

**Multimodal Transportation and Student Safety Special Committee
February 19, 2014**

Attendees: Kristin Haldeman, Gillian Burgess, Jane Kim-Guthrie, Tim Rosato, Eric Goodman, Nancy Van Doren, Jack Owens, Erik Maskelony **APS:** Cintia Johnson, Bob Laws

Absent: Aja Sae-Kung, Ronna Weber, Jana Lynott, Lauren Hassel, **APS:** Kyle Lukas, John Chadwick
Arlington DOT: Dennis Leach.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

The meeting minutes were reviewed from two previous meetings. Gillian will submit edits to the January 29 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved. The February 5 meeting minutes were discussed. Gillian submitted edits. The minutes were approved with edits.

Discussion ensued about the need to properly clear streets after snow. Members were told to call DES with snow removal concerns at the number 228-6555.

The Committee then discussed the draft memo to the School Board regarding a Transportation Philosophy for the school system and a recommendation regarding walk zones.

1. Everyone agreed to add “which” to the philosophy statement.
2. Discussion ensued regarding walk zones. Questions arose regarding middle school walk zones – should they be the same at high school. Should the zone be changed to 1 mile or less? $\frac{3}{4}$ mile? The group consensus was that middle school walk distance should be $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, with one person comfortable with one mile. Tim Rosato opposed, seven supported this. Recommendation will be redrafted with supporting language for the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.
3. Discussion ensued regarding the second recommendation regarding bus stop placement. It passed with eight votes.
4. Discussion ensued regarding the third recommendation. Consensus is to quote/cite the wording in the PIP regarding the consideration that distance applies to the safe walk distance and takes into account hazards. Gillian and Kristin will work up the wording. Eight members voted yes on this item.
5. Discussion ensued about the fourth point regarding courtesy busing. “Contingent upon adoption of recommendation #1, APS eliminate courtesy busing. APS staff should remain responsive to parents who request bus service for their students for safety or other reasons.” Eight people agreed.
6. Discussion ensued around the fifth point regarding the RFID. Eight people voted for this.

Rationale

Take out last sentence under Rationale. All present agreed to this. “We are currently considering defining bus stop zones rather than walk zones as way to move toward a better rationalized bus system.” was deleted.

At the end of the paragraph that reads, “The Committee notes that Courtesy busing has been a particular source of stress for APS families and APS transportation staff. APS families classified as “courtesy bussers” are in limbo, worried that their families’ schedules will be thrown into chaos if

their children are not provided bus service in the future. The Committee also has a variety of concerns about the equity of the current courtesy busing system, including its first-come-first-served nature, add the sentence, "This action will result in a minimal increase in bus ridership. The analysis of bus ridership in Attachment A, "Bus Eligibility" substantiates this."

Then we delete the next paragraph with particular ridership and cost info.

Eight members present agreed to the Rationale with edits.

Members present voted to approve this memo and supporting charts with edits noted. Eight members voted yes. The four remaining members will be polled via yahoo.

Meeting was adjourned 9:10.

Submitted,

Nancy Van Doren