



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**MEETING DATE:** May 3, 2022

**ITEM TITLE:** Proposed Traffic Mitigation Plan

**ITEM SUMMARY:** At a public meeting held April 26, 2022, town staff shared potential options and recommendations for implementing traffic mitigation measures to assist with traffic congestion for the coming summer season. Ongoing efforts will continue to advocate for the construction of the mid-Currituck Bridge, marketing to the visitors through property managers, signage and other messaging requesting that traffic stay on US158 and NC12, as well as making adjustments to travel applications. Recommendations presented at the meeting included:

- 1- Closing Hickory Trail at East Dogwood Trail. The road would be open and accessible from the intersection of Hickory Trail and Hillcrest Dr.
- 2- Closing Ocean Blvd at the southern end intersecting with NC 12/Duck Road. The road would be open and accessible from points north.
- 3- Placing barriers blocking one lane of traffic with “local traffic only signs” at several locations.
  - a. Hillcrest and Sea Oats
  - b. Hickory and Wax Myrtle
  - c. Hickory and Sea Oats
  - d. Hickory and Hillcrest
  - e. E Dogwood and Wax Myrtle
  - f. E Dogwood and Sea Oats
  - g. E Dogwood and Hillcrest
  - h. Juniper Trail past Food Lion entrance<sup>1</sup>

Other options discussed were closing the road on the west side on NC 12 at Sea Oats, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hillcrest Dr and Hickory Trail. Closures or blocking other sections of town streets may also be considered.

If all measure were put into place, staff estimates the cost to be \$19,500 for barriers and signage.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the implementation of recommendations 1-3 listed above. Staff also recommends that further consideration and discussion on the other options listed.

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Staff requests direction from the Town Council as to what measures it would like to see implemented this year.