


**Route 13 (Surry)
Public Meeting**

January 20, 2021

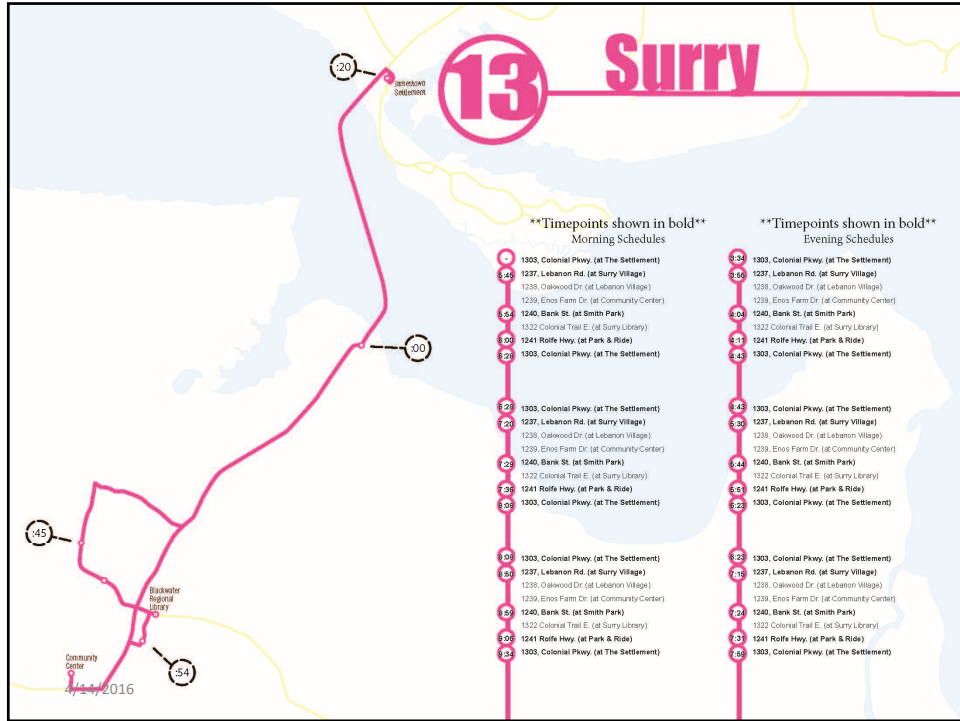
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Rt. 13 Background

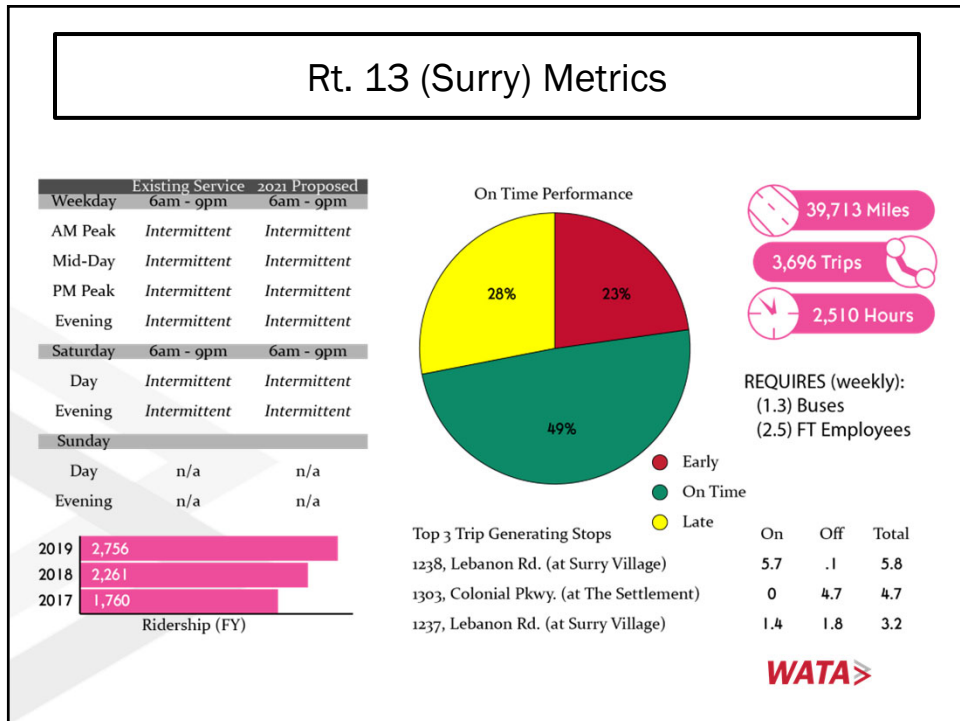
- WATA began service to Surry County utilizing a demonstration route in late 2007.
- The route is about 10 hours a day, Monday through Saturday
- Changes in the Jamestown-Scotland ferry schedule, especially weather cancellations, can drastically impact service
- Ridership has historically been low, and has dropped for the past several years
- Ridership did increase slightly in 2019



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Current Status

- Ridership on Route 13 is the lowest of all WATA's routes
- Due to impacts from COVID-19, Surry County did not provide any local matching dollars in FY 2021 and has indicated it does not plan to support the local match for WATA's service in the foreseeable future
- Due to these changes, WATA has begun the process of providing public notice in preparation to cease operation of Route 13 as early as April 2021



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Next Steps

- WATA will be holding multiple public meetings to collect feedback and comments regarding the cessation of Route 13
- These meetings are:
 - Current
 - Via Zoom
 - Date; Zoom Link
 - January 20, 2021 WATA Board of Directors Meeting
 - Zoom Link



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Comments

- Comments may be made at a public meetings or by one of the means below if received by February 5th, 2021:
- By Mail
 - Route 13 Public Meeting
 - WATA
 - 7239 Pocahontas Trail
 - Williamsburg VA, 23185
- By Email:
 - info@gowata.org
 - Please put *Route 13 Public Hearing* in the subject line
- By Phone:
 - 757.220.5493



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Public Comment Period

- Comments are recorded and entered into the public record for the meeting
- Speaking time is three minutes per speaker
- Please refrain from profanity, threats, or abusive language
- Please state your name clearly for the record



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Comments

- Comments may be made at any of the public meetings or by one of the means below and received by February 1st, 2021:
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