



## Transportation Strategy Engagement Workshop

### Dr. Gordon Higgins School

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**7 Participants**

Interests	# of Participants
My child takes transportation arranged by the Calgary Board of Education to get to school (yellow school bus, handybus etc.)	2
My child gets to school in another way (walks, private vehicle, public transit etc.)	6
My child attends an alternative program (language, Montessori, science, TLC) or complex needs program	1
I currently have no children in the Calgary Board of Education system	0



## Dr. Gordon Higgins School Flip Chart Summary

### Travel Distance

#### Preserve

- If alternative programs are offered then so should transportation options.

#### Flexibility

- 1.6km is too far for elementary -> suggest 1.0km.
- Consider Edmonton Catholic model w/ 67m are.

Bus Ride Time: *No input was received for this factor.*

### Eligibility for Ridership

#### Preserve

- Prefer Jr. High stay on CBE transport.
- Concern kids will not be put in appropriate programs based on parent affordability.
- High School students stay on Calgary Transit.

#### Flexibility

- Consider Jr. Highs take Calgary Transit -> concern about bus transfers.
- Parents that choose alternative programs should cover transportation costs.
- Would like to see a focus on accommodating kids in their community schools.



### Bell Times

#### Flexibility

- Can we stagger bell times without increasing costs of adding more buses?

### Number and Location of Pick-Up Stops

#### Flexibility

- Congregated stops are not preferred when it significantly increases travel distance for kids.
- Consider removing stops on main roads with busy traffic and safety is a concern.

Access to Waivers: *No input was received for this factor.*

### User Fees

#### Preserve

- Prefer Jr. High stay on yellow buses (gr. 7-9).

#### Flexibility

- Parents that choose an alt. program/school outside of the community should cover costs for transportation.
- Consider Jr. Highs take Calgary transit – this is tax deductible.
- Would pay more if tax deductible.
- A tiered system based on program would be preferred.

#### Observation

- Calgary Transit is a tax write-off, while CBE transportation is not-> is there a solution to this?
- Designated schools change and can force kids to be transported by bus.



**Low Ridership Routes**

**Flexibility**

- Advertise routes so parents can see if a bus goes by their school on route to another.

**Two- or Three-Year Implementation Plan for Changes:** *No input was received for this factor.*

**Other:** *No input was received for this factor.*



## Public and Parents Engagement Evaluation – Dr. Gordon Higgins School

To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements:

**P1) I was encouraged to share my thoughts and/or feedback during this engagement.**

5 Agree    2 Somewhat Agree    0 Somewhat Disagree    0 Disagree    0 Not Applicable

**P2) I was able to ask questions and learn about the opportunity for input/feedback prior to my participation in this engagement.**

5 Agree    1 Somewhat Agree    0 Somewhat Disagree    0 Disagree    1 Not Applicable

**P3) I had the information I needed to participate in a meaningful way.**

3 Agree    3 Somewhat Agree    1 Somewhat Disagree    0 Disagree    0 Not Applicable

**P4) I was able to provide input on the best way for me to share my thoughts and ideas.**

4 Agree    1 Somewhat Agree    0 Somewhat Disagree    1 Disagree    1 Not Applicable

**P5) I clearly understand all of the factors being considered in the decision making process and which of these factors I can and cannot influence.**

3 Agree    3 Somewhat Agree    1 Somewhat Disagree    0 Disagree    0 Not Applicable

**P6) My input was documented as part of the engagement process.**

5 Agree    1 Somewhat Agree    0 Somewhat Disagree    0 Disagree    1 Not Applicable



**P7) What did you like most about this engagement?**

- Opportunity to engage in the discussion.
- Informative.
- Everyone was able to voice their opinion.
- Getting information that is needed.
- Informative.
- Small group.
- Having transportation and other key people to answer questions as they come up.

**P8) What did you like least about this engagement?**

- Very rigid format – not really able to give my suggestions freely. Need more information at the beginning for starting discussions. Ex. Pd for 2.4 km distance from Province.
- Time issue for each topic.
- Not sure if this will work.
- I felt like my question about how 30m plus 16m equals total cost of 48m wasn't answered. I don't understand how 2m fees waived is a busing cost?
- Nothing.