

2014-15 Budget Information/Request

Description: *Bus Replacement Cycle*

Budget Manager: *Rick Maxey*

Area Impacted: *Entire District*

Purpose:

District-owned Routed Buses

Transportation currently uses 40 district-owned buses on established routes with 6 district-owned shop spares for a total of 46 buses. The age of the current routed fleet ranges from 17 years old, the newest vehicles, to 35 buses that are over 20 years old.

To maintain the current fleet, we recommend a planned reduction of the overall age of the fleet to a maximum of 15 years of age. A phased replacement cycle over a 5-year period will require the purchase of 8 buses per year for the next 5 years to bring the age of the district's fleet under 15 years by 2019.

District-owned Activity Buses

In addition to the district-owned routed buses, we currently operate and maintain 59 district-owned activity buses throughout the school district. The age of the current activity bus fleet ranges from the newest which are 1 year old to 21 buses that are over 16 years old.

To maintain the current fleet, we recommend the reduction of the total number of activity buses throughout the district from 59 to 40, a reduction that would eliminate 19 of the oldest activity buses and bring the age of the activity bus fleet down to 16 years of age. The following phased replacement cycle would allow the district to maintain an activity bus fleet under 15 years old. The replacement cycle would start over in 2022.

- 2014-2015 2 buses
- 2015-2016 5 buses
- 2016-2017 3 buses
- 2017-2018 2 buses
- 2018-2019 5 buses

- 2019-2020 3 buses
- 2020-2021 2 buses

Estimated Project Cost: (For 2014-15, 10 Buses @ 84,000 each) \$840,000

Recurring X Non-recurring
Funding Sources: *General Fund*

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