



Discussion Item

Date: April 7, 2025

Division: Finance

Subject: RFP #F1081-25 Student Transportation Services

Background Information:

- On November 19, 2019, the LISD Board of Trustees awarded RFP #2615-19 Student Transportation Services to Texas Central School Bus. Texas Central School Bus began providing student transportation services in the fall of 2020.
- Included in RFP #2615-19 is a five-year renewal term option, beginning August 1, 2025, and ending July 31, 2030. On March 7, the District notified Texas Central School Bus of its intent not to renew the contract.
- A new Student Transportation Services Request for Proposal was issued for complete and exclusive LISD student transportation services including home-to-school and school-to-home routes, special education transportation services, campus shuttle services, as well as extra-curricular transportation services for campuses and departments. The term of the agreement would begin on August 1 for a five-year term and a five-year renewal option.
- An evaluation committee representing a variety of LISD stakeholders was established to review and evaluate proposals, and then listen to vendor presentations. Evaluation committee members included elementary, middle school, and high school campus principals from various areas in the district. In addition, the committee included the following representatives from LISD departments that would be particularly impacted by the proposed requested services: Director of Fine Arts, the Athletic Director, the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Students Services Officer, the Director of Elementary Student Services, and the Executive Director of Procurement and Contracts.
- If awarded, the student transportation provider would operate and maintain 285 LISD-owned buses utilizing three district-owned transportation facilities. This LISD bus fleet is utilized exclusively for the transportation needs of LISD.
- Currently, the District has 236 daily routes, with additional shuttle services provided, as needed, between campuses and special programs, such as TECC-E and TECC-W. Texas Central School Bus also provides transportation for field trips for LISD athletics, fine arts, and other district programs.
- The student transportation provider would also manage reservations and check-out of the ten (10) LISD SUV fleet vehicles.
- District Administration continues to review and evaluate the vendor proposals.