



MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Transportation Subcommittee
Thursday, November 19, 2025 at 8:30 am
Zoom

Present: Chair - Marsha Shufrin, Kathryn Shertzer, Skipper Manter, Kelly Scott
Transportation: Transportation Director - Troy Vanderhoop*, Assistant Transportation Director - Chyenne Ward, Transportation Office Assistant - Jenn Shattuck
MVRHS: Principal - Sean Mulvey, Finance Director - Suzanne Cioffi, Director of Operations - Sam Hart
Supt's Office: Superintendent - Richie Smith*, School Business Administrator - Mark Friedman
Recorder: Rebecca Claussen
*indicates late arrival

Please note: All business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action.

(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity)

I. Call to Order

Chair Marsha Shufrin called this meeting to order at 8:32 am.

II. ApTransportation Dept - Update

Marsha moved on to item III as the updates are budget related.

III. Transportation Negotiations - Update

Skipper spoke to the negotiations update. There are essentially two groups that have been meeting, as Skipper refers to them, the yellow bus group which encompasses the CDL drivers and the white bus group which generally provides the special needs transportation and the Project Headway students. The yellow bus group changes are going from a per run payment to an hourly rate, there are no disagreements about the change but the calculations for retirement, payroll and other items cause some minor blips that have to be worked through, similarly to putting a square peg in a round hole so having to shave a little off to make it work. There has not been pushback from the drivers, there are just a lot of complexities to work through while maintaining a pay increase, it is possible that to do that there may need to be a twice a year stipend or adjustment to make sure there is no loss, while also staying in the allowable amount within the budget. The hoped projection is to bring it to the High School Committee in January and vote on it during the February meeting.

IV. Transportation Dept FY27 Budget

Mark spoke to the recent budget updates and moved the FY27 budget assumptions forward, but they are not yet final. The shaded in blue items are the items that changed from version one. The administrators salary is updated for the current staffing, which decreased a little bit. Special Education transportation routes have been provided by Chyenne so these numbers have some of the projected pay rates for next year, but this is still in negotiations, which shows an increase of about \$42,000. Another area that changed from the last version is the non-reimbursable on island activities because of the summer programs requested, in addition to the standard on island activities and the projected pay rates for those programs. Mark also updated what some of those reimbursements might look like as some of the expenses have increased. Mark believes he will need one more version of the budget for final recommendations but he currently shows about a \$240,000 increase to this budget. Marsha asked Mark if he was able to provide further information on the vehicles, to

which Mark replied there is no vehicle update at this time but will be meeting to discuss what vehicle purchases can come from the Rural Aid Grant. Mark asked if there was any additional input in regards to leasing versus buying and there still needs to be some consideration to electrifying the fleet. Mark will reach out to the vehicle vendor to see if there are any good options for the district at this time. There is a Toyota Prius that needs to be replaced and will look to replace it with a Hybrid Toyota Rav4 as there is nowhere for an electric vehicle to be charged for us in the Steamship Authority lot where it is stored. Mark will also look further into after market electric vehicles and how those are operating. The School Building Committee is aware of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure issues that are currently faced by the school and will follow up on it. Marsha asked for confirmation on the mileage on the Toyota Prius's that are off island, which Jenn and Chyenne will work to gather that information. Skipper wanted to speak to the infrastructure for the electric buses, as the location is currently maxed out on power to charge any more electric buses than we currently have. This topic was brought up at the School Building Committee meeting last night but there did not seem to be a lot of enthusiasm for it given the location is on the east side of Sanderson Road, which is not getting a lot of attention for this project for a lot of reasons, but they did say they would see what they might be able to encompass within the project for this need. Skipper intends to bring this up at the next School Committee meeting, requesting this be a part of the project because it needs to be done, based on the commitment to the community. It could be proposed as an ad alternative so that it is bid on outside of the project but can still be included in the project, which has happened before for other projects. Kathryn agreed with Skipper in regards to the commitment to electrify the fleet and it needs to be figured out, given it was another large project that was tabled due to the building project, similarly to the field updates being tabled. It is Mark's understanding that at least one town believes that the new funding formula is designed specifically for the building project and not for any other projects. Sam also spoke to this topic, which is that the site work on the east side of Sanderson would take the project outside the cap for reimbursement by the MSBA. There still needs to be consideration about where the bus lot is going to end up, and there are some suggestions to move it to a new location all together and the Huntress Design could be revisited to see what the options suggested were. It would be unfortunate to electrify the current lot and then in a couple of years decide it would be better suited in a new location. Richie agrees this conversation needs to be revisited but capacity should also be something that needs to be addressed, given this would add another major project that needs to be done and the folks like Mark Friedman that are working on these large projects are already so busy with the current projects.

V. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

No unanticipated topics for this meeting.

VI. Public Comment'

No public comment for this meeting.

VII. Executive Session: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel;

Did not enter into executive session this meeting.

Votes Required

VIII. Adjournment

Skipper Manter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kelly Scott. Roll Call: Shertzer - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shurfin - Aye, Scott - Aye.
Motion Passes: 4-0-0

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Claussen

Date of Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2025

Appendix A: Documents on File

- 1. 11.19.25Transportation Sub-Committee Agenda**
- 2. DRAFT Transportation Subcommittee 110625**

Appendix B: Zoom A.I. Next Steps

- 1. SKIPPER: Post the high school budget subcommittee meeting for Monday at 5:30 PM right after this meeting**
- 2. Rebecca: Double check that the minutes from the last meeting are in the folder**
- 3. Suzanne: Find out what "AP Transportation Department update" means on the agenda**
- 4. Mark: Provide one more version of the budget before final recommendations**
- 5. Mark: Meet internally on Thursday to determine what vehicles may come out of the rural school aid money**
- 6. Mark: Reach out to vehicle vendor to check options for electric vehicles and greening the fleet**
- 7. Mark: Get updated mileage information for the Priuses, particularly the off-island vehicles**
- 8. Cheyenne: Look into the mileage discrepancies for the vehicles**
- 9. Mark: Provide budget assumptions to Suzanne after this meeting so there's a placeholder for Monday night**
- 10. Mark: Send All Island transportation information to Suzanne for the soups part**
- 11. Committee: Meet again on Thursday, December 4th at 8:30 AM to finalize transportation budget assumptions**