

# Tough School Transportation Choices: Balancing Costs, Funding Cuts, and Mode Shift While Maintaining Child Safety

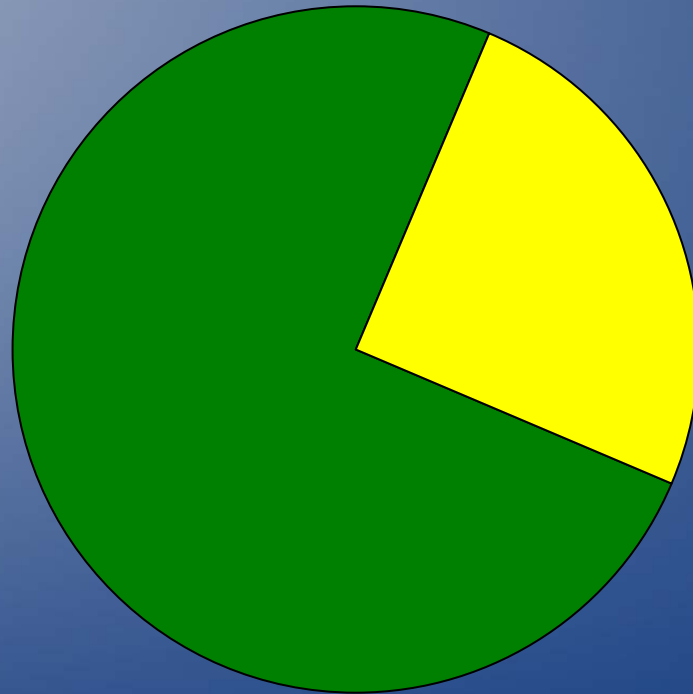


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# Where the costs are?



■ Transportation

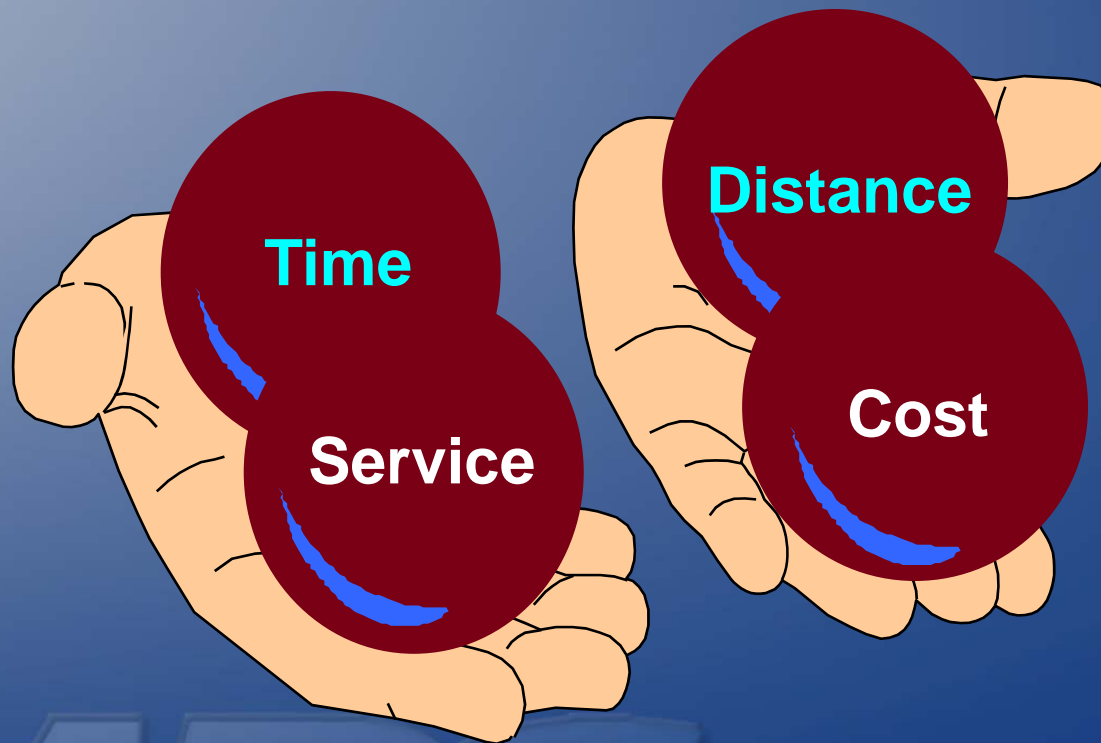
■ Fleet

# Addressing Costs and Considering Safety

- 🚌 Routing efficiency
  - Bell times
  - Contractual requirements
- 🚌 Policy constraints
- 🚌 Fleet issues



# Transportation Tradeoff



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# Policy-based Options

- 🚌 Walk distance or eligibility distance changes
- 🚌 Bell time setting
- 🚌 Ride length
- 🚌 Stop consolidation
- 🚌 Contract terms and conditions
- 🚌 Special education student assignments
- 🚌 Fleet replacement
- 🚌 Limits on or fee changes for field and extra curricular trips

# Operations-based Options

- 🚌 Routing software implementation
- 🚌 Run/route redesign
- 🚌 Organizational structure changes
- 🚌 Fleet maintenance changes
- 🚌 Insourcing or outsourcing
- 🚌 Fuel and parts purchasing cooperatives

# What's Clear

- 🚚 No easy answers
- 🚚 Any fuel cost increase will make matters much worse
- 🚚 Maintaining a safe environment will increasingly become a community responsibility

