US 64 Improvements Project

From 0.9 mile east of Columbia to US 264
near Manns Harbor
Tyrrell and Dare Counties, North Carolina

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The proposed project is the widening of a 27.3-mile section of US 64 in Tyrrell and Dare counties from 0.9 mile east of Columbia to US 264 near Manns Harbor. The project proposes to widen this section of two-lane road to a four-lane highway and replace the Lindsay C. Warren Bridge across the Alligator River with a new bridge. Fifteen study corridors and three bridge alternatives are evaluated, as well as the No-Build Alternative.. Every alternative includes a four-lane, median divided highway. This DEIS documents the project purpose and need, examines the alternatives, describes the studies that led to the selection of the Detailed Study Alternatives, and describes each alternative's design features. The characteristics of the existing environment are described. The direct, secondary, and cumulative impacts of the proposed project are assessed, including community, visual, cultural resource, natural resource, and environmental quality considerations.