

**RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM  
City of Belvedere**

**Report Title:** Yellow School Bus for Traffic Congestion Relief

**Report Date:** June 1, 2018


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**Response By:** Bob McCaskill, Mayor of City of Belvedere,

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Recommendations numbered R2, R10 have been implemented.
- Recommendations numbered R4, R7, R8 have not yet been implemented, but may/will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendation numbered n/a will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

Date: 8/13/18

Signed:   
Bob McCaskill, Mayor

Number of pages attached: 1

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- R2. All municipalities should work with Marin Transit to secure ample locations for bus parking and a location for bus maintenance by the end of 2018.**

Response: The City of Belvedere and the Town of Tiburon have discussed with Marin Transit the challenge of finding suitable locations for parking and bus maintenance. We will continue these conversations; however, we have not been able to identify suitable places for such activity within our respective city or town limits.

- R4. Marin Transit should facilitate negotiations for a financial arrangement across the full group of participants that would distribute any tax revenue lost by a municipality or the County for providing a parking or maintenance facility.**

Response: Having a good, close-in option for the parking and maintenance of yellow bus fleets would likely improve the level of service and, conversely, reduce the number of service disruptions and their impacts on the program. We are willing to work with Marin Transit in its efforts to identify and support such an option if it could have an appreciable positive impact on our YSB program.

- R7. School districts (with or without existing YSB programs) and municipalities within the urbanized area of the County should join and actively participate in the YSB committee providing guidance to Marin Transit on YSB issues, such as cost allocations, bell times and routes. The initial meeting should be held by October of 2018.**

Response: It would be useful to coordinate among the various jurisdictions in Marin County, particularly if such coordination would contribute to a funding allocation that would help to reduce reliance of the Yellow School Bus program on our local budgets. Belvedere would support participation in a YSB Committee.

- R8. The YSB committee should work toward the establishment of a coordinated YSB for K-8 program for the urbanized areas of Marin with the goal of beginning the coordinated program by the 2019-2020 school year.**

Response: A key determinant of the success of this coordinated approach would be whether costs could be reduced and/or funding increased for the YSB program that we have successfully implemented on the Tiburon Peninsula.

- R10. The County and municipalities of the urbanized corridor should make financial support of all YSB programs a part of each year's budgeting process.**

Response: Belvedere has included funding for the YSB program in its annual budget for each of the past several years.