

Action Item - 29

Title: Amendment of Contract with Various Vendors for Cab and School Vehicle Transportation for Students (\$126,400,749)

Board of Education Meeting Date: 5/29/2025

Action Under Consideration

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or their designee, to execute and perform an amendment of a contract, subject to funding, as follows:

With:

EverDriven Technologies, LLC. f/k/a ALC Schools
Battle's Transportation, Inc.
City Cab Co., Inc.
CPC Management
Eagles Dispatch, LLC
HopSkipDrive
Lyta Corporation
Mercy Transportation, Inc.
Montco Transportation
Philly Transportation, LLC
Reliable Transit, Inc.
Sarah Car Care
THG Transport, Inc.
Yellowbird Bus Company, Inc.

Purpose:

Taxicab and van transportation for students to and from school, and attendants for routes as required by the Individual Education Plans

Originally Authorized Start date: 7/1/2019

Originally Authorized End date: 6/30/2025

Amended Authorized End Date: 6/30/2026

Currently Authorized Compensation: \$251,493,230

Additional Compensation by Contractor:

All entities will be paid out of the additional aggregate amount not to exceed \$126,400,749 from 7/1/2025 through 6/30/2026

Total new Compensation: \$377,893,979

Location:

Various Schools

Renewal Option(s):

N/A

Description:**Why is this contract needed?**

The Department of Transportation Services is seeking to continue contracts with various cab and alternative vehicle vendors that provide transportation for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) or other special education-related needs. These vendors offer essential transportation services when required by law or when determined to be the most cost-effective option. The contract covers a growing number of specialized routes—rising from 438 in 2019 to over 1,100 today—and is proposed to be increased by \$126,400,749 and extended through June 30, 2026.

The demand for transportation services for students with special education needs, as well as those requiring McKinney-Vento and foster care services, has more than tripled since 2019, growing from 438 to over 1,100 routes. A new RFP for these services has been issued; however, the timeline for proposal evaluation, Board approval, and contract execution means that new contracts are not anticipated to begin until July 1, 2026. Therefore, this extension through June 30, 2026, is essential to permit uninterrupted transportation services during the 2025 Extended School Year (ESY) and throughout the 2025–26 school year. To maintain accountability and high-quality service delivery, the District continues to evaluate vendor performance through quarterly audits and feedback from schools and families.

How is this work connected to the District's plan to achieve Goals & Guardrails?

This contract directly supports the Board of Education's Guardrail 1. Welcoming and Supportive Schools.

If this is the continuation of a contract, how has success been measured in the past, and what specific information do we have to show that it was successful?

The success of the Cab and Alternative Vehicle contracts has been measured by each vendor's ability to safely and reliably transport eligible students with special needs. Key performance indicators include on-time performance, safety compliance, and customer feedback. Transportation Services conducts quarterly audits, uses GPS to monitor routing efficiency, and collects input from families and schools to ensure service quality. These measures have demonstrated that the contracts have effectively met the District's transportation needs in prior years.

Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

May 25, 2023; No. 44

September 23, 2021; No. 28
June 27, 2019; No. 44

Funding Source(s)

FY26 Operating

Office Originating Request:

Operations - Transportation Services