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Alternative Transportation Study: Public Meeting on January 17

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island National Seashore are working with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center to conduct an **alternative transportation study**. The study, which began in August and is estimated to last approximately one year, aims to objectively analyze different ways to address transportation problems -- including beach access, traffic, and parking. The research study will be informed by ideas and comments from the public, as well as analysis of data and information about traffic, transportation, and other factors.

A public meeting will be held on January 17, so that interested parties have a chance to communicate directly with the study team.

Saturday, January 17th

2:00 PM to 5:00 PM The Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Dr., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

For more information about the meetings, contact Lou Hinds, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Manager, at Louis_Hinds@fws.gov or 757-336-6122 x332.

If you are unable to attend, you may send comments to **ChincoteaguePlanning@dot.gov.** More information is available at **chinco.fws.gov** and **www.nps.gov/asis/.**

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