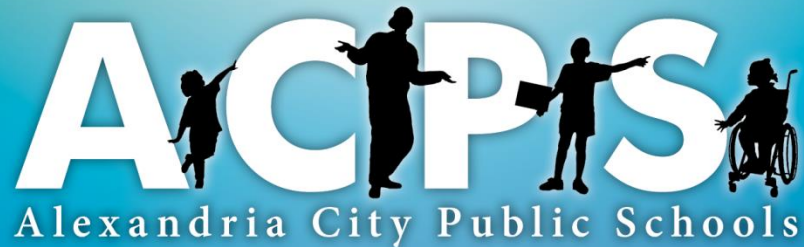


Pupil Transportation

ACPS Operations Department

School Board Meeting

April 4, 2019



EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS

Essential Questions

- What are we doing to modernize ACPS's fleet to meet transportation needs?
- How are we improving the Transportation Center?
- How are we improving communications to families about Transportation?
- What are the next steps to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year?

Transportation Fun Facts

- ACPS serves 1,593 bus stops
- Has 99 bus routes made up of elementary and secondary runs
- Has 166 employees, 157 FTE
- Approximately 11,193 students are eligible for school bus transportation
- Daily ridership is approximately 6,080



Modernization of Fleet

In Process

Project	Impact	Timeline
Upgrade radios to allow for efficient direct connections	Partnership with City's maintenance contract Enables efficient contact with a bus	Fall 2019
Add 3 buses and replace 10 buses	FY 2020 CIP funds \$1.6M	Fall 2019
Add air conditioning to 51 existing buses	FY 2020 CIP funds \$0.5M Upgrades all buses not being replaced within the next 3 years	Spring 2020
Upgrade cameras on 50 buses to improve student safety	FY 2020 CIP funds \$0.1M Upgrades buses with single view camera systems not being replaced within the next 3 years	Spring 2020
Fleet Management Study	City joint study looking at fleet maintenance practices and synergies	TBD

Modernization of Fleet

Future Considerations

- Exploring stop arm cameras with Alexandria Police Department
- Assessing potential for electric buses
- Developing request for information/interest related to:
 - GPS monitoring
 - Bus route planning software
 - Student accountability system
 - Interactive applications for fleet maintenance staff, school staff and families
- Analyzing if there is a need to expand or change service (i.e. VPI, after-school, etc.)



Transportation Center

In Process

Project	Impact	Timeline
Temporary relocatable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using existing CIP funds to add much needed bathrooms and break room space for employees• Enable inside to be reconfigured for office space• May require permitting process and/or identifying location for displaced parking	Summer 2020
Witter-Wheeler Campus Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City joint study looking at options for future use of all City property in area	TBD

Transportation Center

Future Considerations

- Need adequate space for fleet
- Synergies between City departments could result in shared space
- Long term plan for CIP project (School Board budget FY 2020, City Manager proposed FY 2022) will need to:
 - Upgrade/replace existing facility
 - Expand bays to fit large buses
 - Provide appropriate staff space, including bathrooms and offices
 - Identify appropriate space for buses between runs and overnight
 - Consider any sustainability upgrades made to either the fleet or facility

Communication Improvements

In Process

Project	Impact	Timeline
Update website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing additional information on webpage for parents • Providing direct feedback option 	Summer 2019
Listening sessions/PTA meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with parents and PTAs with concerns about transportation • Providing additional information about process • Increasing transparency 	Ongoing through Spring 2019
Advancing communication to families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility notification for K-5/K-8 schools sent in May; Eligibility notification for high school sent in June; routes sent to schools prior to August mailing 	Spring-Summer 2019
Comparative study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being performed by Hazelette Consulting, comparative analysis of practices in neighboring jurisdictions and recommendations for improvement 	Spring 2019

Communication Improvements

Future Considerations

- Establish division-wide outreach and engagement plan
- Upgrade phone system at Transportation Center
- Create tracking system for feedback/concerns received
- Provide additional support at the start of school for phone and e-mail communications
- Understand benefits from DASH partnership
- As part of modernization of fleet, provide interactive application for parents and school-based staff

Next Steps

Preparing for 2019-2020 School Year

April 25, 2019 School Board Meeting:

- Policy Amendment proposed for high school walk zone to change from radius to walk distance
- Results of comparative study conducted by Hazlette Consulting and further recommended changes presented



Next Steps

Preparing for 2019-2020 School Year

- Review hazard areas and confirm
- Review bus stop locations and confirm
- Analyze success of routes/ridership this year
- Coordinate with Technology for next year student data in routing system
- Communicate with families and staff

Questions?

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