



# agenda

Subject: **Marin Transit Ad Hoc Committee on School Transportation**

Location: **Marin County Civic Center, Rug Room - 324A  
3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael**

Date: **September 24, 2018**

Time: **11:30 am**

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## **Topics:**

1. Overview and Status of Yellow Bus Programs (Attachment 1)
2. Overview and Status of Supplemental School Routes
3. Proposed process and timeline for funding decisions (Attachment 2)
4. Funding to be considered in a rationalized formula approach (Attachment 3)
  - a. Near term – FY 2019/20
  - b. Longer Term
5. Next steps



	Mill Valley School District	Reed Union School District	Ross Valley School District	San Rafael Elem School District*	Dixie School District*
<b>Program Structure</b>					
<b>Contract Type</b>	MT Ops Mgmt MOU with School District	MT Ops Mgmt MOU with School District	MT contract with Service Provider	No MT involvement	No MT involvement
<b>Service Provider</b>	Michael's Transportation	First Student	Michael's Transportation	First Student	In-House
<b>Pass Sales and Pricing</b>					
<b>Cost of Pass (Annual AM + PM)</b>	\$720.00	\$630.00	\$790.00	\$475.00	\$399.00
<b>One Way Pass Sales (YTD)</b>	160	1,400	930	1,569	661
<b>% F&amp;R</b>	< 5%	5%	6%	76%	13%
<b>Waitlist</b>	None	none	PM passes only	unknown	unknown
<b>Operations</b>					
<b>Number of Schools Served</b>	3	3	3	8	4
<b>Number of Buses</b>	2	7	6	12	6
<b>Number of Trips daily (Routes)</b>	6	26	17	65	18
<b>Contractor Cost</b>	\$225,000	\$733,320	\$624,240	\$1,010,170	not applicable
<b>Total Operating Cost</b>	\$258,823	\$903,780	\$774,740	\$1,010,170	\$353,109
<b>Cost per Bus</b>	\$129,411.50	\$129,111.43	\$129,123.33	\$84,181	\$58,852
<b>Parking</b>	Edna Maguire School	1600 Los Gamos	1600 Los Gamos	Richmond	Marinwood
<b>Average Age of Fleet</b>	10 years old	0 years old**	10 years old	not available	15+ years old
<b>Total cost per passenger trip</b>	\$8.99	\$3.59	\$4.63	\$3.58	\$2.97
<b>Farebox recovery</b>	37%	46%	48%	26%	39%

Fare per trip

\*data from 2017/18

\*\*to be delivered October 2018

## Proposed Process and Timeline for Funding Decisions Regarding Yellow Bus and Transit

Timeframe	Activity
May 9, 2018	FY 18-19 Tiburon/Reed yellow bus passes go on sale
May 24, 2018	FY 18-19 Ross Valley yellow bus passes go on sale
June 4, 2018	Marin Transit FY 18-19 budget adopted
June 2018	Marin County FY 18-19 budget adopted Tiburon JPA FY 18-19 budget adopted
June 8, 2018	Civil Grand Jury releases report, <i>Yellow School Bus for Traffic Congestion Relief</i>
June 14 – July 17, 2018	City/Town/County briefings on existing transportation sales tax and proposed renewal
July 2018	Board of Supervisors considers approval to put sales tax renewal measure on the November 2018 ballot.
August 10, 2018	Sales Tax Renewal Measure ballot language due
September 1, 2018	Responses due to Civil Grand Jury
September 24, 2018	Marin Transit Ad Hoc Committee on School Transportation meets to discuss issues and conceptual approach to funding school bus service
October 2018	Civil Grand Jury recommendation that Yellow School Bus standing committee have an initial meeting
November 6, 2018	Potential vote on Sales Tax Measure Renewal and Repeal of SB1, gas tax funding for roads and transit
November/ December 2018	Marin Transit staff assesses impacts of ballot results on FY 18-19 budget and longer range financial plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If SB1 is repealed</li> <li>• If Sales Tax Renewal is passed</li> </ul>
November/ December 2018	Marin Transit Ad Hoc Committee on School Transportation meets to discuss detailed approach to funding yellow bus programs, including eligibility, formula, and implementation guidelines
January 2019	Marin Transit Board approves school bus funding program
January 2019	Marin Transit notifies eligible entities of funding available for FY 19-20
April 1, 2019	Parking for yellow buses secured
April 2019	Marin Transit, local jurisdictions and school districts begin drafting FY 19-20 annual budgets
May 2019	Yellow bus pass sales begin
June 2019	Marin Transit, local jurisdictions and school districts adopt FY 19-20 annual budgets
June 30, 2019	Yellow bus parking lease at Los Gamos expires

# Potential Funding Sources for Yellow Bus Programs



Attachment 3

## Near Term: 1 – 6 Years

Source	Amount	Decision
Current Measure A	\$175 K annually	Marin Transit
Renewal Measure – School Transit	\$325 K annually	Marin Transit
Measure A Interest	\$1.1 M one-time	TAM
Renewal Measure – Local Streets	TBD	County, cities, towns
Cities and County Contributions	TBD	Cities and County
School Districts/ Parcel Taxes	TBD	School Districts
Fares and Pass Pricing	TBD	Marin Transit, School Districts, JPAs

## Longer Term: 5+ Years

- New sales tax measure
- New parcel tax (countywide or by district)
- TAM revisits renewed sales tax expenditure plan; revised amount to school transportation
- New State funding

## Potential Funding Sources Near Term (FY 2019-20):

- Existing Measure A to RVSD - \$175K (Marin Transit decision)
- ❖ Measure A Renewal - \$350K (Marin Transit decision)
- ❖ Measure A Interest - \$1.1 M one-time (TAM decision)
- ❖ Measure A from reducing other transit service or increasing regular fares (Marin Transit decision)
- County funding (County decision)
- Youth pass policy & pricing (Marin Transit decision)

## Potential Eligible Yellow Bus Programs:

- Existing programs managed by Marin Transit
  - Ross Valley
  - Reed/Tiburon
  - Mill Valley
- Existing programs managed by others
  - Dixie
  - San Rafael
- New programs
  - Hall Middle
  - Kentfield
  - Novato

## Allocation Method:

- Multiple Factors, weighted
  - Pass sales or riders
  - Proximity to congested corridor
  - Students on free and reduced lunch
  - Local funding support
- Single factor
  - Pass sales or riders
- Entry threshold criteria + factors

- Local Streets and Roads funding increases
  - Formula from State
  - Not eligible for yellow bus service; sales tax renewal will allow for Local Streets and Roads to be used more flexibly, including for school transportation
- Marin Transit STA revenues will increase
  - Revenue share on formula from State
  - Population share?
  - STA revenues are not eligible for yellow bus service; increase will make it possible for more Measure A to be used on yellow bus without other service cuts