

White Plains City School District

Transportation 2025-2026

Church Street

Elementary School

Community Feedback Meeting

WPCSD Transportation Operations *Background*



District's Transportation Operator is **National Express**:

- Also known as, **White Plains Bus Company**
- Serviced the District since the 1960s
- National Express is exiting the pupil transportation business
- Primarily a transit company, i.e., para transit
- Lacks sufficient staffing (bus drivers)
- Vehicles are very old, frequent mechanical breakdowns
- WPCSD price per bus is substantially below market value

District commissioned an Efficiency Study in 2023-24 to:

1. Evaluate the existing program
2. Determine next steps to find a new provider

WPCSD

Transportation Operations

Today's Framework

Operates a two-tier system totaling 110 routes

- 72 Big Buses
- 38 Vans

Tier 1

- HS, MS, EV, Roch, CS, non-public
- Currently operates 72 Big Buses & 13 Vans

Tier 2

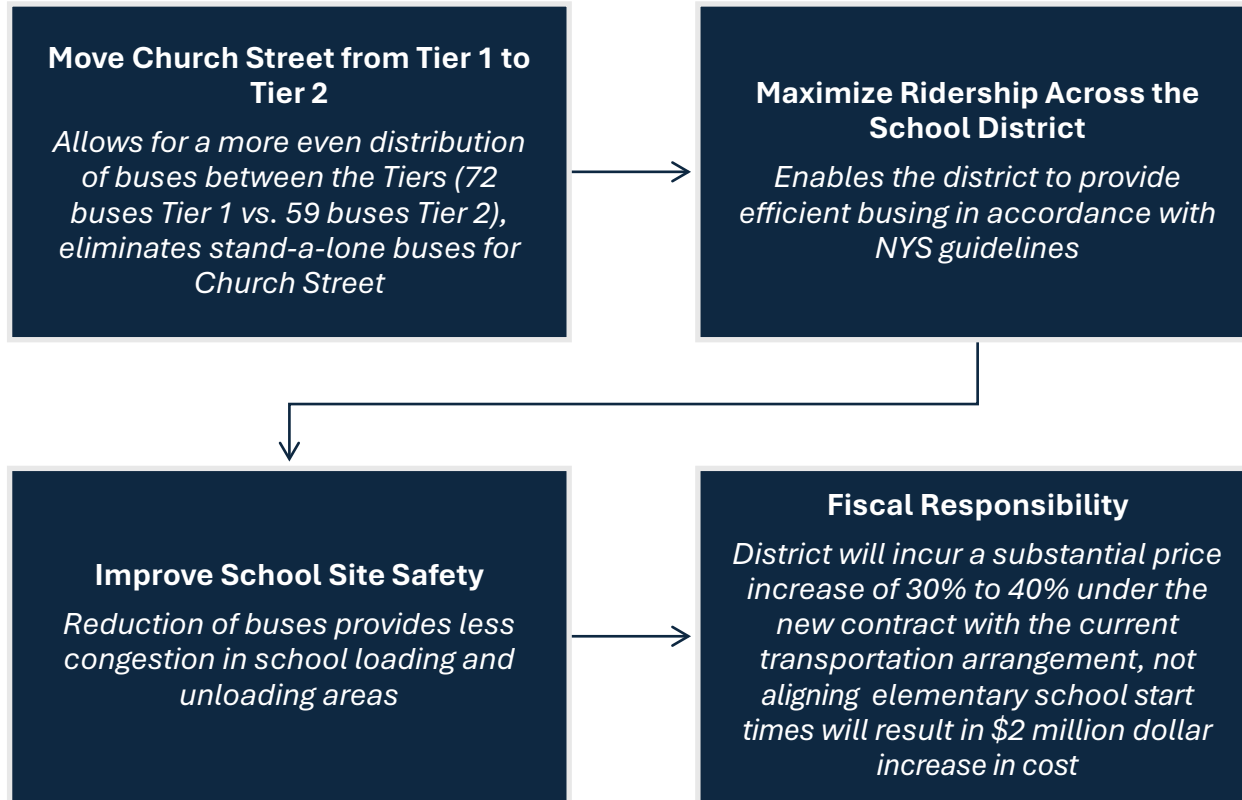
- GW, MAS, RW, PR, non-public
- Currently operates 59 Big Buses & 12 Vans

Out of District Buses Special Ed – 25 Vans



WPCSD Transportation Operations

Study Recommendations



WPCSD
Transportation
Operations
Study
Recommendations

Tier 1
Run 59 buses

Allows a reduction of 13
(stand-a-lone) Big Buses

Tier 2
Continue to
run 59 buses

Allows more efficient busing
by maximizing ridership at
all schools



New Provider: Durham Bus Services

(Subsidiary of National Express)



The District had been preparing for an increase in transportation costs

The District set-aside \$2.2m in anticipation of the cost increase



New contract costs per bus came in higher than projections

*51% for Big Buses
61% for Vans vs. projections of 30% - 40% as outlined in the transportation Study*



Higher Cost driven by 70 new buses under new contract

Average age requirements are not to exceed 12 yrs
Current fleet age is well in excess of 15 years
New buses will reduce frequency of mechanical breakdowns, buses being out of service; providing safer more reliable buses



Summer, Field, & Athletic trips will also have higher prices



Cost Analysis

New Contract



Vehicle Type	# of Vehicles	Per Bus 2024-25	Total Cost 2024-25		New Per Bus 2025-26	Total Cost 2025-26	Increase
Big Buses	72	83,567.20	\$6,016,838.40		\$126,212.00	\$9,087,264.00	\$3,070,425.60
Vans	38	74,436.25	2,828,577.50		119,667.00	4,547,346.00	1,718,768.50
Attendants (4 hr. Min- 180 days)	25	140.40	631,800.00		198.00	891,000.00	259,200.00
Total			\$9,477,215.90			\$14,525,610.00	\$5,048,394.10
					<i>Subsequent 2 years includes 5% increase per yr.</i>		

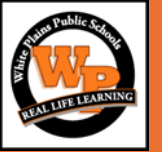
Cost Analysis

Fewer Buses



New Contract Existing Tier Configuration				New Contract Change in Tier Configuration			
Vehicle Type	# of Vehicles	New Per Bus 2025-26	Total Cost 2025-26	# of Vehicles	New Per Bus 2025-26	Total Cost 2025-26	Decrease
Big Buses	72	\$126,212.00	\$9,087,264.00	59	\$126,212.00	\$7,446,508.00	(\$1,640,756.00)
Vans	38	119,667.00	4,547,346.00	35	119,667.00	4,188,345.00	(359,001.00)
Attendants (4 hr. Min- 180 days)	25	198.00	891,000.00	22	198.00	784,080.00	(106,920.00)
Total			\$14,525,610.00			\$12,418,933.00	(\$2,106,677.00)

Cost Analysis *Summary*



Current 2024-25 Transportation Costs	\$9,477,215.90
Projected Cost of New Contract 2025-26	\$14,525,610.00
<i>Net Increase</i>	\$5,048,394.10
Funding Planned by District to offset Increase	(\$2,156,346.00)
Reduction in Buses per Recommendation of Efficiency Study	(\$2,106,677.00)
Total Identified to offset increase costs	(\$4,263,023.00)
Balance to be funded through 2025-26 Budget Process	\$785,371

Next Steps in the Process



Community
Feedback Survey



Data Analysis



Supportive
Measures



Scheduling
Communication

Questions?

