Transportation Update

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SORTA/Metro
Update

• Public Records Request Sent to SORTA/Metro
  • Daily ridership of students on passes purchased by CPS
  • Comparative ridership data for the previous 5 years, if available
  • On Time Performance on Metro routes used by students to commute to and from school

• List of passes to be deactivated emailed to SORTA on October 29, 2021
Unused Metro Bus Passes

• SORTA was asked to deactivate 7,760 (52.6%) bus passes
  • 6,500 – CPS Students
  • 1,260 – Non-Public Schools Students

• We are requesting a credit from SORTA in the amount of $2,444,400 for 7,760 unused passes
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<th>School Name</th>
<th>Percent of Metro Cards Submitted for Deactivation</th>
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Cincinnati Public Schools
Percent of Metro Cards Submitted for Deactivation
October 29, 2021

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT
Principal Survey

• High School Principals were surveyed concerning SORTA Metro services from October 14 – 25
• Eleven high school principals responded
• Results are as follows:
  • 55% indicated students arrived to school on time most of the time
  • 82% indicated student arrival times are worse than previous years
  • 73% indicated more parent complaints than previous years
  • 73% indicated wait time for Metro buses to transport students home is worse than in previous years
Next Steps – SORTA Metro

• Continue to advocate for restoration of XTRA routes
• Continue to research alternative options for student transportation
Yellow Bus Update for 7th and 8th grade
Analysis of Yellow Bus Service for 7th and 8th Grade

- Providing 7th and 8th-graders at all schools with yellow bus service is not feasible for FY 2022
- Recommend piloting at two high schools: Shroder and Clark Montessori
- Parents will be surveyed to ascertain interest
Cost of Service for Yellow Bus Pilot

• Estimated cost to transport eligible 7th and 8th-grade students at Shroder and Clark Montessori is $414,000 for second semester
  • Ten buses available from vendor to provide this additional service
  • Cost for yellow buses: 10 buses x $460 per day x 90 days = $414,000

• This cost to be offset by Metro credit for deactivated bus passes
  • Cost per Metro bus pass: $315
  • Number of passes to be deactivated: 7,760
  • Credit for deactivation: $315 x 7,760 = $2,444,400
Next Steps – 7th and 8th Grade Yellow Bus Service

• Analyze 7th and 8th grade survey results
• If there is significant interest, ascertain feasibility of beginning additional routes as early as January 2022
Transportation Department
Next Steps
Next Steps for the Transportation Department

- Post transportation RFP by November 5
- Fill Transportation Director position
- Post RFP for route optimization study
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Student-Centered Decision Making  
Health and Safety  
Community Engagement and Influence  
Optimized Capabilities  
Growth

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