



**Date:** October 25, 2023 **Agenda Item:** 7.3

**To:** Board of Trustees

**From:** Shawna Warren, Superintendent

**Originator(s):** Ruth Kuik, Acting Associate Superintendent, Corporate Services  
Amy Kolesar, Manager, Transportation Services

**Governance Policy:** [Policy 500: Student Transportation Services](#)

**Assurance Domain:** Governance

**Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS)**

SLQS Competencies ([SLQS](#) / [Board Policy 700](#)):

School Authority Operations and Resources  
Supporting Effective Governance

**Subject:** **Bus Route Summary**

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**Purpose:**

For information.

**Background:**

Transportation Services has completed a route review for the 2023-2024 school year to evaluate both the route ride times and the number of students assigned to bus routes. Listed below are the areas where a route addition may be considered, together with the associated costs.

**Ride Time Information:**

Bus Number	Student Load	Ride Time (1 way)	School of Attendance
Route 1	52	68 minutes	Bon Accord, Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick
Route 2	42	56 minutes	Bon Accord & Lilian Schick
Route 3	63	65 minutes	Bon Accord, Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick
Route 4	32	55 minutes	Bon Accord & Lilian Schick
Route 5	47	68 minutes	Bon Accord, Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick
Route 6	58	77 minutes	Bon Accord & Lilian Schick
Route 7	70	67 minutes	Bon Accord, Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick
Route 8	58	70 minutes	Bon Accord, Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick



Route 9	63	88 minutes	Gibbons & Landing Trail
Route 10	81	60 minutes	Gibbons & Landing Trail
Route 11	20	54 minutes	Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick
Route 12	44	53 minutes	Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick
Route 13	63	60 minutes	Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick
Route 14	55	47 minutes	Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick
Route 15	51	39 minutes	Gibbons, Landing Trail & Lilian Schick
Route 16	40	50 minutes	Camilla
Route 17	36	51 minutes	Camilla
Route 18	47	52 minutes	Camilla
Route 19	48	53 minutes	Camilla
Route 20	27	65 minutes	Camilla
Route 21	32	54 minutes	Camilla
Route 22	52	45 minutes	Camilla
Route 23	30	69 minutes	Camilla
Route 24	27	50 minutes	Camilla
Route 25	30	47 minutes	Camilla
Route 26	33	42 minutes	Camilla
Route 27	87	49 minutes	ÉMPS & Four Winds
Route 28	55	51 minutes	ÉMPS & Four Winds
Route 29	63	26 minutes	ÉMPS & Four Winds
Route 30	50	36 minutes	Four Winds
Route 31	78	71 minutes	ÉMPS & Four Winds
Route 32	49	50 minutes	ÉMPS
Route 33	90	49 minutes	ÉMPS & Four Winds
Route 34	63	56 minutes	ÉMPS & Four Winds
Route 35	39	65 minutes	Ochre Park & Redwater
Route 36	54	80 minutes	Ochre Park & Redwater
Route 37	66	58 minutes	Ochre Park & Redwater
Route 38	34	52 minutes	Ochre Park & Redwater
Route 39	42	68 minutes	Sturgeon Heights



Route 40	19	39 minutes	Sturgeon Heights
Route 41	33	60 minutes	Sturgeon Heights
Route 42	20	41 minutes	Sturgeon Heights
Route 43	38	50 minutes	Sturgeon Heights
Route 44	39	47 minutes	Sturgeon Heights
Route 45	38	28 minutes	Namao
Route 46	26	59 minutes	Namao & SCHS
Route 47	51	43 minutes	Namao & SCHS
Route 48	34	46 minutes	Namao
Route 49	46	48 minutes	Namao & Guthrie
Route 50	22	80 minutes	SCHS
Route 51	20	54 minutes	SCHS
Route 52	29	77 minutes	SCHS
Route 53	65	32 minutes	Namao, Guthrie & SCHS
Route 54	55	87 minutes	Namao & SCHS
Route 55	40	67 minutes	SCHS
Route 56	31	75 minutes	SCHS
Route 57	20	80 minutes	Namao & SCHS
Route 58	32	91 minutes	SCHS
Route 59	58	56 minutes	Namao, Guthrie & SCHS
Route 60	48	68 minutes	Namao & SCHS
Route 61	47	75 minutes	SCHS
Route 62	23	79 minutes	Namao & SCHS
Route 63	36	63 minutes	SCHS
Route 64	50	70 minutes	Namao, Guthrie & SCHS
Route 65	52	38 minutes	Namao, Guthrie & SCHS
Route 66	40	58 minutes	Namao & SCHS
Route 67	44	62 minutes	Namao, Guthrie & SCHS
Route 68	55	69 minutes	SCHS
Route 69	54	54 minutes	Namao & SCHS
Route 70	51	69 minutes	Namao, Guthrie & SCHS

Route 71	3	80 minutes	Redwater & Lilian Schick
Route 72	10	43 minutes	Bon Accord, Four Winds & Landing Trail
Route 73	8	84 minutes	Namao & SCHS
Route 74	5	124 minutes	Unlimited Potential

**Route Additions and Considerations:**

Option 1: Sturgeon Composite Route - North

Annual Estimated Cost: \$85,000

A route addition in the Northern region could be added with a focus on reducing ride times for students. This route would be targeted to support current routes between Range Road 251 and Range Road 230 from the Northern boundary down to Sturgeon Composite High School.

Advantage: Some students will see a reduced ride time.

Disadvantages: Although the routes currently in the area are long, the number of students assigned to the routes are lower than other areas. Adding this route will result in other buses being at a low ridership. Additionally, the route addition will result in current routes experiencing reduced revenue.

Option 2: Bon Accord, Gibbons, Landing Trail and Lilian Schick - North

Annual Estimated Cost: \$77,000

A route addition in the Northern region could be added with a focus on reducing ride times for students. This route would be targeted to support current routes that transport students to schools in the communities of Gibbons and Bon Accord.

Advantages: Some students will see a reduced ride time, as well as fewer students assigned to the route, resulting in more room on the bus.

Disadvantage: The route addition will result in current routes experiencing reduced revenue.

Option 3: Sturgeon Composite Route - Morinville & Area  
Annual Estimated Cost: \$75,000

A route addition in the Morinville area could be added with a focus on addressing some longer ride times, as well as some higher route loads. This route would be targeted to support current routes West of Morinville and in the Morinville area.

Advantage: Route loads would be reduced for buses servicing Morinville and surrounding areas.

Disadvantages: A route addition will reduce route revenue for current routes in the area. This may also result in some lower riderships for the rural routes which may not be required to transport Morinville students.

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**General Notes:**

- Transportation Services experiences a reduction of SCHS students accessing transportation services by the end of each school year. Typically ridership is higher at the start of the school year, and the number of riders reduces as the year progresses.
- Transportation is presently facing a significant shortage of drivers, which has led to a situation where contractors are unable to apply for new routes due to a lack of available drivers to support their applications.

Below is a sample of route times from Aspen View and Pembina Hills provided in 2022-2023.

Aspen View	Total Route Time
Route 1	75 minutes
Route 2	85 minutes
Route 3	81 minutes
Route 4	88 minutes
Route 5	95 minutes
Route 6	85 minutes
Route 7	78 minutes



Pembina Hills	Total Route Time
Bus 1	97 minutes
Bus 2	60 minutes
Bus 3	97 minutes
Bus 4	122 minutes
Bus 5	88 minutes
Bus 6	103 minutes
Bus 7	45 minutes
Bus 8	89 minutes
Bus 9	73 minutes
Bus 10	42 minutes
Bus 11	70 minutes
Bus 12	84 minutes
Bus 13	79 minutes
Bus 14	77 minutes
Bus 15	64 minutes
Bus 16	85 minutes
Bus 17	69 minutes

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the October 25, 2023, Public Board meeting.

**Attachment(s):**

Not applicable.