

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Scheduled Bus Arrival Times at Dublin High School – Follow-Up

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Action Requested

This is an informational item.

Background

At the August Projects & Services Committee meeting, directors inquired as to the reason that the Wheels supplemental 500-series routes arrive relatively early at Dublin High School (DHS) vs. the school's bell time.

Following up on this at the September and October meetings, Staff outlined the reasons that the buses are scheduled this way, and stated that this is being done so that those buses (and drivers) can perform two school routes during their morning runs in order to maximize the agency's limited resources.

Responding to this, Committee Chair Josey suggested that Staff look into the possibility of linking school routes within Pleasanton, instead of from Dublin (Dublin High School) to Pleasanton (Hart Middle School), so that the DHS routes could be moved closer to the school bell time.

Discussion and Conclusion

Staff reviewed the possibility of linking (interlining) the school routes serving the high schools in Pleasanton with the middle school routes in Pleasanton. While this is something that could help increase the efficiency of Agency resources, it would require considerable changes to the Pleasanton schedules in the middle of the academic year. And due to its logistical magnitude, significant lead time would be required as well, making this kind of change better suited for potential implementation at the start of the next school year.

However, as discussed at the October meeting, it *will* be feasible to mitigate the issue at hand by tightening up the allotted running time for the last segment of the a.m. DHS routes, and schedule the preceding portions of the trip(s) for ~8 minutes later. While the formal arrival time at the school would be the same as currently (except for the #503; see below), this will effectively save ~8 minutes of travel time for students compared to the current schedule.

In line with the request from Committee Chair Josey at the last meeting, Route 503 will be prioritized, and scheduled for an arrival to DHS at 8:05a – very close to the “ideal” arrival time of ~8:10a.

This will become the setup for the spring semester, after which Staff will reassess the available resources – including consideration for more interlining between school routes within Pleasanton.

Recommendation

This is an information item only.