

WLCSC Transportation Review and Options April 4th 2022



Current Daily Operations

- ▶ WLIS: 9 routes, including GLASS and 1 mini bus (McKinney Vento). Average daily ridership is 390 students.
- ▶ WLES: 8 routes, including GLASS. Daily ridership is 420 students
- ▶ JSHS: 3 routes, 2 yellow buses (GLASS/GLCA) and 1 mini bus. Average daily ridership is 24 students
- ▶ Linwood PK: 1 route, yellow bus, multiple schedules (32 total students)
- ▶ WL students attending school outside of our district
- ▶ 9 students attend school in Lafayette school district
- ▶ 2 students attend school in Tippecanoe school district
- ▶ 2 McKinney Vento qualified students
- ▶ 133+ Additional bus needs spring session (Athletics/Field trips/Music/Clubs)

CityBus School Tripper Service

- ▶ CityBus currently provides transportation to the JSHS students. Average daily ridership is 460 students.
- ▶ 7 total route plus 1 athletic tripper service to the athletic complex.
- ▶ All vehicles are public transportation buses, non school buses.
- ▶ Cost: \$151,938.00 plus \$100.00 a day for athletic tripper (Spring/Fall).
- ▶ Can no longer provide transportation services as they have in the past for the 2022 - 2023 school year

Challenges facing WLCSC transportation for 2022 - 2023 school year with CityBus no longer providing transportation services

- ▶ 2 buildings with school start times virtually the same (WLIS/JSHS)
- ▶ Lack of staffing and equipment to provide transportation for both buildings on current schedule.
- ▶ Athletic tripper service for fall and spring sports
- ▶ Ensure minimal change or disruptions for staff, parents and students.

WLCSC Transportation explored options

- ▶ Purchase 9 buses to run the JSHS routes

Pros:

Have sufficient equipment for these routes

Cons:

Staffing these routes at 2 hours a day (Highly unlikely)

Parking (insufficient space)

Increased maintenance cost from current contract

Large one time expenditure for new buses (\$1,000,000.00 est.)

WLCSC Transportation explored options

- ▶ Outside contractor to manage all transportation services

Pros:

Contractor manages all aspects of transportation

No longer need the TSC maintenance contract, they supply fleet maintenance

Purchase or lease current equipment

Cons:

Can not start until January of 2023

Locked into a long term contract

Do not have a bus maintenance facility as required

Cooperation between school districts regarding transportation needs

Unknown cost

WLCSC Transportation explored options

▶ 3 tier bell schedule

Pros:

All transportation stays within the WLCSC umbrella

All students provided yellow bus transportation

Minimal bell time adjustments

Consistency with schedules, times, delays and drivers

Positive driver to student relationship built K - 12

Staff retention (work hours)

Cons:

Additional bus, route and driver needed

Additional fuel cost

Less flexibility for after school departures

Change in current bell schedules

Consolidated bus stops

Current and proposed bell schedules

CURRENT

▶ JSHS

8:20 - 3:09

▶ WLIS

8:00 - 2:30

▶ WLES

8:45 - 3:15

PROPOSED

JSHS

8:10 - 3:05

WLIS

8:00 - 2:30

WLES

9:00 - 3:35