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August 10, 2020

RE: Public Transit Service Update for Schools (Supplemental School Service)

Dear Superintendents and School Transportation Coordinators:

Due to the ongoing public health COVID-19 emergency, Marin Transit has been required to limit the capacity of the passengers onboard our buses. Though ridership is at historic low levels, the capacity limits are creating situations where passengers are being “passed-up” and having to wait for the next bus. In an effort to increase the capacity of service and reduce pass-ups on our highest demand routes, the Marin Transit Board of Directors approved a plan to expand select supplemental service and suspend other services beginning August 10.

We understand there is still a great deal of uncertainty regarding how and when students will return to in-class instruction. We are sending this correspondence to let you know that many public transit services that were historically provided to serve the needs of K-12 students in Marin County will no longer operate this fall. The plan approved by the District’s Board of Directors on August 3, 2020 adds services in two phases. Phase 1 service will begin on August 10 with the following routes:

- **Route 117** provides additional service along Route 17 between Marin City, Mill Valley, Strawberry and the San Rafael Transit Center. *This route was previously named Route 115.*
- **Route 122** provides additional service along Route 22 between the San Rafael Transit Center and College of Marin via 4th St in San Rafael.
- **Route 135** provides service along Route 35 within the Canal area of San Rafael and the San Rafael Transit Center.
- **Route 171** provides service along the Highway 101 corridor from Novato to Marin City with service to all Highway bus pad stops and the San Rafael Transit Center.

Phase 2 of the plan provides service at select school sites and would resume with the start of in-class instruction. These routes have been identified in the plan because they run in parallel with other existing Marin Transit fixed route service. If a student is unable to board a supplemental route, then they will be able to still access school on an alternative fixed transit route. Phase 2 routes include:

- **Route 125** with service between San Geronimo Valley to San Rafael Transit Center via Sir Francis Drake High School.
- **Route 145** with service from San Rafael Transit Center to Terra Linda High School.
- **Route 149** with service from Hamilton to Downtown Novato via Novato High School
- **Route 151** with service from Southern Novato to San Marin High School via San Jose Middle School and Novato High School.

Select Supplemental routes will be suspended at least until December 31, 2020. These routes were identified largely because they do not parallel any or some portion of an existing fixed route service. Therefore, if a student were not able to board a bus due to capacity constraints, then they would be left at the bus stop with no other transit option to get to school. The routes that have been identified as non-operational for this school year are:


- **Route 113** serving Redwood HS from East Corte Madera
- **Route 117 (old)** serving Hall MS from Corte Madera/Larkspur
- **Route 119** serving Redwood HS from Tiburon/Belvedere
- **Route 139** serving Terra Linda HS from Lucas Valley/Marinwood/Terra Linda
- **Route 154** serving Sinaloa MS from Olive/San Marin

A summarized list of the approved Supplemental Service for the 2020-21 academic year is attached. The Marin Transit website is also updated with route schedules and maps. We encourage you to update all references to public transportation on your website and in your parent materials to reference the following url: <https://marintransit.org/supplemental-routes>.

The Youth Transit Pass program will continue in the 2020-21 academic year. Marin Transit recognizes the potential logistical challenges with issuing new student IDs with transit pass stickers and we will honor passes issued in 2019-20 until further notice. More information will be sent to the identified Youth Transit Pass Coordinator at each school. Information regarding the Youth Transit Pass program is available on the Marin Transit website at <https://marintransit.org/youth-pass>.

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to [school@marintransit.org](mailto:school@marintransit.org) or call (415) 419-2533.

Sincerely,



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Operations Manager

Attachment A: Supplemental Service Summary

Attachment A – Supplemental Service Recommendations Summary

Route	Description	Action	Implementation Phase
113	East Corte Madera – Redwood HS	Suspend for Fall 2020	Continue suspension from Spring 2020
115	Sausalito – Mill Valley (Tam HS & Willow Creek Elem)	Expand and Modify Route	Phase 1 (August 10, 2020)
117	East Corte Madera – Hall MS	Suspend for Fall 2020	Continue suspension from Spring 2020
119	Tiburon – Redwood HS	Suspend for Fall 2020	Continue suspension from Spring 2020
122	College of Marin Express	Operate Regular Schedule	Phase 1 (August 10, 2020)
125	San Rafael – San Geronimo Valley (Sir Francis Drake HS)	Operate Regular Schedule	Phase 2 (September/October 2020)
135	Canal (San Rafael HS)	New Route for Fall 2020	Phase 1 (August 10, 2020)
139	Marinwood – Terra Linda HS	Suspend for Fall 2020	Continue suspension from Spring 2020
145	San Rafael – Terra Linda HS	Operate Regular Schedule	Phase 2 (September/October 2020)
149	Novato Hamilton – Novato HS	Operate Regular Schedule	Phase 2 (September/October 2020)
151	Novato Local – San Marin HS (also serving San Jose MS & Novato HS)	Operate Regular Schedule	Phase 2 (September/October 2020)
154	Olive – San Marin – Sinaloa MS	Suspend for Fall 2020	Continue suspension from Spring 2020
171	Highway 101 Bus Pads	Add Route for Fall 2020	Phase 1 (August 10, 2020)