

CBE Transportation Scenario Comparison Chart

	Fees *	Travel Distance to Bus Stop	Bus Ride Times	Low Ridership Routes	Kindergarden mid-day service	Eligibility for Ridership	Waivers	Bell Time	Implementation Time
2015-16 fees and service levels, which creates a \$5 million deficit	\$300	1.6KM for elementary 1.8KM for middle/jr.	Average ride time approximately 30-40 minutes	Transportation provided to all eligible students	provided	All students residing outside of the current walk zone are provided transportation on either yellow buses or CT	Eligible families have their fees waived	Of 655 routes, 169 routes are combined (2 schools on 1 bus) 422 routes are partnered (1 bus completing 2 routes) 46 cannot be combined or partnered due to geography. Pairing and combining routes requires schools to coordinate bell times.	n/a
Scenario 1 - Current Service level with increased fee covering deficit	\$500-525	1.6KM for elementary 1.8KM for middle/jr.	Average ride time remains approximately 30-40 minutes	Similar to existing	provided	Similar to existing	Eligible families have their transportation fees waived; higher fee may increase waiver expense	Similar to existing	Potentially a phased in approach to fee increases over the next 2 years
Scenario 2 - Current Fees with decreased service levels #1	\$300-325	1.6KM for elementary; 1.8KM for middle/jr. Alternative programs have congregated stops similar to Sept. 2015 levels (varying distances)	Reduced in most cases	Similar to existing	provided	Similar to existing	Eligible families have their transportation fees waived	Similar to existing	2017-18 Implementation
Scenario 3 - Current Fees with decreased service levels #2	\$300-325	1.6KM for elementary; 1.8KM for middle/jr. Non-language alternative programs have congregated stops similar to Sept. 2015 levels (varying distances)	Reduced in most cases	Eliminate all routes with ridership of 10 students or less	Eliminate mid-day service	Similar to existing	Eligible families receiving waivers can contribute to fees, assume 25% of fee contribution	Similar to existing	Subject to parent consultation, non-language alternative programs return to congregated stops 2016-17; other changes 2017-18
Scenario 4 - Shortening travel distance to bus stops	- Year 1: \$575-\$600 - With bell time changes by year 3: \$525-\$550	800m for K-9 students	Significant Increase	May increase due to need for more buses to keep within 1.5 hour ride time.	provided	Similar to existing	Eligible families receiving waivers can contribute to fees, assume 25% of fee contribution. Higher fee may increase waiver expense.	Significant Bell times change across the system to increase number of partnered routes	Subject to parent consultation, non-language alternative programs return to congregated stops 2016-17; other changes 2017-18
Scenario 5A - Fees based on program and age with CT option	\$550-575 for regular program students - Most middle/jr high pay CT rate - \$700-725 for all alternative program students (25% more)	1.6KM and 1.8KM for yellow bus riders. For CT riders, middle/jr. stop, ridership, and location would be decided collaboratively by CT and CBE	Could increase or decrease depending on route	Could increase or decrease	Eliminate mid-day service	- Increase elementary walk to school zone to 2km and middle/junior walk to school zone to 2.4km - Grades 7-9 take CT where it can be done with only 1 transfer	Eligible families have their transportation fees waived; higher fee may increase waiver expense	Could change depending on transportation routes	2017-18 or 2018-19 Implementation



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Scenario 5B - Fees based on program and age without CT option	- \$400 for regular program students - \$500 for all alternative program students (25% more)	1.6KM and 1.8KM for yellow bus riders.	Similar to existing	Similar to existing	Eliminate mid-day service	- Increase elementary walk to school zone to 2km and middle/junior walk to school zone to 2.4km	Eligible families have their transportation fees waived; higher fee may increase waiver expense	Similar to existing	2017-2018 or 2018-2019 Implementation
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Acronyms, Common Terms & Information:

1. CT - Calgary Transit
2. Alternative programs - non-language and language alternative programs, including French Immersion
3. Congregated stops - may serve more than one community and may require students to be transported to the stop. These stops serve programs where small numbers of riders are in locations a further distance from their receiving school compared to community school students, who walk 1.6 or 1.8 km to catch a bus.
4. Low ridership routes are those carrying 10 students or less
5. Where mid-day kindergarten routes are removed, fees are reduced by half
6. If a phased-in approach is taken on any scenarios, learning dollars would need to be used in the short-term.
7. Comments made in workshops and on the survey recommend earlier registration for transportation services. The CBE is exploring this to provide transportation information as early as possible for families.

8. Another scenario was suggested in the April 21 scenario-building workshop. The major factors were fees based on individual route characteristics and Calgary Transit collaboration. For many logistical, equity and practical reasons it is not feasible for fees to be based on route characteristics. In all scenarios involving CT, the costs and related savings are currently unclear. Consultation regarding the possible roles for CT will be ongoing after the community forums. Therefore, data on this scenario is not provided.

* Slight adjustments may be required to fees (e.g. based on number of riders, waivers required, etc.)