

Transportation Report June 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 Transportation department uses Versatrans as its student transportation software. The department is busy building and/or updating about 434 routes, many field trips 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.

- 65 trips happened in June, 2022
- 6 trip cancellation in June, 2022
- 10 scheduled so far for July, 2022

There have been no recently hired drivers. COVID continues to be a concern, due to quarantine time.

As of February 7th 2022, the FMCSA has instituted the ELDT program for entry level drivers. This is a far more complex system than the previous and has required that Steven Johnson take lead on training since this is a new system and the protocol needs to be set. Also, since the ELDT requires that anyone training other drivers have a license the same or better than the one they are teaching for, this has removed a trainer as our router/trainer (Tobin) has not made that deadline.

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

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.

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.

Routine general bus maintenance is ongoing (wiring/electrical, brakes, stop arms, belts, etc.). Maintenance on non-transportation vehicles "under 5" has begun. A&B scheduled maintenance inspection continues as well. Preps are underway for a State inspection coming early August.

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