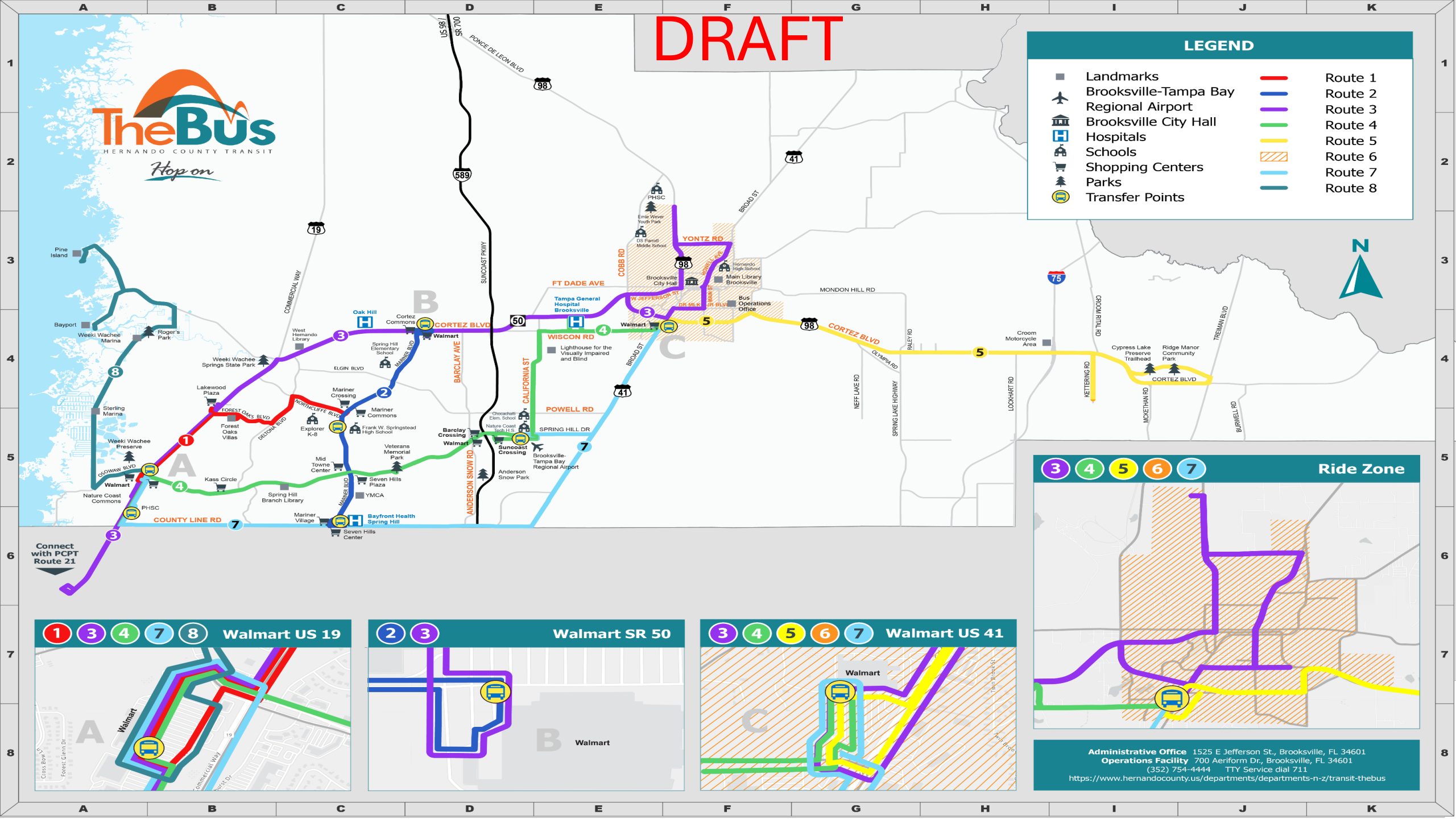
New Year

New Routes – New Possibilities

TheBus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TheBus
HERNANDO COUNTY TRANSIT
Hop on
LEGEND
Landmarks
Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport
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Hospitals
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Parks
Transfer Points
Route 1
Route 2
Route 3
Route 4
Route 5
Route 6
Route 7
Route 8
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Connect with PCPT Route 21
Walmart US 19
Walmart SR 50
Walmart US 41
Ride Zone
Administrative Office 1525 E Jefferson St., Brooksville, FL 34601
Operations Facility 700 Aeriform Dr., Brooksville, FL 34601
(352) 754-4444 TTY Service dial 711
https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-n-z/transit-thebus

Route 5 (Draft)

Some stops have been held off due to construction on SR50. They will be added as soon as construction is complete.

Route 5 – SR50 Stops List

- Stop 501 – Not Set Up
- Stop 502 - East of Hope Hill Road
- Stop 503 - East of Oxley
- Stop 504 - Emerson Rd / Hwy 98
- Stop 505 - West of Landsdale
- Stop 506 - West of Cedar
- Stop 507 - West of Faber - Coming Soon delayed for Construction
- Stop 508 - West of White Rd - Coming Soon delayed for Construction
- Stop 509 - West of Braewood St - Coming Soon delayed for Construction
- Stop 510 - East of BK Sign
- Stop 511 - Halfway Between Wendy's and MCDonalds
- Stop 512 - Inline With Sunrise Plaza Sign
- Stop 513 - Walmart Distribution Center
- Stop 514 - Not Set Up
- Stop 515 - Not Set Up
- Stop 516 - Olancha Rd
- Stop 517 - West of John Shoppa Dr
- Stop 518 - Not Set Up
- Stop 519 - 301 Corner Store
- Stop 520 – In front of Dentist on Hwy 50 at Olancha Rd/98.
- Stop 521 - Paul R Steckle Ln
- Stop 522 - In front of Advanced Auto
- Stop 523 - In Between Zaxby's and Taco Bell
- Stop 524 - In front of 7-11 at ADA ramp
- Stop 525 - E of Cammie Street - Coming Soon delayed for Construction
- Stop 526 - E of Raley Rd. Family Dollar - Coming Soon delayed for Construction
- Stop 527 – West of Deep South Family BBQ

A curb-to-curb, ride sharing transportation service which serves a dedicated area in Brooksville

If you are in the service area, we can pick you up at your curb and take you to any destination within the service area or to a bus stop that connects with **TheBus** fixed route bus system.

To use this service, call (352) 754-4444 at least two hours before you wish to travel. For early morning trips please call the day before. Remember to schedule your return trip and be at the curb at least 5 minutes before your scheduled pick-up.

Reservations are required for each trip and will be scheduled "first reserved, first served."

***"Ride"* vehicles**

TheBus *"Ride"* Service operates using small buses. All buses are wheelchair accessible. The vehicle is alsc equipped with seat belts and a bike rack that holds two bikes. Passengers must be seated to ride. The bus does not kneel. Passengers needing a ramp or lift will be accommodated.

Age Requirements

Children 12 and under must have an escort at least 16 years or older. Children under 4 and/or under 45 pounds will be required to use a child restraint device provided by the accompanying adult. It is the responsibility of the accompanying adult to properly secure the child restraint device in the vehicle.

Service Schedule

"Ride" Service is available Monday - Saturday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. There is no Sunday or Holiday service.

"Ride" Service is available to the general public and has no eligibility requirements. Anyone can use this service.

Bikes

The bike rack can hold two bikes. To ensure a spot for your bike, you should make a reservation for the bike space when you call for a trip.

Transfers to/from route #3 (Purple) is located at Brooksville City Hall stop.
Transfers to/from route #3 (Purple), route #4 (Green), route #5 (Yellow) are located at Wal-Mart SR 41

Reservation are required for each trip and will be scheduled "first reserved, first served."

We cannot accommodate Unscheduled trips.

For trip reservations call
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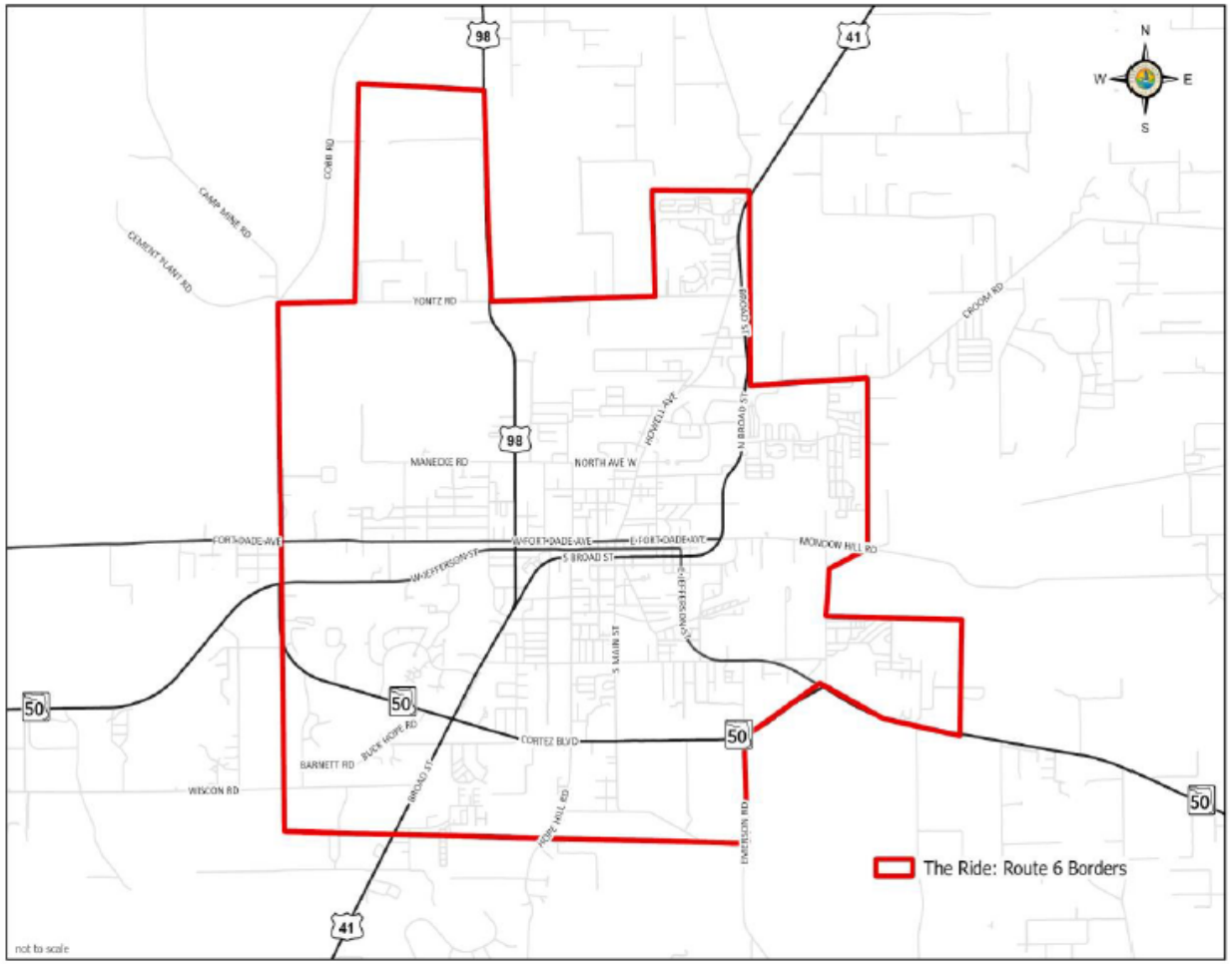
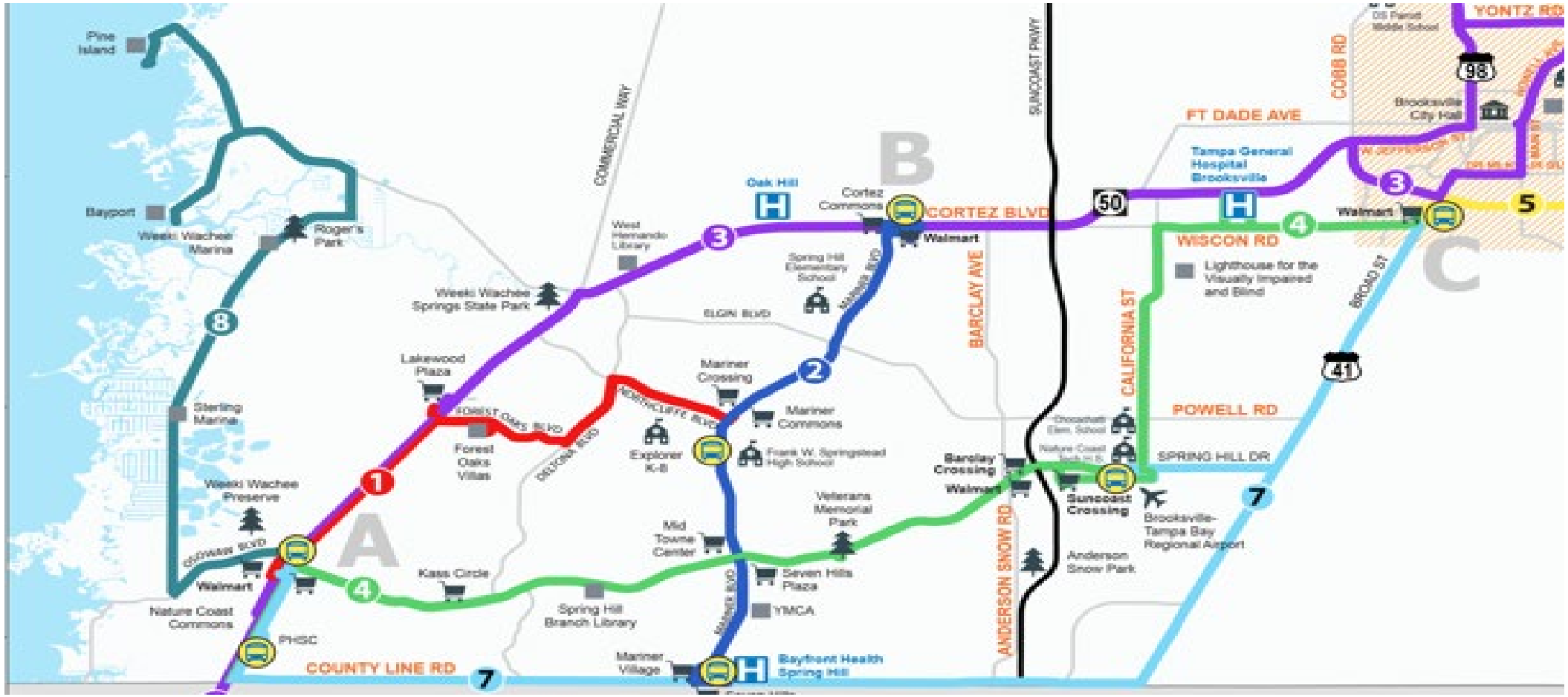


The Ride: Route 6

Route 7 & Route 8 (Mermaid Run) (draft)



Route 7 is scheduled to go online mid to late June. Need to work out timing of the route.
Route 8 – The Mermaid Run: will go online around the time Pine Island opens back up.

Route 5

Route 6

Area Map

Elder Options

Elder Helpline

1-800-262-2243

Planning and Service Area (PSA) 3 serves 16 counties in North Central Florida

Who We Serve

Elder Options serves seniors 60 years and older, adults with disabilities 18 years and older, and their caregivers.

There are 681,793 Seniors in our PSA.

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Who does Elder Options fund?

- ElderCare of Alachua County
- Citrus County Support Services
- Columbia County Senior Services
- Marion Senior Services
- You Thrive Florida
- Suwannee River Economic Council
- Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida
- Three Rivers Legal Services

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What services do these providers offer?

Services vary by County. Providers receive funding to offer home and community based services such as homemaking, personal care, respite care, emergency alert response, meals, supplies, etc.

There are also special programs for seniors with Alzheimer's Disease, monthly stipends for caregivers, energy assistance, etc.

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Elder Options Programs and Activities

Overview of Elder Options Programs and Activities

- Elder Helpline and ADRC
- Care at Home and Support Programs, Medicaid LTC
- Caregiver Training and Support
- Healthy Aging
- Wellness Coaching and Support
- Abuse in Later Life
- SHINE, Senior Medicare Patrol, and MIPPA

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Elder Helpline - ADRC

- Your starting point for seeking information and other kinds of assistance for seniors and their caregivers.

- Part of Florida's Aging & Disability Resource Center network that provides callers with information, referrals, choices, and assistance in accessing the many services available to older adults, persons with disabilities, their caregivers, and family members.

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Helpline by the Numbers

- Top reasons individuals call: seeking help in the home, SHINE/SMP (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders/Senior Medicare Patrol), utility and housing assistance, and legal assistance
- 29,982 Calls Answered in 2023
- Available Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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What happens when you call the Helpline?

- Speak with a trained Information Referral and Assistance Specialist to assess needs
- Specialist checks eligibility for programs and services.
- Specialist refers customer to available resources.

Care at Home and Assisted Living Support Programs

- Staff screen clients for publicly funded programs to determine if you qualify for help in the home or in community settings, like assisted living facilities, through state funding or Medicaid LTC.
- Staff provide information and education to assist you and your family to make choices about in-home and long-term care programs and services.
- Staff provide information about the alternatives to nursing home facilities, when other options are possible.
- 6,364 New clients screened for eligibility*
- 2,749 Annual re-screenings for eligibility*

*All data is from 2023.

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Caregiver Training and Support

- **Savvy Caregiver Training Program**
  - Provides dementia knowledge and skills to support family members as they care for their relatives or friends.
- **Coping with Caregiving Training Programs**
  - Improves the lives of caregivers and care recipients, regardless of age or cognitive ability.
- **TCARE - Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral**
  - Supports family members at risk for burnout. Caregivers are interviewed to identify stressors and then a care plan is created to help them address burnout.
- **Caregiver Support Groups**
  - Help caregivers share their experience, exchange advice, and find emotional support.

Healthy Aging

Evidence-based Programs designed to empower seniors to lead healthier lives.

- Tai Chi classes focused on balance
- Diabetes Empowerment and Education Program (DEEP) designed for pre-diabetes, diabetes, relatives and caregivers gain a better understanding of diabetes self-care.
- A Matter of Balance designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults.

Wellness Coaching and Support

PEARLS - The Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives educates older and disabled adults about depression, and helps older adults develop the skills they need for self - sufficiency and to maintain health, happiness and independence.

Enhance® Wellness connects participants with a personal health and wellness coach to improve physical, emotional and social well-being.

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Abuse in Later Life: Prevention & Direct Services

To report a suspicion of elder abuse, call Florida Abuse Hotline at 1.800.96.ABUSE (1-800-962-2873)

1 in 10 Americans, aged 60 and older have experienced some form of elder abuse. This could be physical, financial, neglect, sexual or emotional.

Elder Options provides:

- Community education and outreach
- Training for professionals on recognizing and reporting
- Training for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors on investigating and responding to cases
- Safety planning and victim service referrals

EHEAP: Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program

Elder Options administers the EHEAP program in Hernando, Lake, and Sumter counties. EHEAP assists households experiencing a home energy crisis with utility bill payments, deposits, home heating/cooling equipment, etc.

This program has income and eligibility requirements. Call 1-800-262-2243 for more information.

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Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) Mission:

To provide free and unbiased health insurance counseling through a dedicated network of volunteers, empowering Florida seniors to make informed health care choices.

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Mission:

To empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education.

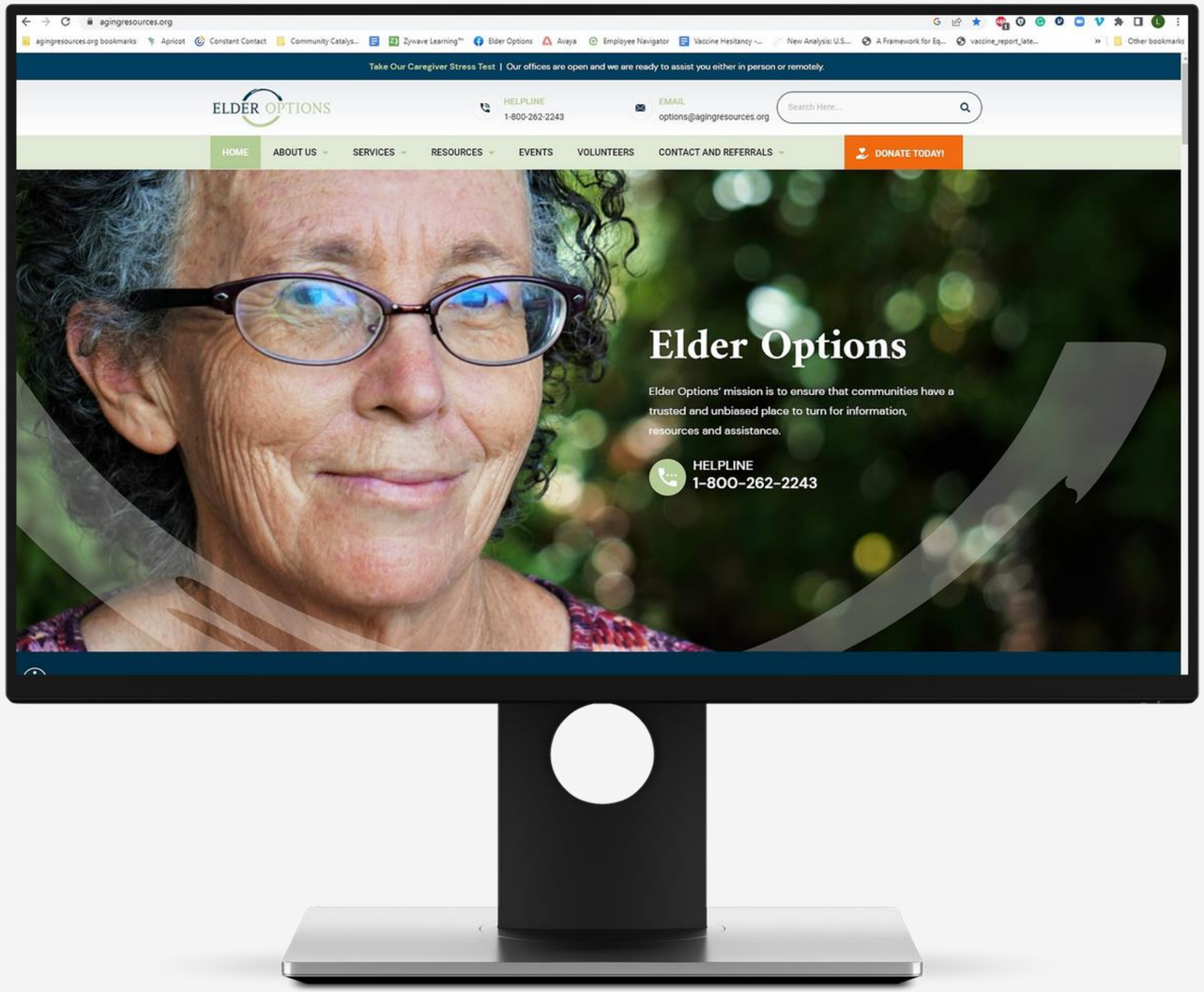
Contact Us If You Are:

- New to Medicare
- A Medicare beneficiary
- A family member or caregiver of someone on Medicare

Join Our Team:
#BecomeaSHINEVolunteer

Ways to Connect

- Monthly Newsletter - Sign Up Online or with us Today!
- www.agingresources.org
- Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn, YouTube



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Thank you!

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