

TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS UPDATE



- PURPOSE: To establish service standards for 2009 – 2010 school year in compliance with RCW 28A.160.010
 - PROPOSED REVISIONS:
 - ◇ Continuation of the one mile walk zone for Aki Kurose Middle School.
 - ◇ Use of neighborhood attendance area school stops for schools with a large geographical draw area.
 - ◇ Coordination of start/dismissal bell times for all schools
 - ◇ Use of mile increments vs. blocks when establishing walk distance to bus stops

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BELL TIME COORDINATION



- Rationale for adhering to coordinated bell times:
 - \$2.2 million savings
 - Council of Greater City Schools audit findings:
 - ◇ Inefficient use of available resources because bell times are not coordinated.
 - ◇ Individual schools deviate from established bell times without considering how the changes impact transportation operations.
 - ◇ Special Education programs operating on different bell times.

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- Metro support capability
 - ◇ Not all geographic areas in District are fully served by Metro and require supplemental yellow bus service. Coordinated bell times will allow for efficient use of District resources to satisfy this requirement.
 - ◇ Seat capacity issues can be more effectively addressed by yellow bus service when bell times conform throughout the District.
- Special Education routing
 - ◇ Coordinated bell times will optimize the District's ability to provide more consistent yellow bus service for Special Education students.
 - ◇ As yellow bus resources are maximized, taxi cab routes can be reduced.

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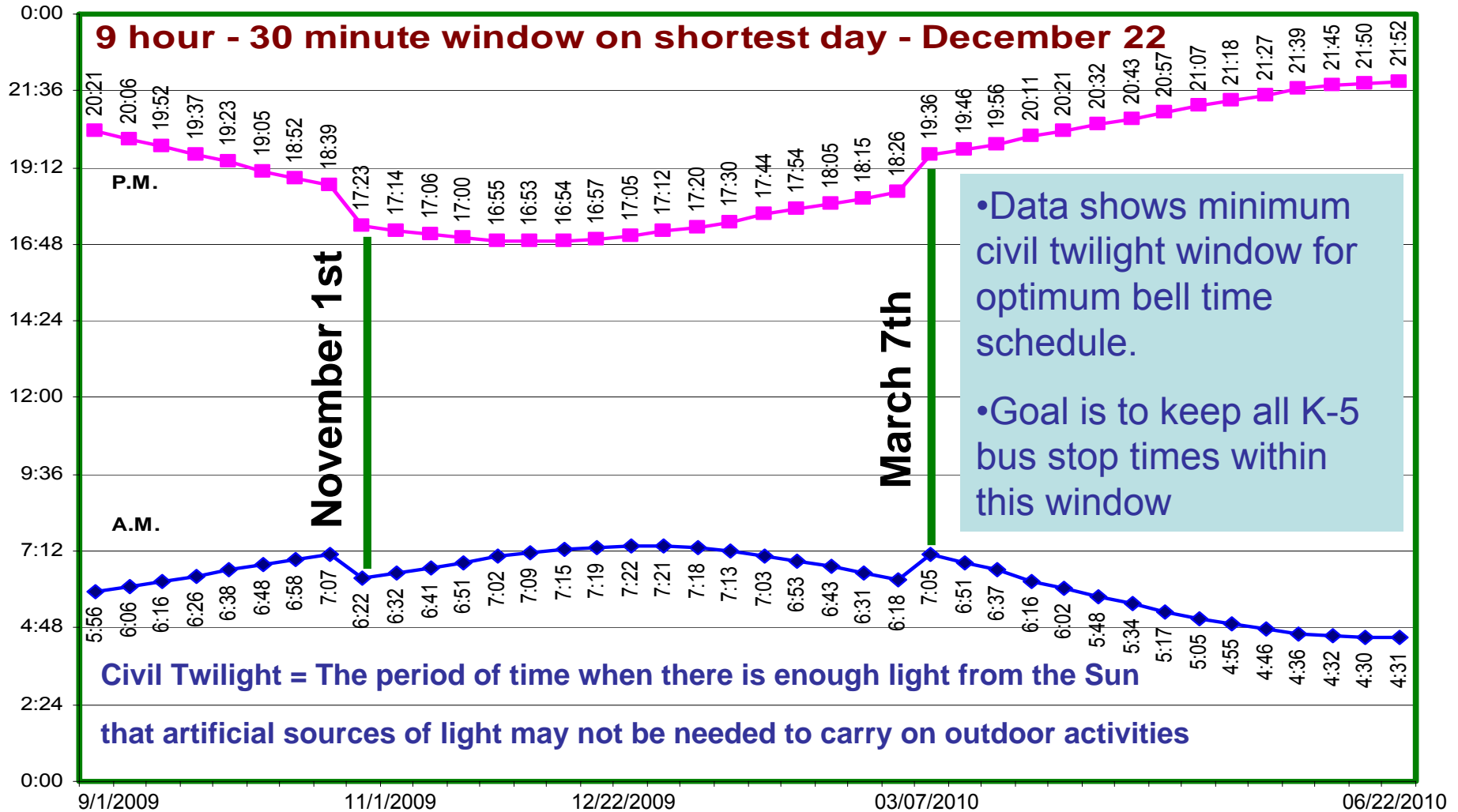
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- Driver retention / consistency
 - ◇ Current bell time schedule creates routes that only have one run in the morning & one run in the afternoon. These minimum runs are not desirable to drivers. The District experiences high driver turn-over on these routes.
 - Resulting in longer bus rides due to unfamiliarity with route as well as frequently missed bus stops.
 - Higher incidence of student behavior issues due to lack of established rapport with students and familiarity with parents.
 - ◇ Coordinated bell times allow for packaged routes with longer total hours.
 - Routes with two morning runs and two afternoon runs will be more desirable to drivers helping promote longevity on the routes.
 - This longevity on the route will provide more consistent pick-up & drop-off times.
 - Student behavior issues will be reduced as driver is able to establish stronger student & parent rapport.

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Chart of Seattle Civil Twilight Accounting for Daylight Savings



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Recommended School Day Bus Timeline



	SECONDARY & K-8	ELEMENTARY	
TIER	EARLY	LATE	
TIME	6:30	6:10	
	7:00		9 HOURS - 30 MINUTES
	ARRIVE		
	7:45		
	START		
	8:00	8:10	
		ARRIVE	
		9:05	
		START	
	END	9:20	
	2:30		
	DEPART		
	3:30	END	
		3:30	
		DEPART	
		4:30	

• SECONDARY & K-8

- GOAL FOR EARLIEST K-8 PICK UP TO BE 7:00 AM.
- K-8 TO MATCH MIDDLE SCHOOL LENGTH OF DAY.
- SECONDARY PICK UP TIMES (BASED ON LONG DISTANCE) MAY BEGIN BEFORE 7:00.

• ELEMENTARY

- GOAL FOR EARLIEST PICK UP TO BE 8:00 AM.
- DELIVERY GOAL BETWEEN 9:00 & 9:10
- FEWER PAIRED SCHOOL BUS ROUTES WILL HELP PROVIDE REDUCED STUDENT RIDE TIMES.

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RECOMMENDED FIRST TIER SCHOOLS



AKI KUROSE

NATHAN HALE

RAINIER BEACH

AS #1 K-8

HAMILTON

ROOSEVELT

BALLARD

INGRAHAM

SALMON BAY K-8

CATHERINE BLAINE K-8

JANE ADDAMS K-8

CHIEF SEALTH

BROADVIEW THOMSON K-8

MADISON

SECONDARY BOC

THE CENTER SCHOOL

MADRONA K-8

SOUTH SHORE PRE K-8

CLEVELAND

McCLURE

TOPS K-8

DENNY

MERCER

WASHINGTON

ECKSTEIN

NOVA @ MEANY

WEST SEATTLE H.S.

FRANKLIN

ORCA K-8

WHITMAN

GARFIELD

PATHFINDER K-8

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RECOMMENDED SECOND TIER SCHOOLS



Adams	Dunlap	Lafayette	John Muir	John Stanford Int'l
Alki	Emerson	Laurelhurst	North Beach	Stevens
Arbor Heights	Gatewood	Lawton	Northgate	Thornton Creek
Daniel Bagley	Bailey Gatzert	Leschi	Olympic Hills	Van Asselt
Beacon Hill	Graham Hill	Lowell	Olympic View	View Ridge
Brighton	Green Lake	Loyal heights	John Rogers	Wedgewood
Bryant	Greenwood	Maple	Roxhill	West Seattle Elem.
Coe	Hawthorne	Thurgood Marshall	Sacajawea	West Woodland
Concord	Hay	McGilvra	Sanislo	Whittier
B. F. Day	Highland Park	Montlake	Schmitz Park	Wing Luke
Dearborn Park	Kimball			

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NEXT STEPS



- Work collaboratively with communications department to provide FAQ.
- Letters to families (Spring & Summer) pertaining to student assignment and bell time changes.
- Develop Transportation Task Force to review:
 - Start Times
 - Customer Satisfaction