

Transportation Report June 2021 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.

The Transportation department uses Versatrans as its student transportation software. The department is busy in the summer building FY22 school routes for many regular school attendance (430+ routes), in addition to various sports and field trips planned for the fall. There are also summer trips as well.

No staffing concerns for summer as less drivers are needed due to less routes. Hiring for fall will begin soon. It is too early to tell if there will be a fall driver shortage but there will be a few driver retirements.

Bus maintenance is ongoing with the fleet. Items completed on various vehicles this month include summer DOT inspections, routine general maintenance, brake servicing, brake replacement, manual regenerations (emissions system), flat tire replacement, stop arm replacement, etc.

The average fleet age is 7 years with an average mileage of 79,430 (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).