

October 29, 2012

TO: Arlington School Board Members

FROM: Pat Murphy

CC: Clarence Stukes
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SUBJECT: **Multimodal Transportation and Student Safety Committee**

Arlington Public Schools (APS) implemented a transportation modernization plan for the 2012-13 school year based on an extensive study and report by Management Partnership Services. I want to thank the School Board, school staff, the County Manager and public safety staff, parents and students for working with us on this change over the past four months.

As we move forward, we need to establish a Multimodal Transportation and Student Safety Committee to advise me and the School Board on future steps that we can take to support this important component of our services and to ensure that our transportation services are aligned and part of a more comprehensive, multi-modal approach. Below is some specific information about the committee that was recently shared with the School Board and County Board members.

Committee Goals

- Provide an avenue to gather community input to determine immediate and future needs of APS Transportation Services
- Determine an APS philosophy regarding pupil transportation that anticipates current and future needs
- Identify transportation options for families, utilizing community resources including public transit, bikeways and pedestrian access
- Integrate Arlington County expertise to identify where collaboration and economies of scale can best be utilized to improve the APS transportation system
- Develop effective communication strategies to communicate and educate constituents and the community about APS Transportation Services, and to promote multimodal options including school bicycle and pedestrian safety and education
- Review walk and bike routes to school
- Establish short-, mid- and long- term multimodal goals and plans

Committee Charge and Responsibilities

- Assist the Superintendent in a continuous and systematic review of APS Transportation Services including the integration of public transit, bicycle transportation, pedestrian access and school routes
- Review and collaborate with members of the APS community and county representatives on:
 - Components of the APS Transportation Modernization Plan based on data, routing software, route schedules, public safety issues, and community input

- Establishment of a transportation philosophy
- APS policy on transportation for students
- Available bicycle and pedestrian routes to school and safety messages to promote healthier lifestyles
- Arlington County requirements as they relate to intersections, traffic signals and signage
- ART Bus options in connection with APS bus services
- Environmental sustainability
- APS budget
- An annual evaluation of transportation services
- Provide opportunities for input via community forums and other communication channels

Committee Membership (20 Participants)

Arlington Public Schools Representatives (5)

- Assistant Superintendent of Facilities & Operations
- Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
- Department of School & Community Relations Representative
- Director of Transportation
- Principal Representative

County Representatives (5)

- County Transportation Office
- ART Bus
- Walk/Bike Arlington
- Transit Advisory Committee
- Arlington Police/Crossing Guards

Parents/Community (8)

- Parents (6)
- Community Members (2)

Students (2)

Meeting Frequency

Initially, meet bi-weekly for the first month and then monthly thereafter during the school year from September through June.

I appreciate the support we have received during the implementation of the Transportation Modernization Plan and look forward to establishing the Multimodal Transportation and Student Safety Committee to further and support this important work.

If you have questions or would like to know the process for joining the Committee, please contact Cintia Johnson or Clarence Stukes.

Multimodal Transportation and Student Safety Committee

2012-2013

Please complete this form to apply for appointment to the **Multimodal Transportation and Student Safety Committee**. The committee members will represent Arlington County and APS staff members, parents and students.

Name:

Last

First

Home Address

Street

City, State, Zip

Telephone: Work:

Home:

Cell:

Student(s) Name

School/Grade(s)

Mode of Transportation: Bus Rider Special Education Bus Walker Bicycle
 Driven Other (e.g., ART Bus)

Please indicate why you are interested in serving on the transportation committee.

Please indicate the expertise you bring that might be helpful to the work of the committee.

Parents will be represented across school levels, zip codes and modes of transportation.