

Student Transportation

Presentation to Accommodation Review Committee
Nov 10, 2011

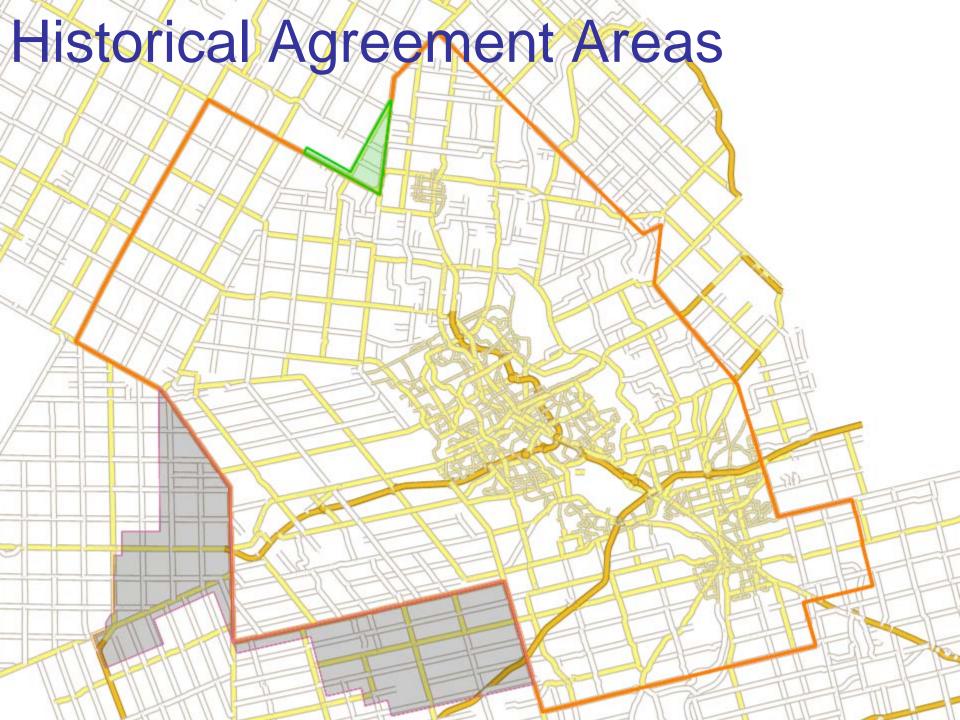
Issue

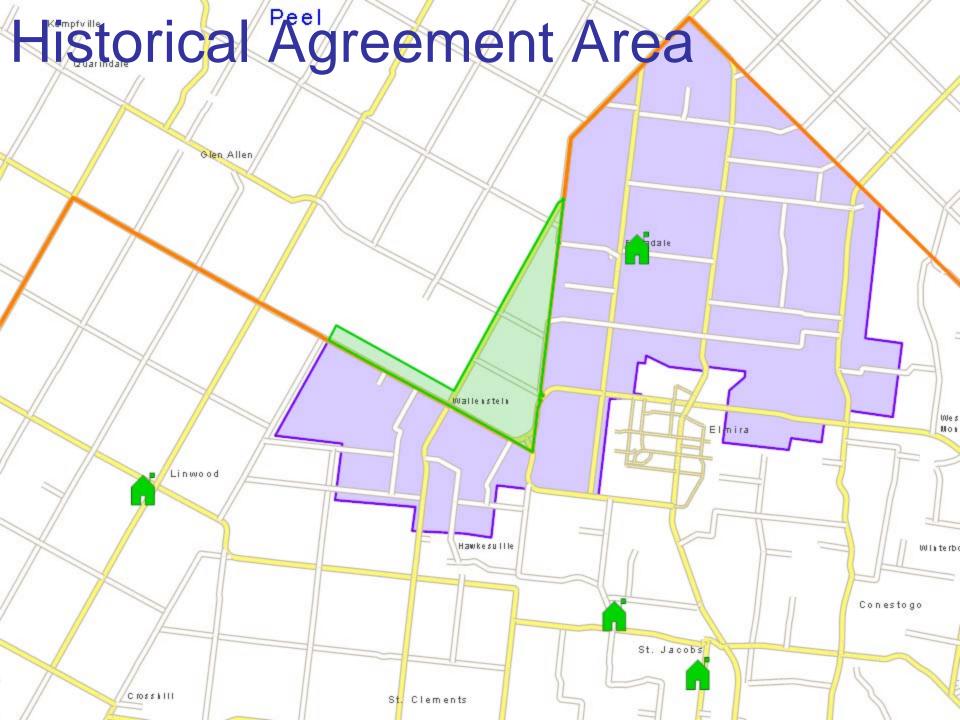
- Prior to 2010, there was no policy regarding students who attend from out-of-district
- Transportation practices were inconsistent with regulations of the Education Act and inhibited efficient routing

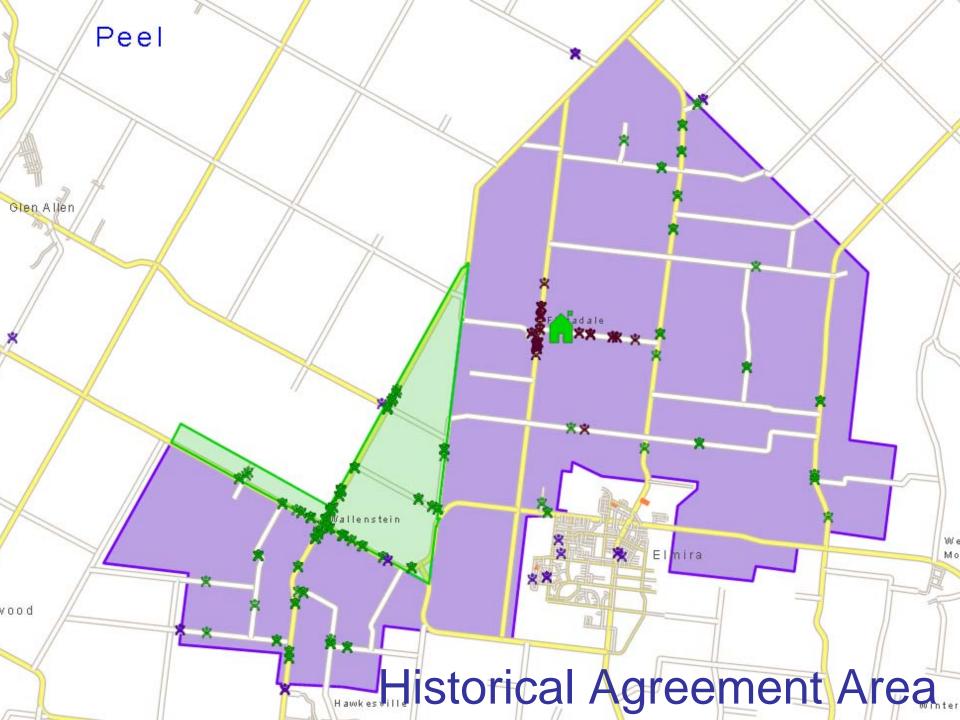
Impact

 There were ~800 students who attended WRDSB schools from out-of-district- 647 were transported

- Students attend from out-of-district for a variety of reasons
 - Historical Agreement Areas (WO, EDSS and Floradale)



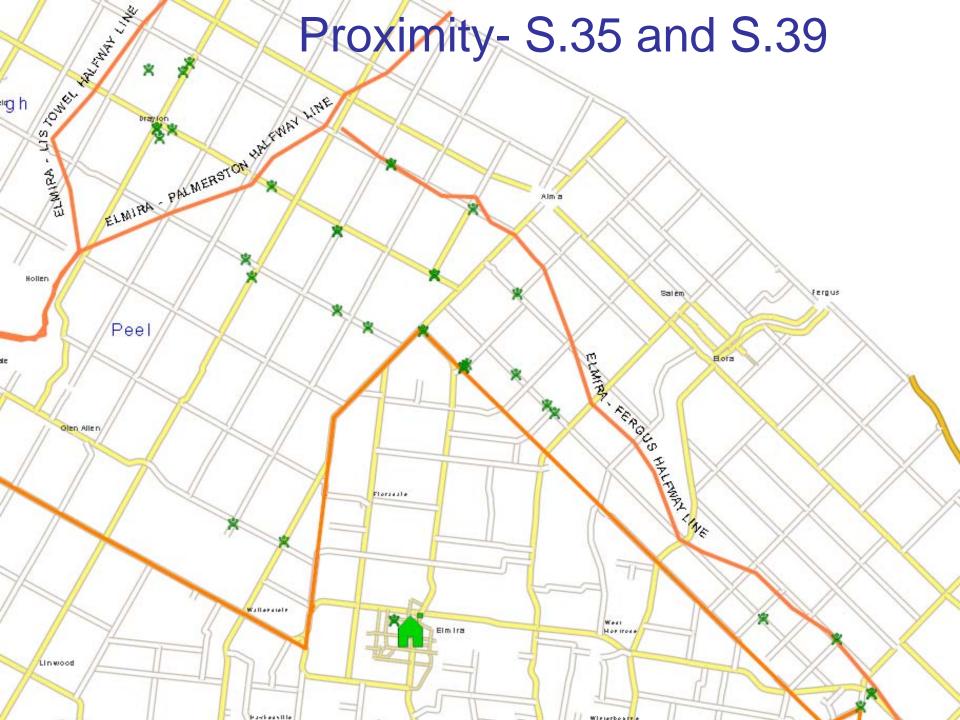




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 - Historical Agreement Areas (WO, EDSS and Floradale)
 - Proximity to Nearest School (Glenview Park)

Education Act

- Section 35- Resident Pupil's Right to Attend more Accessible Elementary School
 - An elementary student living more than 3.2 km from their resident school and more than 0.8 kilometres to the nearest bus stop may attend a school of the same type that is in another district or zone
- Section 39- Resident Pupil's Right to Attend Secondary School in Another District or Zone
 - A student may attend a secondary school in another district or zone that is more accessible to the person than any secondary school in the district of which the person is qualified to be a resident pupil



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Action

Amended transportation procedure to reflect
 Education Act requirements and written agreements



Out-of-District Procedure

- 8.1 Where a student's home address is located outside the district, the following guidelines will be used to determine transportation eligibility.
 - Where the home address is within an existing agreement area, transportation may be provided in a manner that is consistent with established distance guidelines.
 - In the absence of an agreement governing the admission of out-of-district students, students admitted under S.35 (Resident Pupil's Right to Attend more Accessible Elementary School) and S.39 (Resident Pupil's Right to Attend Secondary School in Another District or Zone) of the Education Act may be provided with transportation in a manner that is consistent with established distance guidelines.
- 8.2 Transportation will not be provided to out-of-district students that do not qualify under these provisions. Accommodations for specialized programs may be made based on approval of the Executive Council.

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Result

- Improved clarity for students, parents, schools and STSWR
- ~400 students are transported from Out-of-District



Questions?