



Alternative Transportation Public Workshop

National Park Service (NPS) Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is conducting an alternative transportation study. The planning team has prepared alternatives to be considered for different transportation options in the park.

MOTIVATION

During the past two decades the park's acreage has increased by 60%. The park currently encompasses 3646 acres of land.

The park transit system has not grown with the park and no additional means of public transportation has been provided. The 2010 General Management



Plan (GMP 2010) identified the need to provide enhanced visitor access to Camp Hill, Bolivar Heights and newly acquired areas of North and South Schoolhouse Ridge, and Murphy Farm. This alternative transportation study will investigate the most efficient ways of providing transportation to these identified park resources.

GOALS

Three goals of the alternative transportation study are:

- Improve visitor experience by making it easier for visitors to understand and access park resources
- Reduce the number of vehicles on roads serving the park
- Provide sustainable (cost effective) access to park resources

PLANNING FOCUS

To achieve these goals various transportation alternatives are under consideration. These alternatives include a mix of transportation modes, routes and network designs.

Four modes are under consideration: shuttles, bikes, trails and personal vehicles. It is believed that all four modes will play some part in



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Public workshop will be held in October. This workshop will be held in an "Open House" format.

You will have the opportunity to provide your input on the preliminary alternatives for the expansion of the park's alternative transportation system and share additional ideas or comments. The location, date and time are as follows:

Steven T. Mather Training Center
51 Mather Place
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
Tuesday, October 18, 2011
6:30pm – 9:00pm

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improving accessibility to park resources. However, more emphasis will be given to shuttles, bikes and trails since they are more environmental friendly modes than personal vehicles.

This study will consider shuttles as the main mode of transportation with bike and trail options for visitors to enjoy the park. The study will identify existing bike routes near Harpers Ferry and propose connections that lead to the park. It will also identify possible ways of connecting major resources in the park with biking and hiking trails.

ALTERNATIVES

This public workshop will concentrate on gathering valuable ideas for the expansion of the transportation system in the park. The resources to be served by the park transportation system and the existing shuttle route are presented in the map below.

