

**ITEM FOR ACTION****TRANSPORTATION SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN FOR 2024–25****SUMMARY**

Oregon school districts provide daily round-trip home-to-school transportation for elementary and secondary students living more than a certain distance from school, and for selected areas within these zones where needed for student safety. To qualify for state reimbursement of 70% of approved transportation costs, routes servicing areas within these zones must be approved annually by the State Board of Education as local district Transportation Supplemental Plans. These plans are revised as transportation needs and circumstances change.

**BACKGROUND**

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 and 1.5 miles respectively). The statute also includes provisions for reimbursing transportation costs for students living within these zones if it is required for "health or safety reasons." To qualify for reimbursement, routes servicing areas within these zones must be approved annually by the Oregon State Board of Education as local district Transportation Supplemental Plans. The primary reason for providing transportation for students within the non-transportation zone is lack of sufficient infrastructure for a safe walkway (e.g., sidewalks, walkways, road crossings, etc.).

As a result of the passage of HB 3014 in 2023, the statute also now 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 miles from school. Crossing guards are required when a safe walk path for students residing within the non-transportation zone exists but requires crossing a street which exceeds the minimum speed and vehicles-per-hour limits established for the associated grade levels. The district currently has 133 authorized crossing guards serving 28 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 4 option schools and 1 high school. The district will begin including eligible active transportation costs in the annual transportation reimbursement application.

A committee composed 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 and 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.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the board approve the proposed Transportation Supplemental Plan for the 2024–25 school year.

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move to approve the Transportation Supplemental Plan as submitted.