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Alternative Transportation Study: Initial Public Meetings on October 16

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island National Seashore are working with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center to begin an alternative transportation study. We need your help in gathering information.

This is a great opportunity where all interested parties will have a chance to communicate directly with the study team as the project gets underway. The study, which is estimated to take about one year to complete, 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.

In partnership with the Town of Chincoteague and the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, we cordially invite you to attend 1 of 2 initial public meetings to be held on Thursday, October 16, at the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Dr, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. In an effort to accommodate your busy schedule, two meetings are being organized at different times on the same day. Feel free to attend the morning session from 9-11 am or join us for the evening session from 6-8 pm. The format of each meeting and the information provided by the study team will be the same. We hope to see you at one or both of the meetings.

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

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

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