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## Hyde County Manager's Office

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# Hyde County seeks input on adding Ocracoke Lighthouse to existing Tram Service

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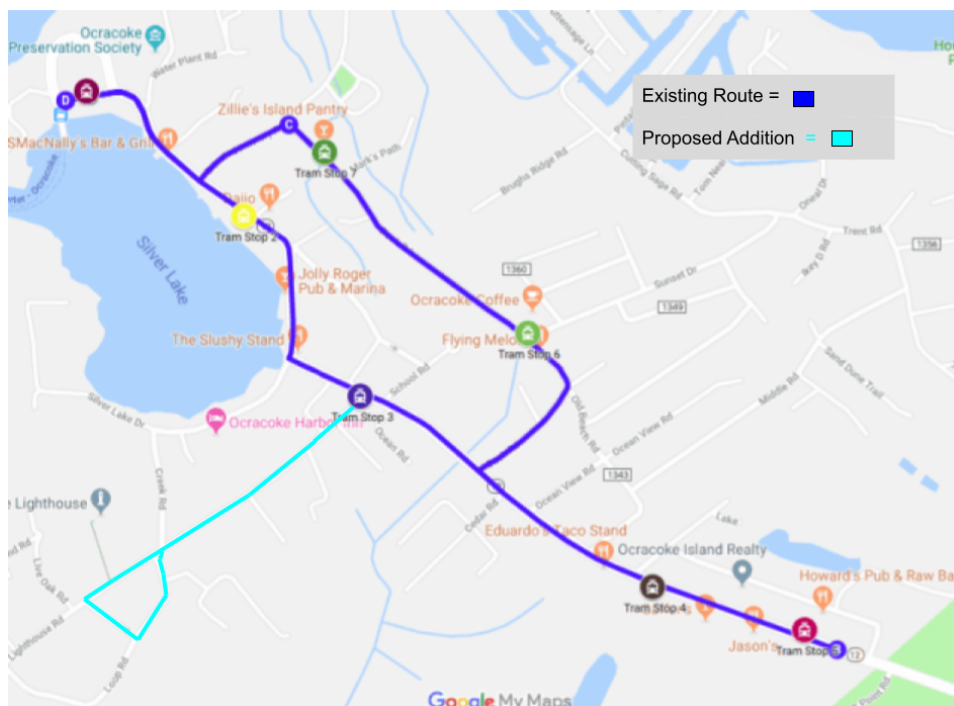
The Hyde County Manager's Office will seek the public's input on adding the Ocracoke Lighthouse to existing tram service at a public listening session on Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 4:00- 5:30 at the Ocracoke Community Center, Ocracoke, NC.

The public can also submit comments on the addition of this tram stop by emailing [tramroute@hydecountync.gov](mailto:tramroute@hydecountync.gov) or can leave a voice recording to be considered as public comment by dialing 252-926-5288. The comment period is open until Friday, June 18, 2021.

The purpose of the listening session is to solicit views on the addition of the Ocracoke Lighthouse to the existing tram route.

## SPECIFICATIONS

The proposal includes adding a stop on the current tram route that includes the Ocracoke Lighthouse via Lighthouse Road, a pull over stop at the lighthouse, a left turn onto Martha Jane Lane and then rejoining the existing route on Irvin Garrish Highway.



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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- **NPS ESTIMATES APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE PER HOUR VISITING THE OCRACOKE LIGHTHOUSE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11 AM AND 5 PM DURING THE SEASON**
- **NPS ESTIMATES 500-1000 PEOPLE VISITING THE OCRACOKE LIGHTHOUSE PER DAY DURING THE SEASON**
- **NPS ESTIMATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 2.5 PEOPLE TRAVEL PER VEHICLE, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE 400 CARS/CARTS COMING TO THE LIGHTHOUSE EACH DAY**
- **IT IS ESTIMATED THAT TRAM SERVICE TO THE OCRACOKE LIGHTHOUSE COULD ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THOSE VEHICLES THAT TRAVEL TO THE LIGHTHOUSE**
- **THE PICK UP AND DROP OFF LOCATION WILL NOT DECREASE THE NUMBER OF SPACES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR PARKING**
- **STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WILL KEEP THE BASE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK, FROM 11-3, WITH PROGRAMS AT THE OPEN BASE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE FOR EACH NEW GROUP OF VISITORS THAT ARRIVE.**
- **NPS STAFF WILL RIDE THE PASSENGER FERRY EACH DAY IT IS MADE AVAILABLE AND PROVIDE A PROGRAM ABOUT OCRACOKE ISLAND ON THE 10 AM HATTERAS DEPARTURE**

## **GOALS OF THE ADDITION OF THE LIGHTHOUSE TRAM STOP:**

- **PROVIDE QUALITY VISITOR ACCESS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE**
- **DECREASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION, THE NUMBER OF CARTS/CARS ON LIGHTHOUSE ROAD**
- **MINIMIZE THE PARKING CONFLICTS AT THE LIGHTHOUSE AND PROVIDE ANOTHER OPTION FOR ACCESS**