



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HOME-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PLAN



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AGENDA

- Background and History of Transportation Funding
- Grant Information and Requirements
- Data, Demographic and Financial Information
- District Efforts to Secure External Funding
- Next Steps



HISTORY OF HOME-TO-SCHOOL STATE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION

- CASTO and the School Transportation Coalition (CASTO's lobbyist) have worked hard to protect and to increase pupil transportation funding.
- 2007 - The State Auditor's report identified the poor funding for school transportation.
- 2014 - The Legislative Analyst's Office conducted a study and report. Their recommendation was for 50% funding.
- 2013-14 and 2014-15 - The State Legislature worked and attempted to increase school transportation funding.
- 2015 - The State Legislature universally supported legislation to reinstate transportation data collection, but Governor Brown vetoed.
- The original SB 878, which had CSEA and the education coalition's support, never passed in any form.



HISTORIC TURN OF EVENTS

- State Budget Act of 2022-23 provided \$637 million ongoing for Prop 98 General Fund, specifically tagged for Home-to-School Transportation
- Program funding will enhance Local Education Agencies (LEAs) up to 60% of their transportation costs plus ongoing Cost of Living Adjustments
 - Calculations are based on prior year operational costs, but excludes capital outlay expenditures



HOME-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

California Education Code Section 39800.1

- i. Plan must describe services that will be offered.
- ii. Districts are required to create a plan for how home-to-school services will be applied that prioritizes low income and students in grades TK-6.
- iii. Plan must report specific data on the impact of home-to-school services.
- iv. Plan must describe how transportation will be accessible to disabled and homeless students.
- v. Plan must describe how unduplicated students may access free transportation.
- vi. Plan must be developed in consultation with specific stakeholders.
- vii. OUSD may partner with local municipally owned transit systems to transport middle and high school students.
- viii. Plan must be adopted by the Board of Education on or before April 1, 2023 and updated by April 1st every year, thereafter.



HOME-TO-SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOCUS & PRIORITIES



Low-income and pupils in grades
TK-6



Unduplicated pupils*

English Learners
McKinney-Vento
Foster Youth



***Plan must describe how they can
access free transportation.**



Stakeholder Consultation

Over 1,600
Survey
Responses

Students

Parents

Employees (Teachers, Classified and Leadership)

February 2-3, 2023

Consultation
with CSEA

February 15, 2023

Regional Local
Transit Authority
(OCTA)

January 18, 2023

Local Air Quality
Management
District
(SCAQMD)

January 30, 2023

San Diego
County Directors'
Meeting

November 21, 2022



PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SCOPE OF SERVICES OFFERED

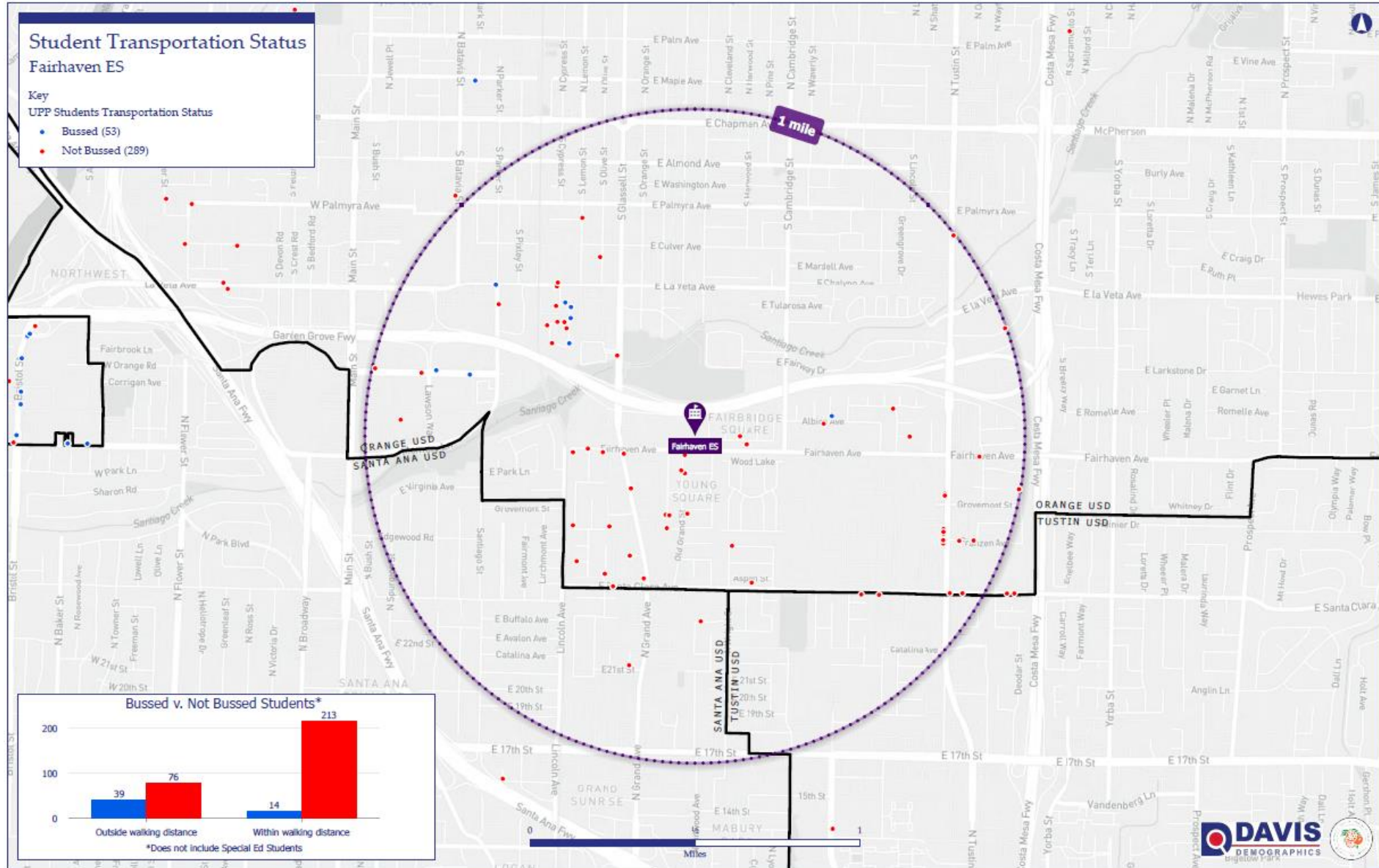
1. Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their home and home school is beyond the minimum listed below:
 - Elementary school students: one (1) mile.
 - Middle school students: two and one half (2 ½) miles.
 - High school students: three (3) miles.
2. Transitional Kindergarten students will be eligible for transportation services to and from school following
 - Elementary school students: one (1) mile.
3. Open Enrollment (Approved Attendance Permit)
4. Parent Transportation
5. Safe Walking Path to School

Scope of services offered in this presentation are specific to General Education Students - Unduplicated Pupil Percentages (UPP).

Unduplicated Pupil Map – Fairhaven Elementary School

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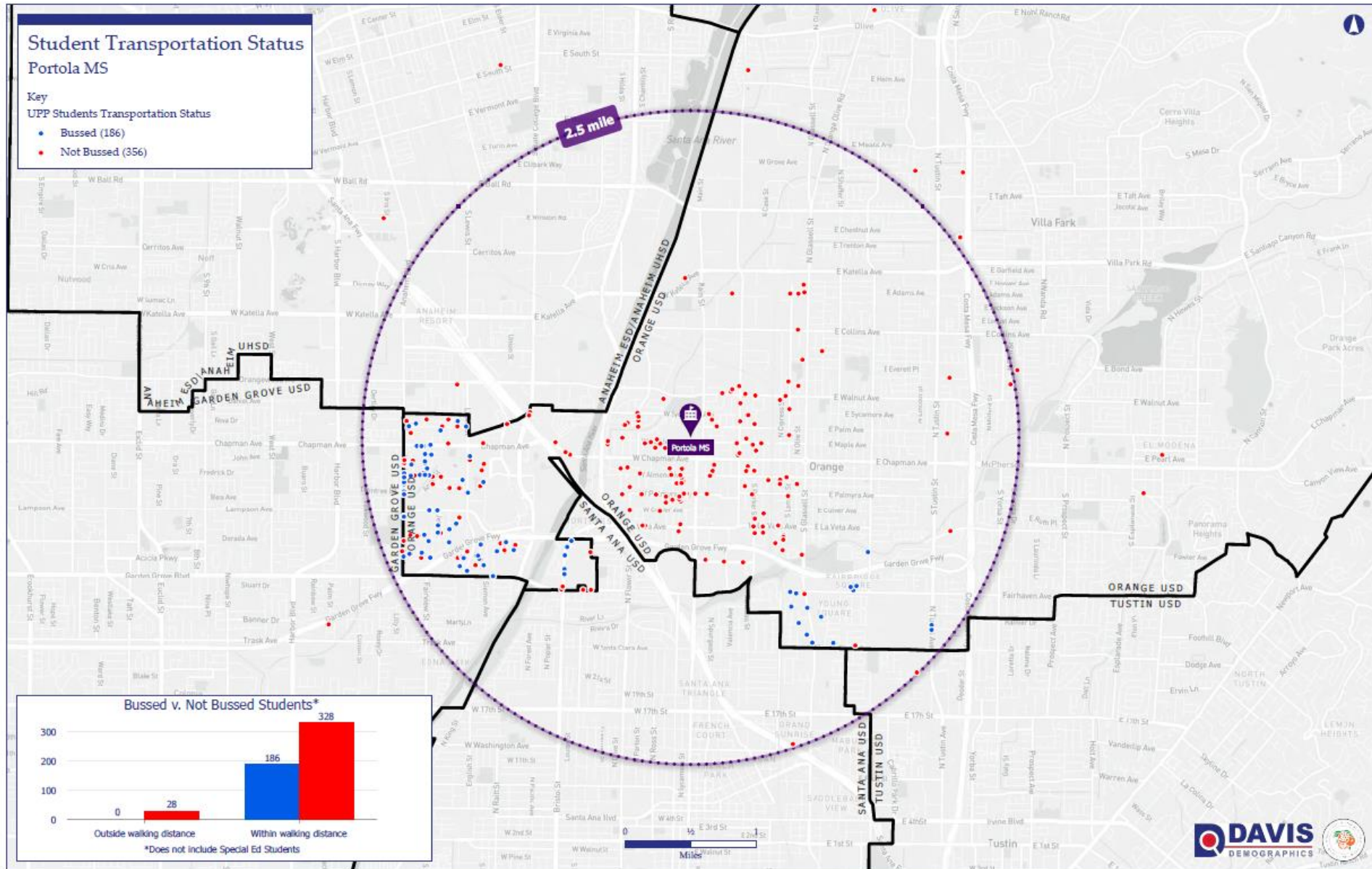
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2. TK
3. Open Enroll.
4. Parent Trans.
5. Safety



Unduplicated Pupil Map – Portola Middle School

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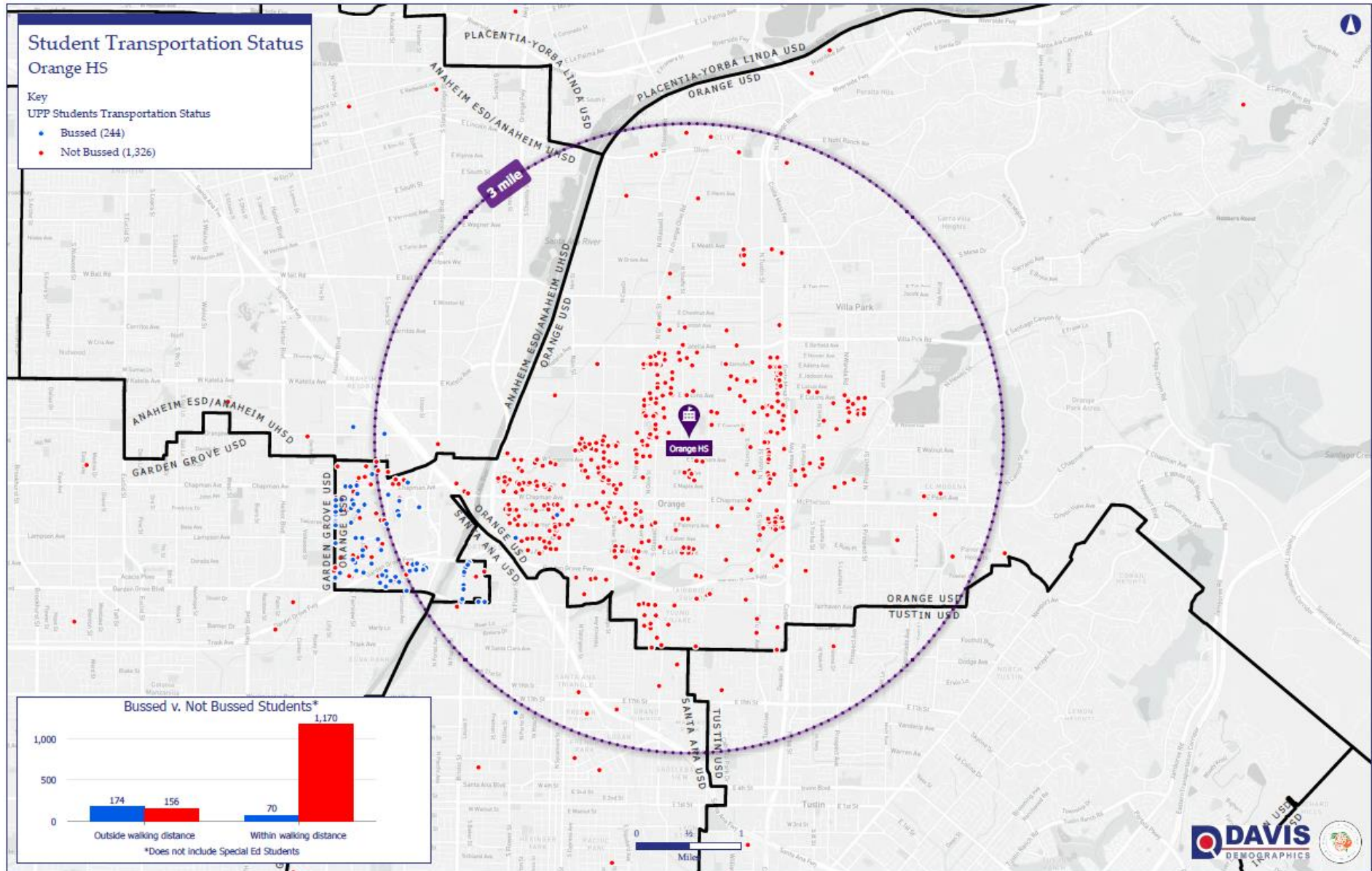
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Unduplicated Pupil Map – Orange High School

Legend

1. Walk Dist.
2. TK
3. Open Enroll.
4. Parent Trans.
5. Safety





IMPACT TO DISTRICT FUNDING

Budgeted 22-23 Expenditures: \$12.61 million

Revenue: \$ 2.20 million

Deficit: \$10.41 million

AB 181 Funding: \$ 3.89 million*

*Based on 2021-22 Spending Level



SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

Ranking Order

1. Offset operational costs that would otherwise be funded out of the classroom funds
2. Increase staffing and/or driver work hours
3. Replace older buses
4. Cover additional fuel costs (Gasoline/Diesel/CNG/Electric)
5. Vehicle maintenance
6. Garage equipment and supplies



TRANSPORTATION HIGHLIGHTS! 2020 - 2023

\$2,800,000 Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund - Awarded 7 EV school buses in July 2020

\$800,000 South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and Hybrid Vehicle Incentive Program (HVIP) - Awarded 2 EV school buses in September 2022

\$1,260,000 HVIP - Awarded 6 EV school bus vouchers for 50% funding in July 2021

\$700,000 value SCE Charge Ready Transport (CRT) - program installed the EV school bus infrastructure in February 2022

\$910,000 SCAQMD Carl Moyer Grant to expand/upgrade the CNG infrastructure – Awarded January 2021

\$40,000 SCAQMD grant to replace CNG fuel tanks – Awarded November 2022

\$3,170,000 HVIP – Awarded an additional 16 EV school bus vouchers for 50% funding in February 2023

TOTAL - \$9,680,000



NEXT STEPS

1. Governing Board to take action on Transportation Plan Item 7E
2. April Board Meeting: Agendize items to implement Transportation Plan
3. Plan Elements:
 - Realignment of Department Staffing
 - Augmentations of Current Operational Costs
 - Replacement Schedule for Buses and Equipment
 - Additional Services for Students
 - Revisit Bus Fee Schedules
4. Update Board Policies and Administrative Regulations



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?