

Fairfield City School District Transportation Changes 2011-2012



Current situation

- The State of Ohio allows for a bus stop to be placed up to one-half mile from the home of a student.
- The Fairfield City School District is committed to providing service equal to or better than the service required by the State of Ohio.

Changes that have been made...

- Two years ago, we had approximately 7,900 bus stops.
- Last year, we made some reductions and increased the walk distance for students. The distance was approximately two-tenths to three-tenths of a mile. This resulted in eliminating approximately 1,700 bus stops.
- For a total of approximately 6,200 bus stops remaining for the district.

Changes that have been made...

- This school year, we eliminated bus service for High School students (10-12) and increased the walk distance to the following:
 - Approximately two-tenths to three-tenths of a mile for grades K-4
 - Up to one-half mile for grades 5-9

As a result of these changes...

- The Fairfield City School District is transporting students to and from 2,623 bus stops for the 2011-2012 school year.
- This is a reduction of over 5,000 bus stops in a two year period due to the increased walk distance and the elimination of bus service for grades 10-12. The results of these decisions:
 - elimination of 19 bus driving positions
 - approximately \$750,000 in savings.

Questions being asked...

- Why did you change the bus stops?
- Why did my bus stop get moved?
- What are you doing about speeding vehicles?
- Why aren't there bus stops at all stop signs?
- Where are the stops being located?
- What are central collection points?

Tips to keep your child safe...

- The best way for parents, guardians, and caregivers to ensure the safety of students walking to and from a bus stop is to escort them. We have always encouraged the students to walk in groups or have supervision to and from the bus stop and while waiting at the bus stop.
- Students should arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled pick up time.

Review of bus stops....

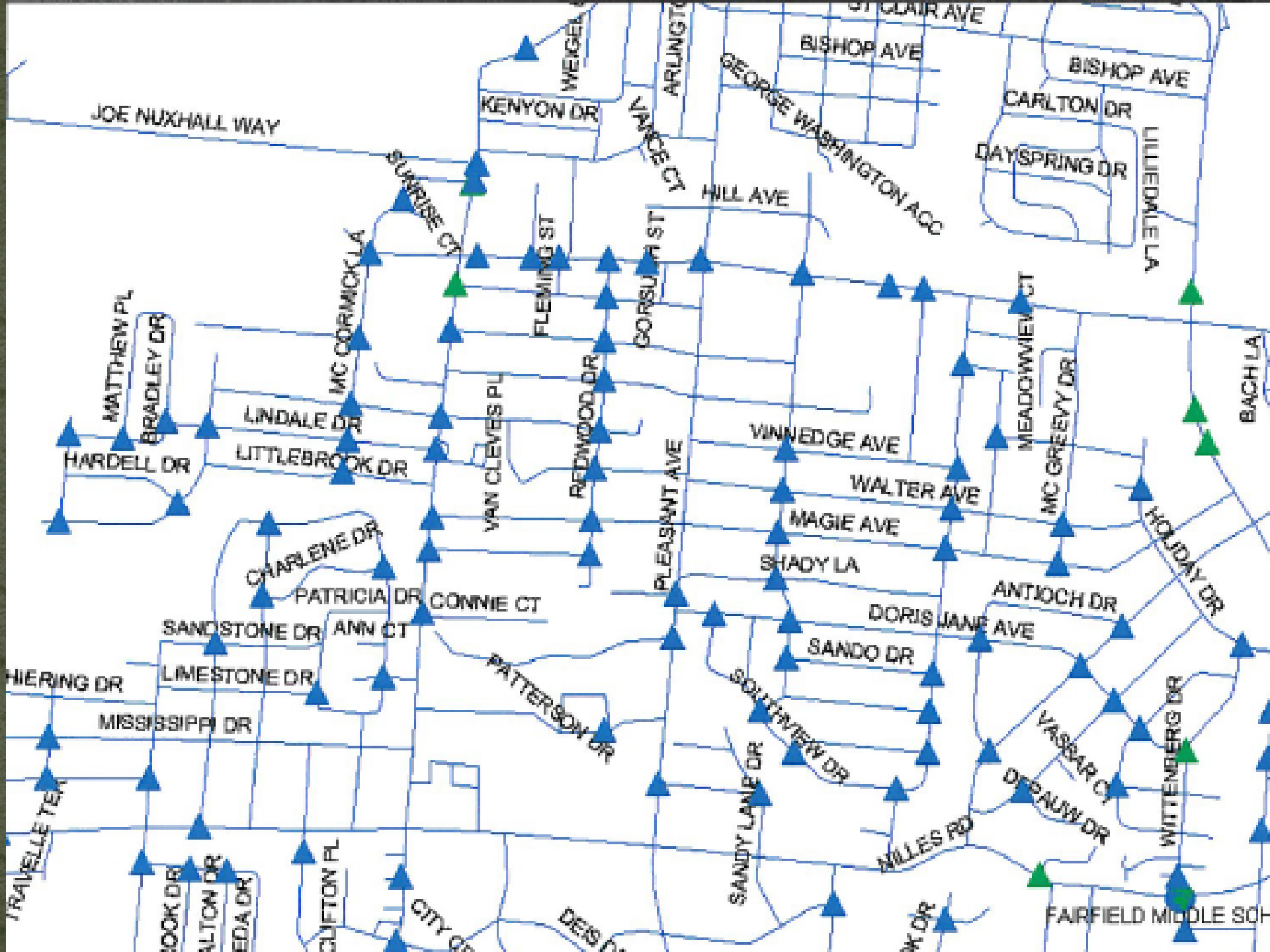
- Bill Westerbeck (Transportation Director) and Chad Lewis (Assistant Superintendent for Business) are always willing to review bus stops if an immediate safety concern exists.
- It is always our goal to review a concern within 24 hours of its receipt. Every concern is given genuine consideration including visiting the site, measuring the distance to the bus stop, and working with public safety officials if needed.

Important review information

- Can the Fairfield City School District charge for bus service?
 - No. The State of Ohio requires that the Fairfield City School District provides bus service to all students in grades K-8. They do not require bus service for grades 9-12.

Important review information

- Can the District charge non-public students for this service?
 - No. The District is required to provide this service to all students who live in Fairfield and Fairfield Township and within 30 minutes of their non-public school.



Any questions????

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