

Transportation Report July 2022 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 clock is ticking! The rollover to the new school year is currently underway as we continue to plan for 2022-2023 bussing.

The Transportation department uses Versatrans as its student transportation software. The department is busy building and/or updating about 434 routes and coordinating with Voyageur. We are building and implementing summer routing in coordination with program leaders (ESY, Excel, Day Treatments etc.) We are still waiting on some programs to get us information so we can build those routes. There are *many* updates daily.

- 14 trips in July, 2022
- 30 scheduled so far for August, 2022

During the planning process, it was discovered that we will start the school year with at least three drivers down. There have been no recently hired drivers. COVID continues to be a concern, due to quarantine time.

In terms of COVID response, drivers have access to a Hudson sprayer with Virex to be used between routes for disinfection. Additionally, they have alcohol wipes for their own disinfection purposes. All drivers have access to two electrostatic sprayers as well.

ELDT is still and will likely continue to be troublesome for some time.

A recent OSHA inspection found problem with stairs and we have had them removed.

The Transportation Department is still waiting on one engine replacement. We anticipate the upcoming approval of two buses as the order has been received by the vendor. We also plan to implement Transversa for routing in November – December.

Maintenance on non-transportation vehicles “under 5” has begun. The department recently completed maintenance on four non-transportation vehicles. Routine general bus maintenance is ongoing (wiring/electrical, brakes, stop arms, belts, etc.). A&B scheduled maintenance inspection continues as well. Preps are underway for a State inspection coming early August (9th and 10th).

The average fleet age is 7.2 years. Current average mileage is 71,032 (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).