

Transportation Report October 2022 Activities

The ISD #709 Transportation department manages both a district owned fleet of vehicles and district employees, including bus drivers, monitors, and mechanics, along with the coordination of contracted transportation services through Voyageur Bus Company.

We continue to await the arrival of our two new buses which are expected to be delivered in March.

We are transitioning to using Transversa for routing. Implementation is expected in November – December. Transportation currently uses Versatrans for routing. Our department continues to navigate daily changes in routing per school requests.

There are daily changes on a total of 434 individual routes (routing, day changes, time changes, etc.).

The department continues to work on fine tuning routes.

- 115 trips in October, 2022
- 47 scheduled so far for November, 2022

Of the last five new hires, two continue to work for us. We anticipate losing four more in the next month. Average training time for new drivers is around five weeks.

Covid continues to be a concern for our staff due to quarantine time.

Bus Maintenance

- Maintenance on (non-transportation) vehicles x6.
- A&B scheduled maintenance inspection (checklist of items checked on each bus)
- Jump starts x approx. 0.
- Manual regenerations (multiple) (Emissions system) weekly shop item
- Electrical maintenance to correct wiring issues (ongoing)
- Bus services (Tires, body work, replacement windows) (Multiple)
- Gen maintenance

The average fleet age is 7.4 years. Current average mileage is 73,500 (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).

ELDT is still and will likely continue to be troublesome for some time. ELDT stands for Entry Level Drivers Training. It is a new requirement by the FMCSA (Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration) that started on February 2nd of this year. Basically, the new requirement makes us train drivers to a different standard than we have for many years and adds in training that is not specific to bus drivers, or training that has not been required in the past.