

Memo to: Arlington School Board  
 From: Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs (FAC)  
 Re: Revisions to Policy M-9 Transportation Management  
 Date: September 27, 2024

The Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs assists the School Board in the continuous, systematic review of school facilities and the Capital Improvement Program.

The FAC has reviewed Policy M-9 Transportation Management.

**Suggested Edits – Policy M-9 Transportation Management**

Line	Text/Edit Recommendation	Comment
21-22	“of transportation by providing bike racks and by coordinating with Arlington County <u>Government and community agencies</u> to improve walk routes, and the conditions and locations of <u>County</u> bus routes and transit stops, <u>and efficiencies between APS and County Bus routes to better serve student transportation demands.</u> ”	The addition of “Government and community agencies” matches the text from the 2024-30 Strategic Plan. The addition of “County” clarifies the bus routes and transit stops that APS is tasked to improve. The last clause is intended to include the directive in the Strategic Plan that calls for better efficient use of APS and County bus assets. The latter we hope will cut down on the need for APS buses when ACG (ART) buses are available, thereby saving APS costs of operating, maintaining, and parking under-utilized buses by shifting demand to under-utilized ART buses, as appropriate.
28	“...its <u>and citizen</u> concerns in management plans ...”	The revision removes the directive for the Superintendent to consider citizen (or public) input. [The term “citizen” is used here because it is the term used in the pending revisions to Policy C-2.1. “Public” would be an alternative word.] The revisions to Policy C-2.1 envision instances when citizen concerns would be referred to the Superintendent. Ultimately, the Superintendent serves Arlington citizens.

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Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please contact Cynthia Hilton, Chair, FAC, if you have any questions.