



# Charter School Transportation in Nevada

# Why Transportation Matters

To be equitable, schools must be accessible.

When transportation is barrier, school choice is a *privilege*, not a *right*.

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“The bus was a lifesaver. I could not make it to work in the morning and send my kids to NV Prep without the bus stop near our home.”

– Founding parent

# State of Transportation

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Charter applications in Nevada must include:

*A statement of whether the charter school will provide for the transportation of pupils... If the charter school will not provide transportation, the application must include a statement that the charter school will work with the parents and guardians...to develop a plan for transportation to ensure that pupils have access to transportation...*

# State of Transportation

Charter schools receive NO transportation funding.

CCSD receives more than \$146 Million per year in transportation funding (see Feb. 2022 PCFP data).

Based on the 2018-2019 Fast Facts report, 141,000 CCSD students were eligible for transportation. This means the average investment in transportation-eligible students may be ~\$1,000.

# NV Prep Transportation

Bus #1 began operating in October 2018. The founding bus driver was also a founding parent.

Bus #2 began operating in August 2019. The bus driver is also an NV Prep parent.

Buses #3 and #4 are scheduled to launch in August 2022.

# NV Prep Transportation

Prior to school launch, NV Prep chose bus stop locations based on student applications and interest forms. This allowed families to commit to the school before a campus was secured.

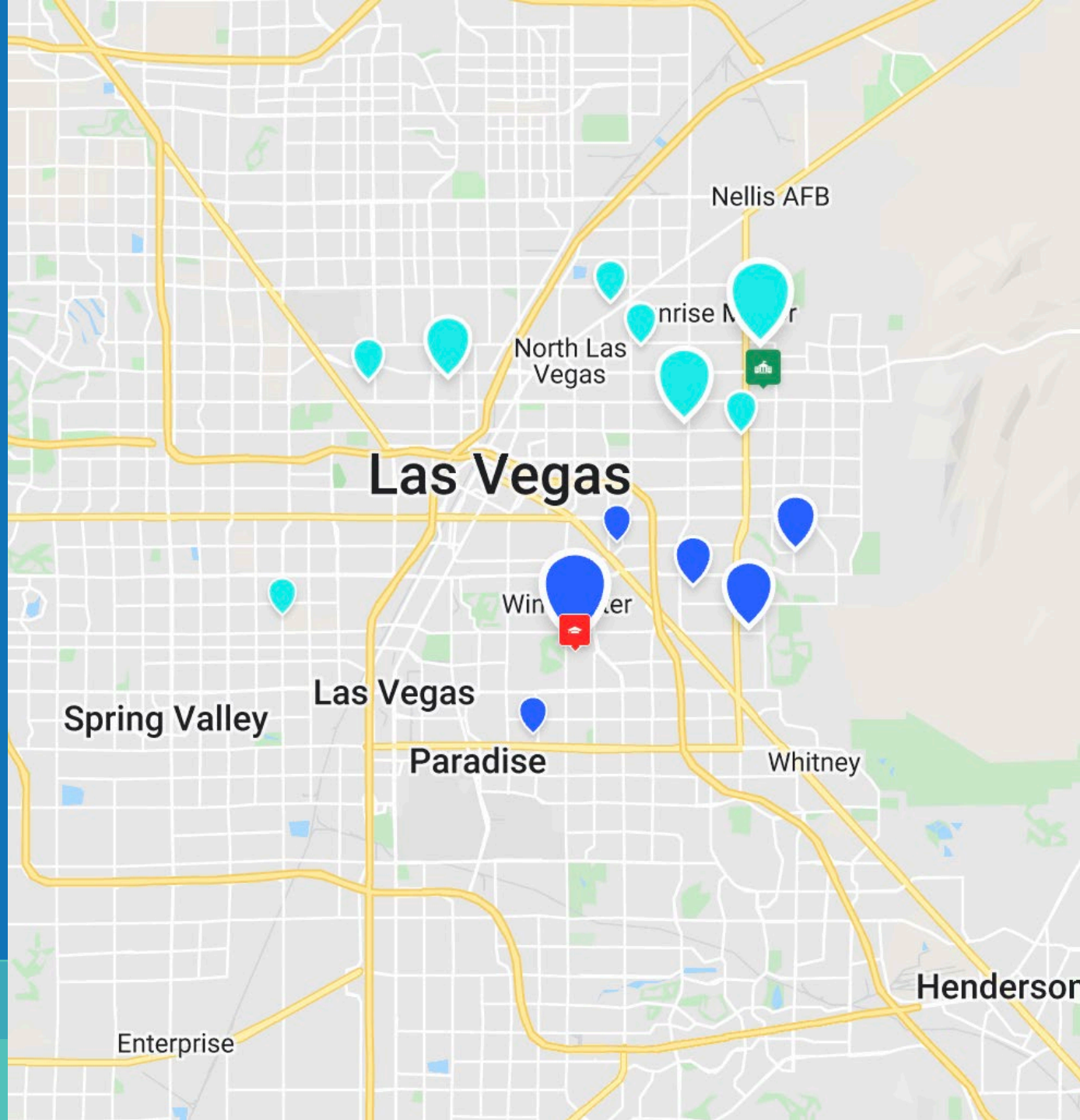
In 2018-19, bus #1 operated at full occupancy from day 1.

In 2019-20, both buses operated at full occupancy until Covid-19 campus closures in March 2020.

# NV Prep Bus Stops

More than 50% of NV Prep scholars have always traveled to and from school on a school bus.

(Marker sizes represent relative popularity of bus stops.)





# Requests & Recommendations

**Advocacy Help!** Student transportation cannot be one school's passion project. We need more partners, and our charter authorizer, advocating with us for systemic solutions.

**Awareness and Honesty!** Public charter schools cannot champion equity until we address student transportation inequity.

# Requests & Recommendations

**Level Playing Field! Until public charter schools receive transportation funding at the same level as school districts, school transportation will likely remain uncommon in charter schools.**

**Guts! Doing what's right isn't always good for the bottom line. Transportation is expensive. It is a lot of work. But students deserve our best efforts.**





