§ 136-89.183A. Accelerated Pilot Toll Bridge Project.

- (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that there is a need for a bridge connecting the Currituck County mainland to the Currituck County Outer Banks; that the bridge should be implemented as a toll bridge; that the bridge should be implemented in a manner that protects the natural environment and quality of life on the Outer Banks; and that the character of the existing road system in Currituck County and Dare County Outer Banks should be preserved.
- (b) Contract to Construct Accelerated Pilot Toll Bridge Project. The Authority shall contract with a single private firm to design, obtain all necessary permits for, and construct the toll bridge described in G.S. 136-89.183(a)(2), known as the Mid-Currituck Bridge, in order to provide accelerated, efficient, and cost-effective completion of the project.
- (c) Preconstruction Participation. In addition to the authority granted by G.S. 136-89.191, the Department shall participate in the cost of preconstruction activities related to the project described in this section, if requested by the Authority.
- (d) Environmental Protection. The Authority shall ensure that the Mid-Currituck Bridge is implemented in a manner that accomplishes all of the following:
 - (1) Ensures the preservation of water quality in Currituck Sound.
 - (2) Mitigates the environmental impact of the bridge on the Currituck County mainland and the Outer Banks.
 - (3) Reduces traffic congestion and vehicle miles traveled, and preserves the character of the existing road system, in Dare County and Currituck County on the Outer Banks.
- (e) Report on Project. The Authority shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on December 1, 2005, and each December 1 thereafter until completion, on the progress of the accelerated pilot toll bridge project described in this section. (2005-275, s. 3; 2008-225, s. 11.)

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