

Shelby County Schools 2011-12 Goal Action Plan Evaluation Support Operations Strategic Area

System Goal

To analyze and address the influences of growth proactively

Goal Action Plan

Review procedures for use of county vehicles, school buses, and monitor the continued growth in Shelby County Schools

Strategies

1. Review bus routes to maximize usage.
2. Monitor the bus fleet to ensure that all buses are safe and running at peak performance.
3. Analyze use of support vehicles in both transportation and maintenance to maintain proper use.
4. Evaluate all staff vehicles for proper maintenance and usage.
5. Review growth plans by monitoring new building and areas of the county where this is occurring.

Evaluative Summary

1. We are currently updating software at the Transportation Department in order to provide more efficient service to those we serve including Schools, Parents, Students, and Bus Drivers. Also we have added additional personnel in order to ensure that the transportation needs of the Shelby County School system are being met.
2. We do track maintenance on each vehicle in the fleet. By doing so, we can determine when buses and/or staff vehicles are in need of major mechanical attention. In the 2012 ALSDE State Vehicle Inspection, less than 2% of the buses in our fleet experienced major mechanical problems, where at least half (4) were a common structural flaw that is covered by the vehicle warranty.
3. We are constantly monitoring how well our buses perform on miles per gallon. Currently our fleet average is 7.4 miles per gallon. Additionally, the fuel costs will vary, greatly dependent upon the world market for oil. Keeping that in mind, we concluded the 2011-2012 school year averaging approximately \$56,000 per week in fuel costs.
4. At this time, no current studies are being considered. Rationale: the last three studies, conducted over the last 12 years, have yielded the same results – it would not be cost effective, at this time, to instill a car pool program.
5. We stay in contact with the Shelby County Planning Commission and Shelby County Geographical Information Services in maintaining accurate mapping data for the Transportation Department. As new subdivisions are established, we plot the waypoints necessary to create digital data that is necessary to keep the maps current.