

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE:           SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**TO:             BOARD OF EDUCATION, ISD #31**

**FROM:          ASHLEY EASTRIDGE, CPA, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

**SUBJECT:       AUTHORIZED TURN LANE/SHOULDER USAGE**

**COMMENTS:**

Occasionally, situations arise where stopping traffic during a specific bus stop becomes dangerous for students and drivers. Generally these stops occur in high traffic areas with higher speeds. Minnesota Statutes 169.443 allows school boards to authorize a bus stop that would be performed while the bus is completely off the traveled portion of a roadway that has an adequate shoulder and students are not required to cross the street or highway. The driver completes the stop without activating the pre-warning flashing amber signals, flashing red signals and stop arm signal. The Transportation Coordinator may, at their discretion, establish emergency/temporary bus stops using this criteria. In order for these stops to no longer be considered emergency/temporary, state statute requires that the stops be approved by the school board.

The listing attached encompasses all of the stops that have been previously approved by the school board and the highlighted stops are the two additional stops that we are requesting to be approved.

**ACTION:**

The motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
and, carried (                    ) to the authorized turn lane/shoulder usage bus stops as presented.