Entry Level Driver Training Advisory Committee

Passenger Bus Committee

Conference call - April 2, 2015, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

The Committee reviewed the proposed core curriculum for Class A/B license. It is noteworthy that many of the participants participated in the earlier Core Curriculum Committee call.

There appears to be no major concerns about the proposed core curriculum; although, the Committee did identify the necessity of some subject additions/deletions. Of particular concerns is the need for robust Security and ADA compliance training for both over-the-road and school bus drivers.

There were some School Bus Committee participants on the call and they expressed some concerns regarding a few curriculum items.

There was a brief discussion regarding “minimum hours training” versus “proficiency” with the majority leaning towards “proficiency”. Clyde Hart from ABA expressed some concerns regarding liability and felt “minimum hours” may afford some liability protection.

Participants expressed considerable concern regarding the certification/accreditation process for buses. Several participants expressed a desire for “grandfathering” existing programs.

The Committee largely decided further review of the core curriculum upon revision is required. Overall, there was general consensus a core curriculum for all CDL Classes was obtainable.