

ITEM FOR ACTION**TRANSPORTATION SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN 2025-2026****SUMMARY**

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS 327.006) establishes the criteria for reimbursement of approved transportation costs by the state at 70%. The primary component of the reimbursement is daily round-trip home-to-school transportation for elementary and secondary students living outside transportation zones established by statute (1.0 and 1.5 miles respectively).

The statute includes provisions for reimbursing transportation costs for students living within these zones (non-transportation zones) if it is required for "health or safety reasons." To qualify for reimbursement, routes servicing non-transportation zones must be approved annually by the local school district as a Transportation Supplemental Plan.

BACKGROUND

The primary reason for providing transportation within non-transportation zones is lack of sufficient infrastructure for a safe walkway (sidewalks, walkways, road crossings, etc.) A committee comprised of BSD Transportation, Public Safety, and Risk Management staff along with representatives from the City of Beaverton Traffic Department, Washington County Land Use, Washington County Safe Routes to School, and the THPRD Planning Department evaluate planned & completed road and pedestrian access improvements within our boundaries and determine their effect on BSD student transportation. In many cases, road and sidewalk improvements have a positive effect on school accessibility by creating safe walking routes for students living nearby who are presently transported by school buses.

The statute also includes a provision for reimbursement of Active Transportation Costs related to crossing guards and staff time required for the coordination of active transportation for students living less than 3.0 miles from school, a result of the passage of HB 3014 in 2023. Crossing guards are required when a safe walk path for students residing within the non-transportation zone exists but necessitates crossing a street which exceeds the minimum speed and vehicles-per-hour limits established for the associated grade levels. The district currently has crossing guards serving numerous schools and will include eligible active transportation costs in the annual transportation reimbursement application.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the board approve the Transportation Supplemental Plan as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to approve the Transportation Supplemental Plan as presented.

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