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Transportation Services Plan Updated for 2024-25

Per Education Code (EC) Section 39800.1, as a condition of receiving apportionments for Transportation Services (under EC Section 41850.1), a local educational agency shall develop a plan describing the transportation services. The plan shall be adopted by the governing board of the local educational agency on or before APRIL 1 of each year. The plan may provide for the local educational agency to partner with a municipally owned transit system to provide service pursuant to this section to middle school and high school pupils. Nothing in a local educational agency's plan shall preclude a local educational agency from providing no-cost transit passes to pupils.

Established in 1885, Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) educates nearly 65,000 students, from preschool to high school, in 85 schools located in the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, and Avalon on Catalina Island. Approximately 58% of students are Latino, 13% African American, 13% white, 7% Asian, 4% Multiple Race, 3% Filipino, 1% Pacific Islander, and 0.2% American Indian/Alaskan Native, with the remainder in other categories. Approximately 14% of students are English Learners, 63% socioeconomically disadvantaged, and 9% homeless/foster youth.

The LBUSD provides families with the option to have their children attend a school other than their neighborhood school through the District Wide School of Choice process. The program is voluntary and is conducted at school sites based on space availability and a random selection of applications. Students and families that elect to participate in the school of choice program acknowledge that transportation to their school of choice will not be provided by the district.

- 1. Enter description of your district's plan of the transportation services it will offer to pupils, and how it will prioritize transportation services for pupils in transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and any of grades 1 to 6, inclusive, and pupils who are low income.**

Transportation Plan for 2024-25:

In April 2023, the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach Transit, and LA Metro extended a pilot program to provide every LBUSD student access to a free 'GoPass' transit card. This program is offered through LA Metro and allows participating students to ride LA Metro and other participating transit systems to and from school, and for trips after school and on weekends free of charge. The extended

pilot GoPass program is scheduled to continue through the end of June 2024. The district's annual expenditures for the 'GoPass' program are \$403,752.

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If the LA Metro GoPass program is not offered, the District has developed a detailed Transportation Plan that provides transportation support to the targeted group of English Learners, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and homeless/foster students that have not voluntarily elected to participate in the School Choice Program and are attending their designated home school of residence. In addition, the transportation plan will further limit transportation offerings to only those students that reside more than:

- Elementary (TK-6 grade) – Greater than 1.5 Miles from school of attendance.
- Middle School (7-8 grade) – Greater than 2.5 Miles from school of attendance
- High School (9-12 grade) – Greater than 3.0 Miles from school of attendance

To meet the needs of students that qualify for these transportation services, the district will partner with Regional Transportation Agencies to provide transit passes that allow pass holders to use all local and regional public transportation services free of charge. The district's annual expenditures for the program are expected to be \$850,500.

2. Enter a description of your district's transportation services that would be accessible to pupils with disabilities, and homeless children and youth.

Transportation Plan for 2024-25:

Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) is committed to creating schools that are inclusive of all students and the diversity of needs that exist in our region, and we give particular focus to the inclusion of students with disabilities. To support all students, the district maintains a Transportation Plan that provides specialized services that are tailored to the individual students as detailed in each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). All students eligible for transportations services through their IEP are provided those services daily. The district's annual expenditure for the program is expected to be \$14.4 million.

The LBUSD Homeless Education program provides mental health assessment and support, uniform assistance, backpacks, school supplies, personal necessities, tutoring, district and community resources and referrals, advocacy, enrollment support, and any other assistance students may need to access their education in the same way as their housed peers. To further aid TK-12 grade students participating in the Homeless Education program, the LBUSD Transportation Plan includes provisions to

provide transit passes to each student. These passes allow pass holders to use all local and regional public transportation services free of charge. In addition, transit passes will be provided to one parent of every TK-6 Homeless Education student participating in the program. The district's annual expenditure for the program is expected to be \$3 million.

The district intends to continue the same level of services as detailed for fiscal year 2024-2025.

3. Enter description of how unduplicated pupils would be able to access available home-to-school transportation at no cost to the pupils.

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4. Your plan must be developed in consultation with classified staff, teachers, school administrators, regional local transit authorities, local air pollution

control districts and air quality management districts, parents, pupils, and other stakeholders. Enter a description of your plan consultation with those parties.

In 2022, the district solicited comments and feedback on the details of this plan from various stakeholder groups. Feedback received was taken into consideration and incorporated into the final plan presented to the LBUSD Board of Education.

- District Community Advisory Committee (DCAC) - Committee composed of a broad range of persons and with a particular involvement of the parents/guardian of children who participate in Title I funded programs.
- District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) - Parents or guardians of English learners.
- Student Groups - Superintendent's RSVP Student Group and other student stakeholder groups.
- California School Employees Association - Labor Union representing LBUSD service and school support staff.
- Teachers Association of Long Beach (TALB) - Labor Union representing LBUSD certificated employees including classroom teachers and other support staff.
- California Air Resources Board (CARB) - Lead agency for climate change programs and oversees all air pollution control efforts in California.
- South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) - Regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.
- LA Metro - The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is the state agency that plans, operates, and coordinates funding for most of the transportation system in Los Angeles County, California.

Exhibit A - Estimated Annual Reimbursement and Program Expenditures

2024-25 Home-to-School (HTS) Transportation Reimbursement Calculations	
A. Total 2023-24 Transportation Expenses (Function 3600)	\$16,434,500
B. Total 2023-24 Capital Outlay (Object 6xxx, Function 3600)	\$0
C. Total 2023-24 Nonagency Expenditures (Goal 7110,7150, Function 3600)	\$0
D. Estimated 60% Reimbursement	\$9,860,700
E. Less 2022-23 Transportation Add-on from LCFF (if>0, the Transportation Allowance shall be zero)	\$5,029,976
Total 2024-25 HTS Transportation Reimbursement Calculation (Object 8590, Resource 0000)	\$4,830,724

2024-25 Projected Expenditures and Other Financial Uses	
2000-2999: Classified Salaries	0
3000-3999: Employee Benefits	0
4000-4999: Books and Supplies	\$8,000
5000-5999: Services and Other Operating Expenditures	\$17,249,400
6000-6999: Capital Outlay	0
7000-7999: Other Outgoing	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$17,257,400