



August 10, 2018

The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson  
Marin County Superior Court  
P.O. Box 4988  
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge Haakenson:

The Ross Town Council has received the Grand Jury Report "Yellow School Bus for Traffic Congestion Relief" released on June 8, 2018. The Grand Jury has requested a response to Recommendations R2, R4, R7, R8, and R10. The Town Council response is as follows on the attached document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P. Beach Kuhl".

P. Beach Kuhl  
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Pat Randolph, Foreperson ✓

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Yellow School Bus for Traffic Congestion Relief

Report Date: June 8, 2018

Agenda Date: August 9, 2018

Response by: Richard Simonitch Title: Public Works Director

### FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered 2,4,7,8, 10 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: August 10, 2018

Signed: P. Beach Ruhl

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Town of Ross will not be implementing Recommendations 2, 4, 7, 8, and 10. The Town of Ross does not currently have the staff or financial resources to participate in the establishment of a yellow school bus program without sacrificing other essential services and program offerings that are necessary to maintaining Ross's quality of life. The Town of Ross must first ensure that adequate funding is provided for its essential services such as police, fire, parks and recreation, roads and infrastructure. The decision to allocate funding or not to a school bus program is a local decision based on each jurisdiction's priorities and budgetary demands. In the case of Ross, there are higher priority items over school bus funding that need funding and staff resources.

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: This recommendation will not be implemented based on the above. In addition, Ross is totally built out and there is no land available for developing locations for bus parking and maintenance.***

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: This recommendation will not be implemented.***

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: This recommendation will not be implemented. Participation should be a local decision determined by each school district and municipality.***

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: This recommendation will not be implemented. Participation should be a local decision determined by each school district and municipality.***

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: This recommendation will not be implemented in Ross. Funding is a local decision determined by each school district and municipality.***