

South Brookline BHS School Transportation

FY22 Budget and Service Discussion



SOBRO BHS Budget Summary

| FY 20 BHS Service Budget | Cost per Day/ Fee | Days/ Payers | \$ Per Bus |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 2 Buses, Up to 4 hrs per day | \$435 | (180 days x 2 buses) =360 | \$ 156,600 |
| User Fee - (Went to GF Revenue) | \$400 | 120 | \$ 56,900 |
| True cost of BHS Busing | | | \$ 99,700 |

| FY22 Service w/ Revolving Fund | Cost per Day/ Fee | Days/ Payers | \$ Per Bus |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Buses, 4 hrs per day | \$480 | 360 | \$ 172,800 |
| User Fee Revolving | \$ 400 | 150 | \$ 60,000 |
| Net Cost of Level Service BHS Busing | | | \$ 112,800 |



Why is there a bus fee for BHS?

- Bus service for HS students in cities or towns is not required by [statute](#) or School Committee [policy](#)
- In 2018 Multiple Groups and the School Committee [supported](#) funding for adding the service with a cost share to families as part of the FY19 Override vote
- [2018 Survey](#) of South Brookline families indicated a need/want for the service and willingness to pay some level of a user fee
- The fee was set at \$400 for FY20/21
- PSB Administration is not requesting a fee increase for FY22



Why did the BHS bus service change from prior years?

- Parents made clear the the need for round trip reliable service
 - Former service was AM only, shuttle bus, first come first serve
 - Concerns about MBTA access, PM only, capacity and reliability
- [Survey](#) indicated/supported individual concerns and anecdotal stories for providing consistent round trip BHS bus service in South Brookline



South Brookline Bus Data

- SOBRO Students Reside in Baker, Baker/Heath, Heath, and the Baker/Heath/Runkle/Lincoln Zones
- 496 students in Grades 9 - 12 for 2019-20
- 141 Students registered for BHS bus service 19-20
- About 30% of the zoned population for 2019-20
- Ridership dropped to 40% of FY20 Levels in FY 21
- 505 students from South Brookline are expected to be in Grades 9-12 at BHS for 2021-22
- 145-155 Anticipated registered riders for 2021-22



South Brookline Bus Data

- Students residing 1.5 miles or more from BHS are eligible for this optional service
- 55 Seats available for HS students on a bus
- Buses can make two runs in AM and PM, so that is 110 reserved seats per bus
- Due to dynamic BHS student schedules, not all students ride every day
- We have flexibility in the PM and Late PM buses for students and expect that to continue with similar registration totals for 2021/22
- We do not overbook trips for paying customers



Questions / Comments

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