

## **Grant Transportation to Marshall FAQ's**

- ▶ When do Grant staff & students move to the Marshall Campus? As part of the 2012 PPS School Building Improvement Bond, the Grant High School Community will be relocated to the Marshall Campus for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.
- ▶ How will Grant students get to the Marshall Campus? Like Franklin students before them, most Grant Students will be able to use both private and free public transportation to reach the Marshall campus at 3905 SE 91st Ave. All Grant students are eligible for a free Portland Public Schools High School Student Transit Pass. To learn more about MAX and bus routes for your trip to the Marshall Campus check out the TriMet schedule page: http://trimet.org/schedules/index.htm or, if you're looking for the right TriMet app for your mobile device, go here: http://trimet.org/apps/index.htm The Student Transit Pass program is a partnership among TriMet, the school district and the City of Portland.
- ▶ How will special education students get to the Marshall Campus? All special education students currently receiving PPS transportation will continue to do so. Yellow bus service for special education students does not change.
- ▶ Is there a provision being made for students from certain neighborhoods where TriMet commute times to Marshall are relatively long? Portland Public Schools does not normally provide regular yellow school bus service to high schools in the District. However, the District's Transportation Department and the Office of School Modernization engaged with the Grant Design Advisory Group, Transportation Committee and conducted studies reviewing transit times to the Marshall campus from Grant boundary neighborhoods. From these studies, it was determined that for some families, there will be significant commute times to and from the school. PPS has therefore recommended a multi-tiered approach to providing transportation service to the Marshall Campus.
- ▶ What neighborhoods will get some form of school bus service and why? As part of the transportation study, the Grant attendance boundary was divided into 3 "zones" to determine service impacts and costs. The basis for determining the amount of buses needed was how many students need to be transported in each of the zones.
  - Zone 1: King, Boise Eliot/Humboldt, & Sabin School boundaries: 283 students
    These families and students at the far SE corner of the Grant boundary face significant TriMet
    commute times because there is not quick access to the direct MAX Green Line service to Marshall.
    For these attendance boundaries, supplemental yellow bus service is recommended.
  - Zone 2: Irvington and Alameda School boundaries: 503 students
     For those in the Irvington and Alameda School boundaries there are large number of students
     whose commute time to Marshall is approximately 45-50 minutes one way. These families have a
     less direct route to the MAX Green Line that provides the quickest access to the Marshall Campus.
     The transportation study determined that providing yellow bus service to a MAX station will result in
     decreased travel times for these families. PPS Transportation will be able to provide a shuttle-type
     service to MAX stations with a limited number of additional buses.
  - Zone 3: Beverly Cleary and Laurelhurst School boundaries: 459 students
     The transportation study determined that the Beverly Cleary and Laurelhurst School boundary
     students have adequate access to MAX stations and TriMet services. Like Franklin students before
     them, they will be able to use both private and free public transportation to reach the Marshall
     campus in a reasonable amount of time.
- ▶ Will buses be provided for some evening and extracurricular activities? The transportation department will be working closely with Grant administration to provide limited bus service to certain neighborhoods after the conclusion of activities and sports in the evenings. The actual stops and times will be based on ridership and how PPS can reasonably meet the needs of students.



- ▶ Has this Transportation plan been approved and funded by the School Board? The School Board's Business and Operations Committee approved the recommendation for additional services to Grant families at their meeting on February 13, 2017. These recommendations are now being communicated out to the Grant community and the public. Final approval for these services will be addressed during the PPS budget process, which will occur during the spring of 2017.
- ▶ Why isn't yellow bus service to Marshall provided to all Grant students? School transportation by yellow bus has not been provided to high school students for many decades. However, all PPS high school students are eligible for a free Portland Public Schools Student Transit Pass and many students use the system to reach campus. The modernization of Franklin and Grant High Schools and the temporary relocation of their populations to the Marshall campus has added some challenges to this system. Franklin students successfully made the transition using a combination of both private and free public transportation to reach the Marshall campus. A significant number of Grant students will also be able to access the Marshall campus with both private and free public transportation. The cost to the District to provide yellow bus service to all Grant students would be prohibitively expensive.
- ▶ What role did the members of the Grant Community play in this process? There has been engagement over the past year by staff from the Office of School Modernization with the Grant High School administration, the Grant Design Advisory Group, Transportation Committee and with families who advocated for a higher level of transportation service. This collaborative effort between the community and PPS helped shape the proposed transportation plan.

