



TRANSPORTATION SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR 2015-2016**POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION:**

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS 327.006) establishes the criteria for approved transportation costs that are reimbursable by the State at 70% of those costs. The primary component of these approved costs is the daily home-to-school and back to home transportation for elementary students that live at least 1.0 mile from school and at least 1.5 miles from home for secondary students. The statute also includes, when approved, reimbursable costs for the transportation of students who live within the respective 1.0 and 1.5 mile standards, if transportation is necessary for health or safety reasons. To qualify for reimbursement these shorter routes must be submitted to, and approved annually by the Oregon State Board of Education (ODE) as local district "Transportation Supplemental Plans".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

When evaluating and reviewing proposed Supplemental routes staff considers a variety of factors including: volume of traffic, speed of traffic, visibility distance, walking conditions, crossing conditions (if necessary to cross), crossing assistance (guards, pedestrian signals, etc.) and the age of the student. After the Beaverton School District safety team identifies routes to either add or discontinue transportation the expanded Supplemental Plan Committee is convened for further. The Supplemental Plan Committee consists of members from Washington County Land Use, Washington County Safe Routes to school, the BSD Public Safety Office, BSD Transportation, the City of Beaverton traffic team, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Department, the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Safe Routes to School representative, who is independent of Washington County.

In the weeks following the February Board meeting, BSD staff and safety partners have proactively reached out to parents who have expressed concern about the possibility of discontinuing bus transportation next year. In addition to sending out letters to all potentially impacted families, we attended to listening sessions with parents who from Sexton Mountain, Jacob Wismer, Stoller, Montclair and Oak Hills. Beaverton School District and Washington County staff also met with parents and students at one of the Terra Linda bus stops. We listened to their concerns and walked the proposed route with parents.

Staff received a petition with 20 signatures from parents at Bonny Slope. Unfortunately, this information was not received in time to schedule a meeting with this parent group prior to the Board meeting. No concerns were brought forward from the Cedar Park, Springville and Southridge areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

(15-523) BE IT RESOLVED Beaverton School District staff recommends the School Board approve the proposed Transportation Supplemental Plans for the 2015-2016 school.

District Goal: All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

The following is a summary of identified walking conditions for each of the schools:

Bonny Slope Elementary:

- There is a newly paved walk path from South to Blackhawk.
- A portion of the proposed walking path goes through a neighborhood park.

Montclair Elementary:

- New sidewalks and traffic improvements along SW Oleson Road enhance safety conditions.
- Considerable lines of sight improve visibility.
- A second crossing guard will be added next year at Vermont and SW Oleson to assist with safely crossing more students.

Oak Hills Elementary:

- Significant road improvements along Bethany Blvd.
- Visible lines of sight
- A pedestrian activated crossing is in place.
- There are extensive pavement markings and school crossing signage.
- BSD Public Safety will fund an additional crossing guard next year on Bethany Blvd.
- An additional crossing guard will also be added to NW Perimeter to access the back of the school, which leads to a paved walk path.
- Washington County has agreed to evaluate whether the cross walk on Bethany Blvd. will be designated as a School Zone. If approved, the speed will be reduced to 20 mph during arrival and dismissal times.

Terra Linda Elementary:

- NW Saltzman roadway has good lines of sight.
- Students walk on the Saltzman sidewalk for approximately 2 blocks before walking through a neighborhood.
- The neighborhood has a low volume of traffic due to the engineering design.

Sexton Mountain Elementary:

- There are sidewalk improvements along SW 155th
- Excellent lines of sight and there is a walking path.
- A crossing guard will be added at Nora and SW 155th.

Jacob Wismer Elementary and Stoller Middle School:

- The new Arbor Heights Neighborhood has added sidewalks to enhance safety
- There is low traffic volume in the area.
- Washington County is helping to provide better gate access at one point on the proposed route yet some students already use it as a walking route to the school.

Springville Elementary:

- Construction is underway, but no students currently live in this development.
- The contractor has added sidewalks throughout the development, which will make the walk much easier and safe for students.

Cedar Park Middle School:

- No concerns were brought forward from Cedar Park parents or students.
- Cedar Park students are already using this path.

Southridge High School:

- Parents and students expressed no concerns.
- Many students already use this crossing point to get to school.

Personal safety is of the utmost importance. For that reason, we continue to stress the importance of walking in groups, rather than alone. BSD staff and the Safe Routes to School team will work with students and parents to develop safe walking. Lynn Mutrie, from the Safe Routes to School team will lead this effort.