coordination Committee, and adopted by the Albemarle RPO Technical Advisory Committee. The Albemarle RPO feels that this submission reflects the projects most important to our region and respectfully request their inclusion in the 2007- 2013 Transportation Improvement Program.

## Highway Projects

1. Alligator River Bridge- New High- Rise Span (Tyrrell, Dare)
  - This project would take the bridge portion out of Rural Project R-2545
  - The new span would be built next to the existing structure
2. Mid- Currituck Bridge (Coinjock to Corolla)
  - Expedite the study process
  - Expedite the build to provide for better and safer Transportation to the Northern Outer Banks
3. US Hwy 13- Widen through Gates County
  - Rural Project R- 2507
  - Widen to a multi- lane facility from US 158 to the Virginia State Line
4. Hertford Causeway Upgrade (Perquimans)
  - Rural Project R- 4467
  - Convert existing roadway to elevated roadway
  - From Perquimans River Bridge to NC 37
5. US Hwy 158- Widen from Camden Causeway to Hwy 168
  - This includes both Rural Projects R- 2414 and R- 2574
  - Widen both portions of US 158 to multi-lanes

6. Bonner Bridge Replacement (Dare)
  - Federal Bridge Project B- 2500
  - Replace the existing structure at Oregon Inlet
7. Elizabeth Street Upgrade (Pasquotank)
  - Upgrade roadway
  - Pilings that roadway is built on continue to sink
8. NC Hwy 32- Widen through Gates County
  - Widen to multi-lanes
  - From Chowan County line to the Virginia State Line
9. NC Hwy 343- Upgrade Existing Roadway (Camden)
  - Upgrade roadway from Camden at US 158 to Shiloh

#### Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

##### Greenway Project in Elizabeth City (Pasquotank)

- Multi-use path

##### Outer Banks Scenic Byway (Dare, Carteret and Hyde)

- Multi-use path