

Gladstone School District Transportation Yard Project

Problem Statement:

District transportation services are contracted through a third-party vendor. The district has historically leased the land used as the local bus yard and the current lease agreement ends June 2024. While an automatic renewal term exists in the lease, it is possible the lease pricing could change significantly, or the new owner could decide not to renew the lease. A lack of a bus yard for the third-party transportation vendor's use will result in a significant increase in cost to the district for added driver time and fleet mileage from an alternative vendor bus yard.

Considerations:

There is a lack of commercial land available for lease in Gladstone. A review of existing district property identified the existing maintenance property adjacent to the stadium as a possible site to house a bus yard. A civil survey was completed and an evaluation of the site and proposed uses determined that the site was of suitable size to add the bus yard.

Tentative Plan:

The project description and draft site plan was reviewed with the City of Gladstone through a Pre-Application Meeting on November 9, 2023. Next steps will include a traffic impact study and conditional use permit application to request land use approval to complete the project on the district maintenance yard site.

Proposed Timeline:

The goal is to have an operational bus yard site for the fall of 2024, utilizing the winter months for construction design, land use processes, and procurement, and the spring and summer months to complete the improvements to the site to have it fully operational in the fall.

