



SPS TRANSPORTATION

WORK GROUP MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 6, 2021

- Transportation presentation by Joe Clark
- Table talk—questions and ideas related to the presentation

QUESTIONS FROM THE GROUP

- Do electric buses with more battery weight create less structural integrity?
- Infrastructure—will it be more cost-effective to convert from fossil fuel to hydrogen?
- What is a like-sized school district who owns their own fleet?
- What do we do now to be ready for 2035?
- What are the actual costs for contracting with Durham?
- How long would it take—from idea to operations—for a directly operated system?
- What is a general cost comparison for contract vs. district-owned?
- What is a good example of high efficiency and high satisfaction? Often, the two compete.

THOUGHTS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE GROUP

- Re: riding STA—how do we make parents as comfortable as possible—consider the connection points (safety, efficiency).
- We need to see a needs vs. cost comparison.
- Consider feeder pattern hubs—vans and shuttles to the hub where students get on buses.
- Work with STA/incorporate STA.
- Issues: environment, equity, unhappy customers, efficiency/on-time, cost.

WHAT IS AHEAD OF US

- Next meeting: January 10, 2022
- Future meetings: January 24, February 7, February 28, March 14
- Questions or concerns: Becky Doughty, rebeccado@spokaneschools.org