

TRANSPORTATION
BUDGET REVIEW TEAM
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2007-2008

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
BUDGET REVIEW TEAM RECOMMENDATION
FY 2007- 2008

Budget Review Team: Transportation	Priority No: 1
Department Name: Transportation Operations	Account Code: Various
Program Description:	Student Transportation
Team Recommendation:	Implement a fee for student transportation

Brief Description:

Generate \$947,600 in revenue by charging students \$115.00 annually to ride the school bus; fees capped at \$345.00 per family. Students eligible for free and reduced meals would be exempt. It is estimated that fees would be collected for 10,080 students. Approximately \$340,000 (lease purchase cost of \$70,000 per year) would need to be spent on equipment in the first year and \$107,600 for 2.5 FTE additional staff to collect fees and issue bus passes is required.

Criteria for Recommendation:

A budget reduction of 5% would require the elimination of approximately 16 routes or 48 runs; only students who ride regular routes would be impacted because special education transportation is required under federal law. The team felt that elimination of bus routes would put these students safety in jeopardy if they were required to walk to and from school. The team believes that it would be safer to add a fee for students to ride the bus rather than eliminate routes.

Expected Outcomes/ Advantages:

Generate additional revenue - approximately \$947,600 annually
Increased security

Impact on Services:

- Some families may choose not to pay the fee; this would result in students walking along or crossing hazardous routes to get to school.
- More congestion at schools due to increased parent drop off and pick up
- Expectation of higher level of service because of the charge i.e. shorter distance to stops, shorter ride times, less tolerance of delays due to congestion, weather etc.
- Significant implementation cost
 - Equipment costs (\$340,000)
 - The need and ability to hire temporary staff to verify eligibility and issue passes
- Increase in the number of requests for bus service from families that are not currently eligible for service.

Use costing information provided by Budget Department on the Request for Costing form. (Brackets used for expenditure reductions or revenue enhancement.)

Cost Computation and Staffing Description Total Staffing FTE

Personnel Costs \$ 107,600

1 - TOTEM 10 and 1.5 - TOTEM 9

- ▣ Purchased Services \$ 34,000
Annual software and maintenance fee
- ▣ Supplies \$

Others -Describe

- ▣ Equipment \$ 70,000
Lease Purchase of RFID card readers to be installed in 170 buses total cost of equipment \$340,000.

Other costs \$

Total:		\$ (211,600)
Revenues:	10,080 passes @ \$115.00	\$ 1,159,200
Total Revenue		\$ 947,600