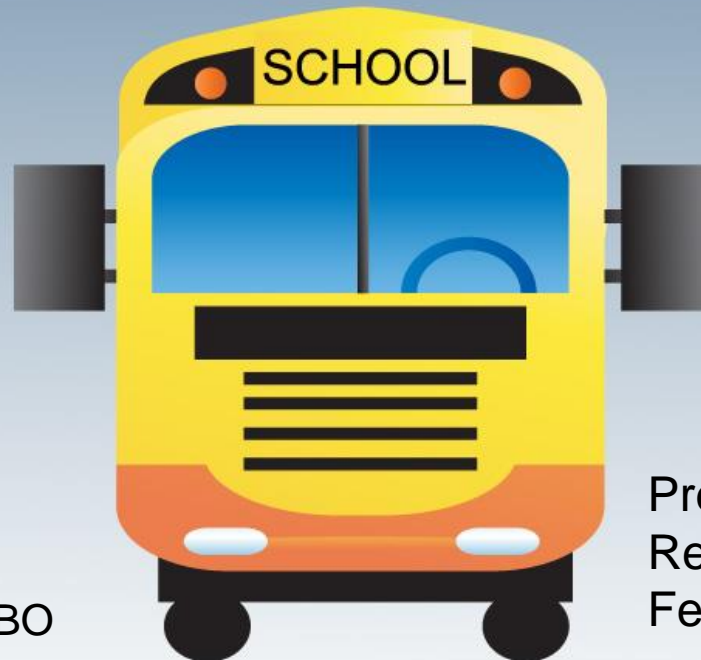


TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – 2019-20



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BACKGROUND





Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

BP/AR 3250	Transportation Fees
BP/ 3540	Transportation
AR 3541	Transportation Routes and Services
AR 3541.1	Transportation for School-Related Trips
BP/AR 3541.2	Transportation for Students with Disabilities
AR 3543	Transportation Safety and Emergencies



Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, *continued...*

BP/AR	KEY PROVISIONS		
3250 - Transportation Fees	Fees may be charged for home-to-school transportation. Board shall approve fee schedules annually	Fee shall be waived for students with demonstrated financial need	No fee shall be charged for students with disabilities
3540 – Transportation	“In determining the extent to which the district will provide transportation services, the Board shall weigh student and community needs against the cost of providing such services.”	“The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board economical, environmentally sustainable, and appropriate means of providing transportation services.”	The Board may purchase, rent or lease vehicles; or contract for transportation services



Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, *continued...*

BP/AR	KEY PROVISIONS	
3541 Transportation Routes and Services	“The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses, and decreased traffic in and around the schools.”	Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below: TK-3: ¾ mile 4-8: 1 mile 9-12: 2 miles



Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, *continued...*

BP/AR	KEY PROVISIONS	
3541.2 Transportation for Students with Disabilities	“The district shall provide appropriate transportation services (at no cost) for a student with disabilities when the district is the student’s district of residence and the transportation services are required by his/her individualized education plan (IEP) or Section 504 accommodation plan.”	District shall provide the IEP team with information about transportation service. Modes can include school bus, using public transportation, contracted transportation, parent transportation (e.g. with reimbursed mileage, etc.)



2019-20 Transportation Services

- Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD) has provided services since January 1, 2018 (current agreement terminates: **June 30, 2020**)
- NVUSD provides two buses (SHUSD owns one bus) for a total of three maintained buses, and three drivers
- Services include driver training, bus maintenance, and administrative costs
- NVUSD has also provided limited field trip transportation
- Zum Transportation provides services for SHUSD students attending non-public schools outside of St. Helena
- Calistoga transports students residing in Calistoga who attend SHUSD through a Special Education enrollment agreement



Student Ridership - NVUSD

Morning/ Afternoon:	Bus Line:	Average Number of Riders, August – December, 2019:
Morning	T-14 (Angwin) - School	55
Morning	T-15 (Berryessa) - School	24
<u>Morning</u>	<u>V-26 (In-Town) - School</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL, Morning		89
Afternoon	SHPS to Boys/Girls Club	113
Afternoon	T-14 (Angwin) – Home	48
Afternoon	T-15 (Berryessa) – Home	12
<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>V-26 (In-Town) – Home</u>	<u>10</u>
TOTAL, Afternoon		183

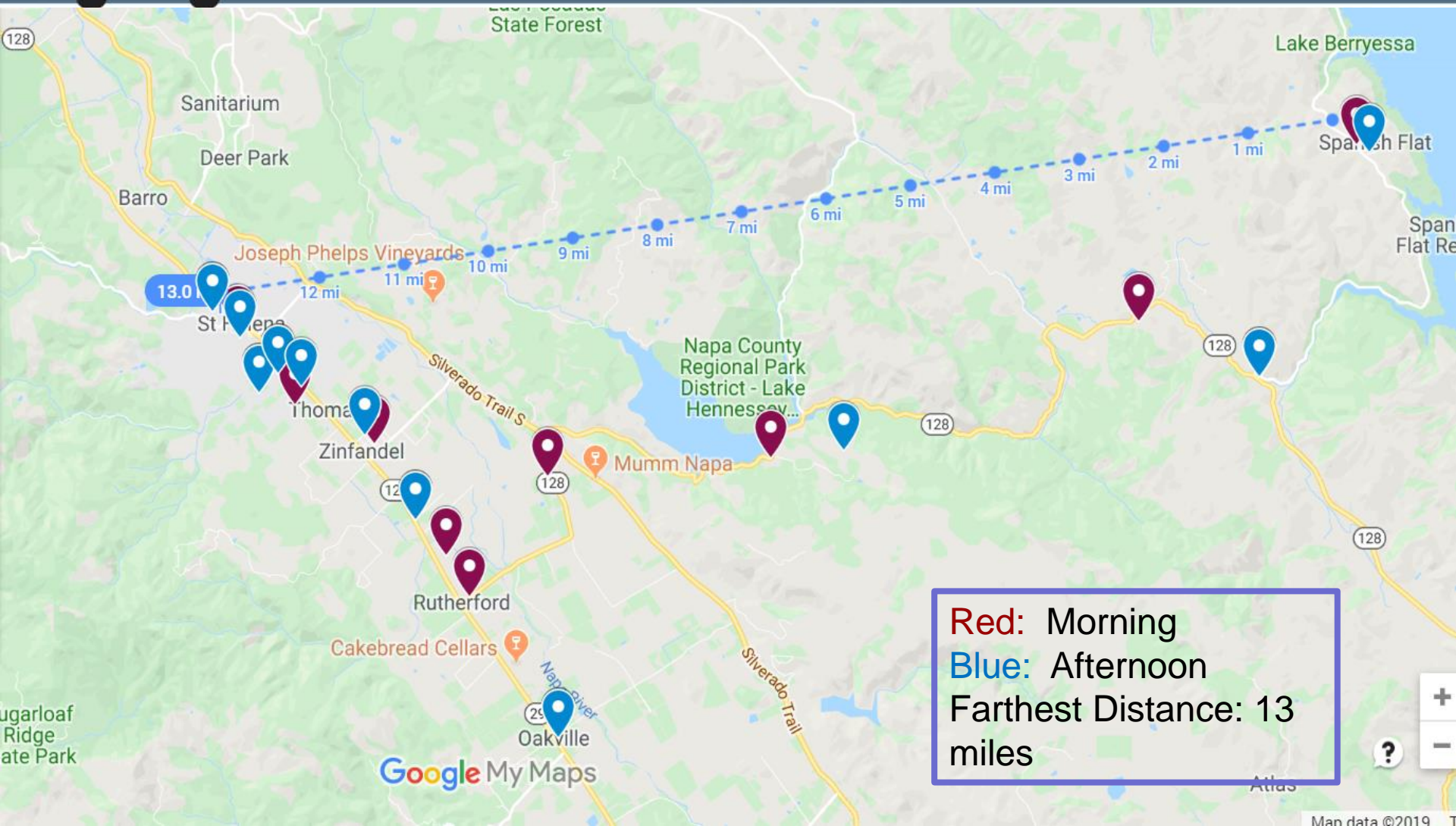


Current Routes: T-14 (Angwin)



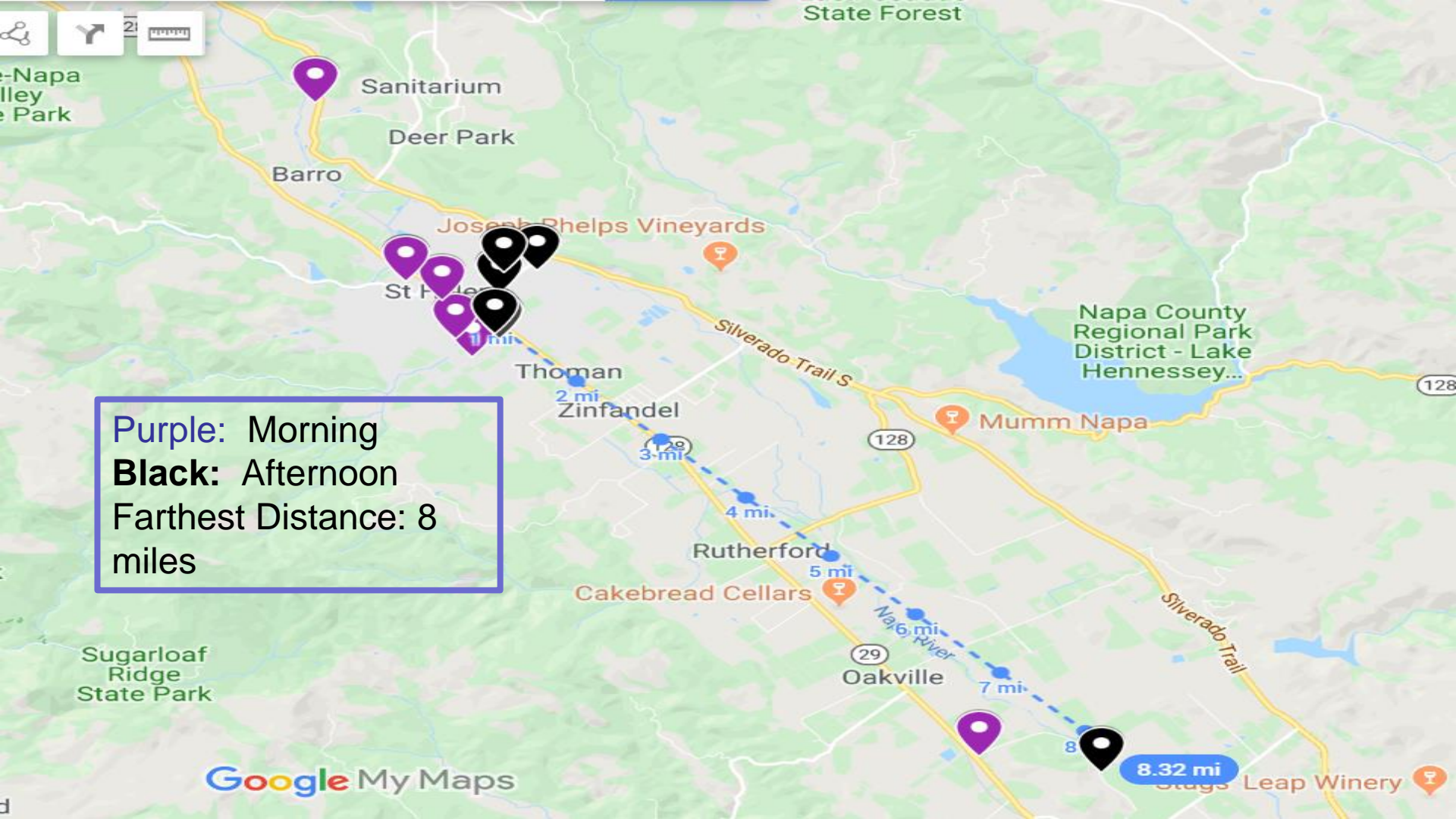


Current Routes: T-15 (Berryessa)





Current Routes: V-26 (In-Town & Wheelchair Access)





Current Costs, NVUSD

NVUSD Services, Costs:

- Actual Cost in 2018-19: **\$358,775**
- Original cost estimate for 2019-20: **\$376,240**
- Revised Estimated cost in 2019-20: **\$528,815***

* Cost increase due to driver shortage. NVUSD is contracting with *Michael's Transportation* for outsourced staffing. The increase was included in the 2019-20 First Interim Report





Transportation Challenges

- NVUSD will not continue to provide transportation services to SHUSD after June 30, 2020 due to a shortage of drivers (nationwide challenge)
- Cost of providing home-to-school transportation rises each year (staffing, fuel)
- Establishing our own transportation program would also pose staffing challenges due to the national, statewide and local driver shortage, dispatch needs, etc.
- Large bus companies (*First Student, Durham, Michael's Transportation*) don't have the capacity to provide full services for SHUSD (unless in conjunction with a local larger contract)
- West County Transportation Agency (a Joint Powers Authority serving districts in Sonoma County): Doesn't have the staffing to take on new partners right now – may be an option in the future



Next Steps/Timeline

➤ February 13, 2020:

- Contract with *Pupil Transportation Information, LLC* for a transportation analysis on the Consent Agenda (contract under \$25,000)
 - ✓ The current 2019-20 Transportation Budget is adequate to absorb the cost of the study without requiring a budget increase
 - ✓ Needed to address required Special Education transportation at a minimum
 - ✓ Will include possible collaborative options with Calistoga Joint Unified School District
- Initial Board discussion

➤ March 12, 2020

- **Board update on transportation (information only)**

➤ April 2, 2020

- Board review of transportation analysis

➤ May 6, 2020

- Possible Board action

➤ Ongoing: Update parents, staff



CONSIDERATION POINTS: 2020-21 AND BEYOND





Consideration Points - Level of Service

Possible Options

- A. Continue providing the same level of transportation services
- B. Provide transportation services, but reduce the number of stops/decrease the distance
- C. Only provide transportation service for SHPS students to the Boys and Girls Club (and legally required Special Education services) – walking distance between SHPS and SHES: 1.1 miles
- D. Eliminate home-to-school transportation services (exception: legally-required Special Education transportation)



Consideration Points – Service Delivery

Possible Options

- A. Contract with *Michael's Transportation* (or another company) for staffing
 - Purchase or lease additional busses as needed based on level of service
 - Contract with a local mechanic certified to perform bus maintenance (or with NVUSD just for these services)

- B. Hire district drivers/standby driver/dispatch
 - Purchase (or lease) additional busses
 - Contract out for training, repairs

NOTE: Cost for continuing current level of service – approximately **\$500,000/year** using either Michael's Transportation or district staffing



Additional Consideration Points:

- A. Provide transportation for one (or more) years at the same (or reduced) level of service to give parents time to plan?
- B. Continue to monitor other options, e.g. larger bus companies, the West County Transportation JPA, etc. (costs about the same for current level of service)?





Resources

- California Department of Education – Transportation
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn/>
- California Department of Education – Special Education Transportation Guidelines
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/lr/trnsprtgdlns.asp>
- National Association for Pupil Transportation – Driver Shortage Study, 2016
https://www.napt.org/files/driver_shortage_presentation_keyfindings.pdf



Questions?

