



Purchasing Department

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Addendum No. 3

BID No. 01SPECED26

Special Education Transportation Services

Please incorporate this Addendum in the referenced BID documents where applicable and acknowledge receipt per BID Instructions.

Date: April 15, 2026

Bid # 01SPECED26 is hereby amended in the respects as set forth

The Board of Education meeting date was changed from Thursday, April 23 to May 28, 2026

Question 1: When does the district expect routes to operate after award of this rfp?

Answer: June 13, 2026

Question 2: How many wheelchair buses are required and by what date?

Answers: Currently have 9 students utilizing wheelchairs (4 at LHS/ 4@ Mark Twain/ 1 at Hosler)

Question 3: What capacity does each wheelchair router require?

Answer: We have three buses with one wheelchair capacity each, and one bus with two wheelchair capacity.

Question 4: How many ambulatory routes does the district expect to operate and the start date?

Answer: We have five district routes that we will operate.

Question 5: Who operates these routes currently?

Answer: First Student Transportation Inc. and First Alternative Transportation Division

Question 6: How many copies of the bid is required? 2 or 3?

Answer: Three (3) copies

Question 7: Will this district have a public opening?

Answer: Yes

Question 8: Is the billing Live time or portal to portal?

Answer: Portal to Portal

Question 9: Please provide the current fleet composition, including vehicle types and capacities.

- Vehicle Types
- Capacity – 3 Electrical Buses -, **Capacity: 52 passenger each**
- fuel – 2 Transit buses – **capacity: 72 passengers each (diesel)**
1 transit bus – **capacity: 52 passenger (diesel)**
2 Collins Vans – **Unleaded fuel: 1 – 24 passengers,**
and 1 – 16 Passenger plus wheelchair accessibility

Out of service: two electric buses, capacity: 52 passenger each (plus wheelchair accessibility)

- Standard technology on the vehicle
 - § Cameras – **Yes, all buses have camera**
 - § Stop Arms – **No buses have stop arm**
 - § Radio – **All buses are equipped with radios**
 - § Tablets – **No buses are equipped with tables**

Question 10: Who owns the current fleet? Will any vehicles be transferred to the new contractor?

Answer: First Student owns the current fleet. No vehicles will be transferred to the new contractor.

Question 11: Are there any current agreements in place for fueling or maintenance?

Answer: The current vendor handles all maintenance for the contracted fleet and conducts fueling operations at its own facilities.

Question 12: Please specify which routes monitors or attendants are assigned to. How many total monitors or attendants are there?

Answer: Currently have a total of 15 adult assistants/LVNs on the routes (2 at Mark Twain/ 2 at FHS/ 3 at LHS/ 1 at Hosler/ 5 at Vista/ 1 at Downey DHH/ 1 at Lindbergh)

Question 13: In order to ensure we include the correct equipment for our bid, please provide student load counts for each route.

Answer: I'm not certain on the number of our current routes, however requested

an update from First Student/First Alt. The number of students currently riding with First Student/First Alt: 120. There will be 4 students continuing at non-public schools (Torrance and Pasadena); 12 students continuing with Downey DHH programs/ 34 students at Vista/ 10 students at middle schools/ 19 students at high schools/ 41 students at elementary schools.

Question 14: Who is currently doing the routing for this contract: Is the District providing the contractor the routing, or is the contractor doing the routing? What routing software is currently being used, and who provides it, the SD or the current contractor?

Answer: Transportation routing is currently done manually by the Transportation Supervisor.

Question 15: Can the District provide the average number of Activity/Field Trips the District has done annually for the past 3 years?

Answer: Approximately 430 activity trips each year.

Question 16: What was the total annual transportation spend for the last fiscal year? What is the budget for the upcoming fiscal year?

Answer: The total annual transportation spend was approximately \$1.4 million. The Budget forecast 1.5 for the upcoming fiscal year is \$1.5 million.

Question 17: Please provide the invoicing history for the past 24 months under the current or previous contract.

Answer: A Public Records Act (PRA) request must be submitted. If you would like to request it, please contact the District Human Resources department.

Question 18: Many surrounding school districts, and even Lynwood Unified School District currently, successfully utilize subcontracted transportation providers where the primary contractor maintains full responsibility for oversight, compliance, driver vetting, and performance; would the District consider this approach, given the proposer can prove that it can expand access to qualified drivers and results in more cost-effective pricing without compromising safety or service quality?

Answer: Yes

Question 19: Is this RFP exclusively for bus providers, or is it also inclusive of alternative transportation (Sedans/Vans/SUVs)?

Answer: The RFP includes regular bus routes and alternative transportation models. Currently, the District uses standard school bus routes regularly 85% and alternative transportation model 15% as applicable for non-public schools mainly.

Question 20. Will the district accept alternate bids for alternative transportation models?

Answer: **The District will accept bids containing both standard bus transportation and alternative Transportation options.**

Question 21. Would the district accept a pricing format that inclusive of alternative transportation (Not hourly, per trip price)

Answer: **The District will accept a pricing format that for Alternate Transportation pricing model per trip. Interested bidders must include both standard bus and alternative transportation pricing in their bid response.**

End of addendum No. 3