

South Coast Roundtable  
Special Education Transportation  
Presentation

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# Transportation Options

- Formal Collaboratives provide transportation
  - Operate their own vehicles
  - Contract with vendor(s)
- Regional networks
- Informal arrangements made between towns/districts
- District owned and operated transportation
- Individual district contracts with vendors

# Transportation Models

- **Contracted - Multiple Vendors**
  - LABBB/EDCO Collaboratives: Metro-Boston Network
  - BICO Collaborative: Metro-West Network
- **Contracted - Single Vendor**
  - SEEM Collaborative: Northeast Network
  - Assabet Valley Collaborative

# Transportation Models (Continued)

- **Owner/Operated**
  - North River Collaborative: Southeast Network
  - ACCEPT Collaborative
  - CASE Collaborative
  - Cape Cod Collaborative
  - Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative
  - Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative
  - Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative
  - Merrimack Special Education Collaborative

# Transportation Models (Continued)

- **Owner/Operated Transport to Collaborative Programs Only**
  - CAPS Educational Collaborative
  - Southeastern Mass Educational Collaborative
  - The Educational Collaborative
- **Contracted Multiple Vendors to Collaborative Programs Only**
  - FLLAC Collaborative

# DESE Funded Initiative 2013-2014

- Continued DESE support of the State Special Education Taskforce
- Provide the October 1 DESE SIMS data
- Provide ridership data for programs receiving students from 10+ school districts

# October 1 SIMS Data FY10 – FY14

Fiscal Year	Number of Students	Number of Private/Collaborative Programs
2010	10,557	389
2011	10,516	401
2012	10,339	414
2013	10,414	395
2014	10,384	363

# Website Developed

- A website was developed in FY2012 to show the October 1 DESE SIMS Data and ridership data for identified programs



[www.spedtranssavings.org](http://www.spedtranssavings.org)

- Districts can see if sharing with another district or if potential to share exists



# How Can This Website Help You

- Provides another resource when setting up transportation services
- Can expedite placement
- Homeless transportation
- Cost savings to your district
- Helpful documents and presentations

How Can This Information Be Useful

# Learning Prep Case Study

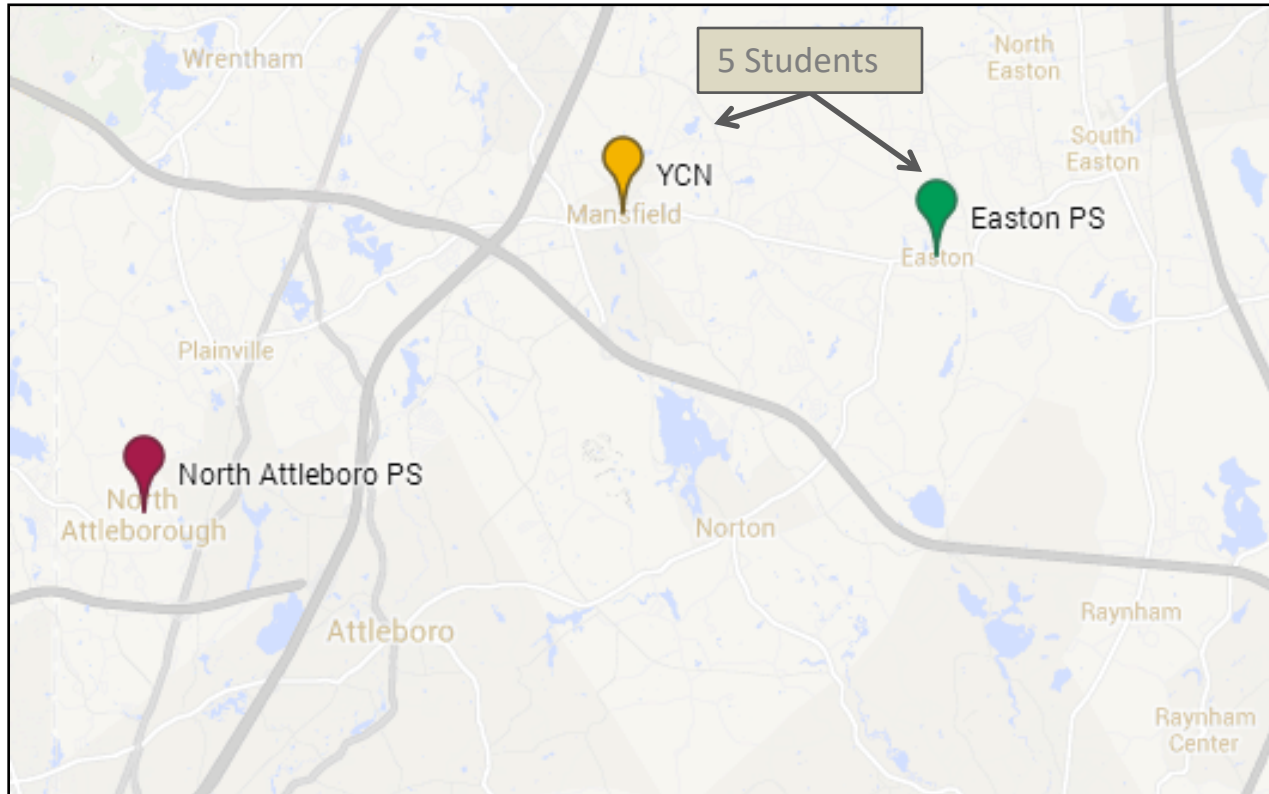
Data	FY 2013	FY 2014
# Students	207	215
# Districts	87	88
# Vendors	35	38

Vendor Breakdown	FY 2013	FY 2014
Collaborative Owned	4	4
Public School Owned	10	9
Private Company	21	25

# Learning Prep

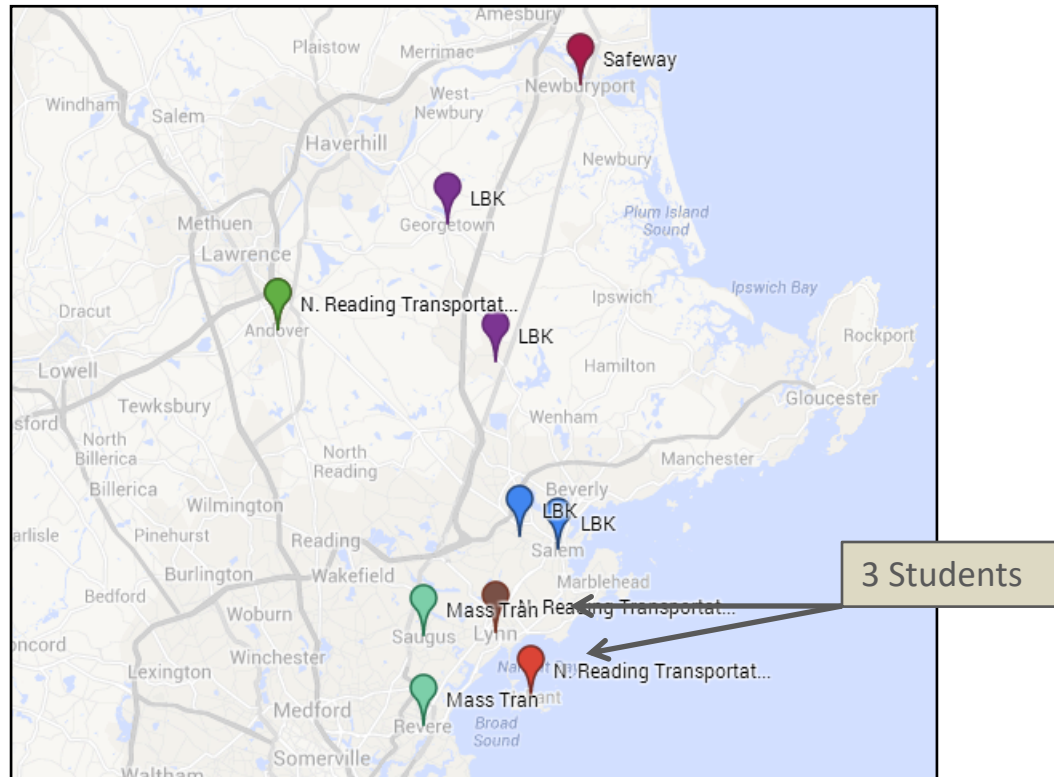
- The following county maps show student district and vendor by vehicle, same color pins denote ride share
- Potential combinations are indicated
- An average daily cost of \$215 per vehicle per day was used for computation or \$38,700 annually

# Bristol County



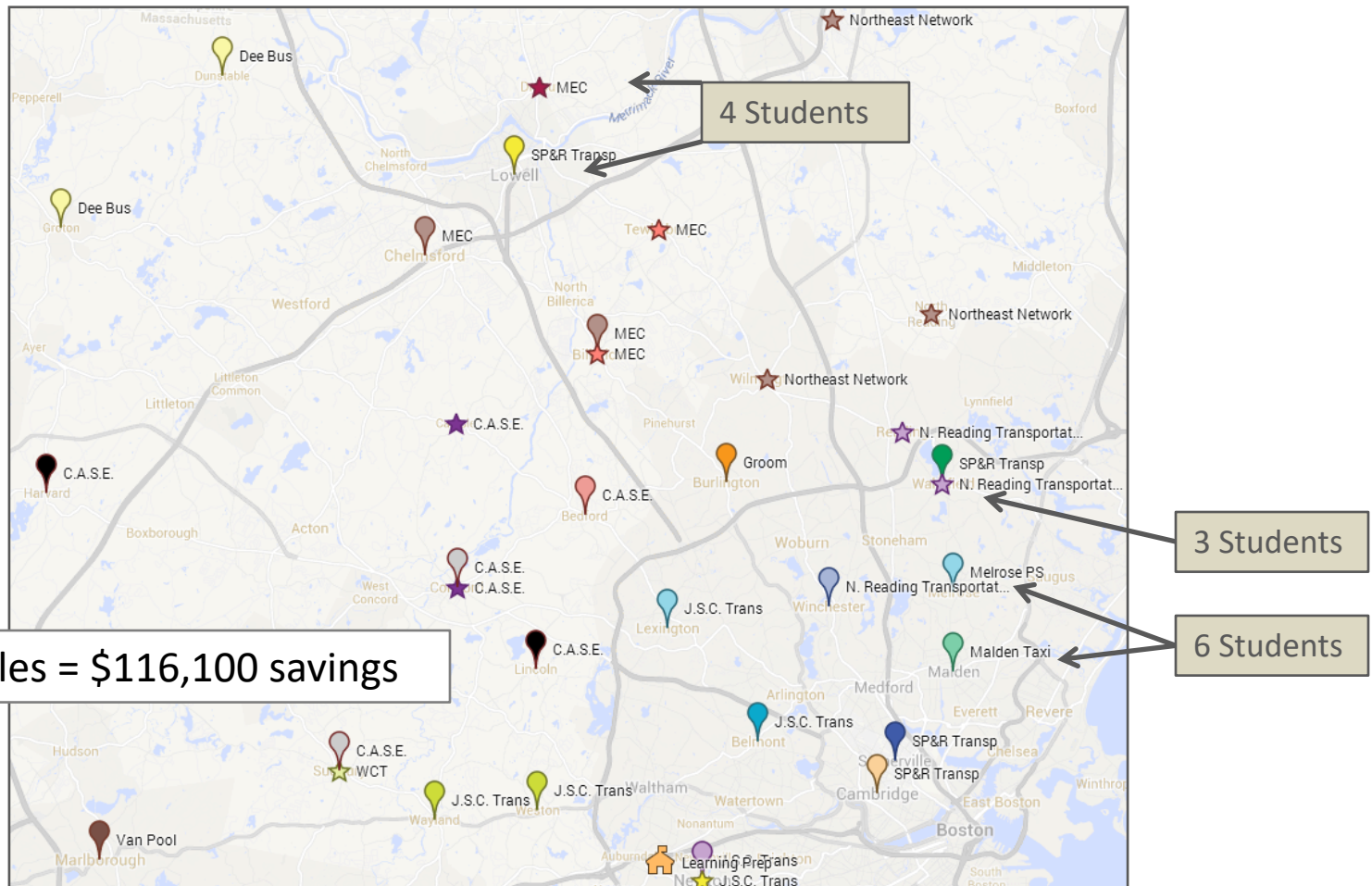
Reduce 1 vehicle = \$38,700 savings

# Essex County

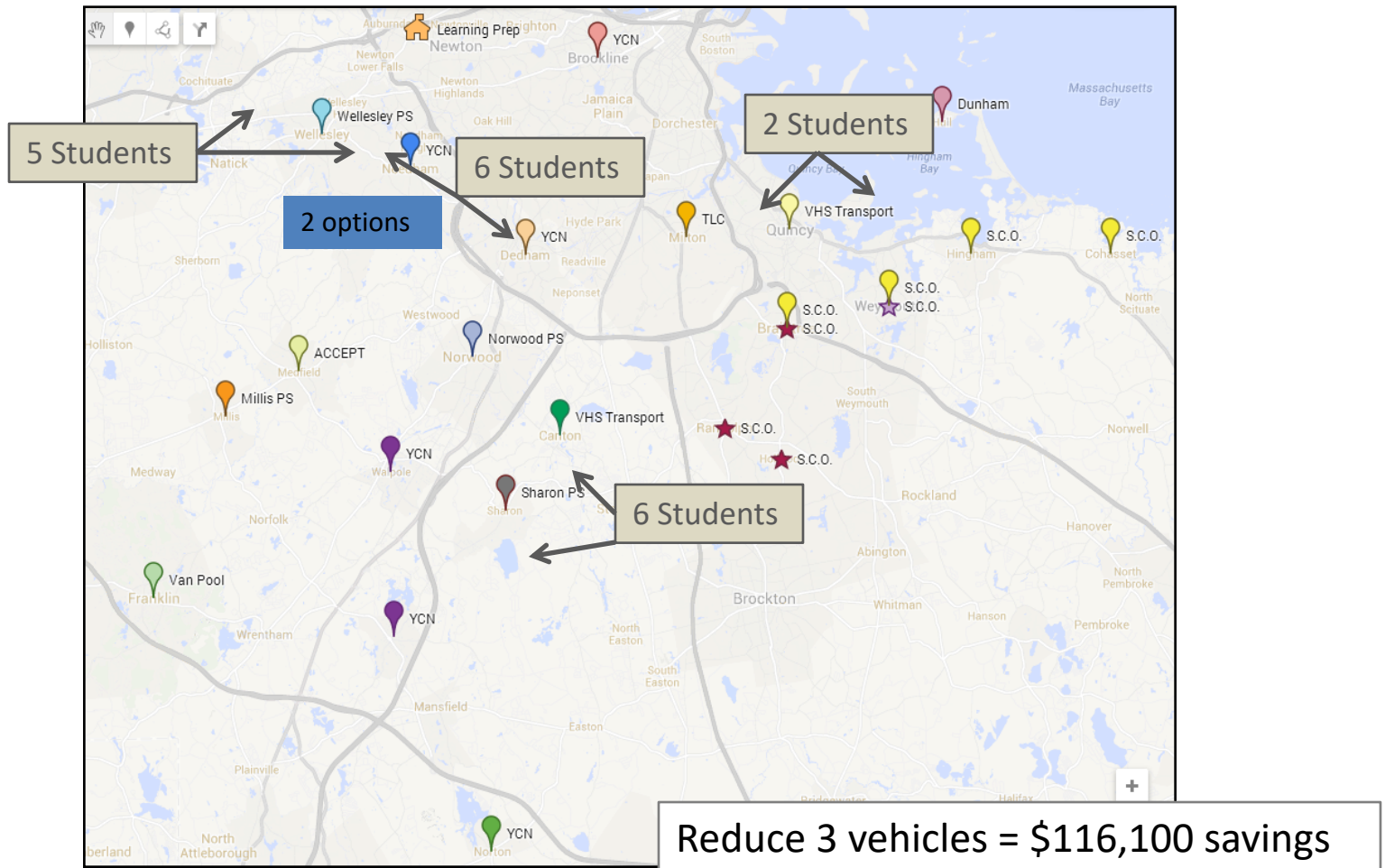


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# Middlesex County

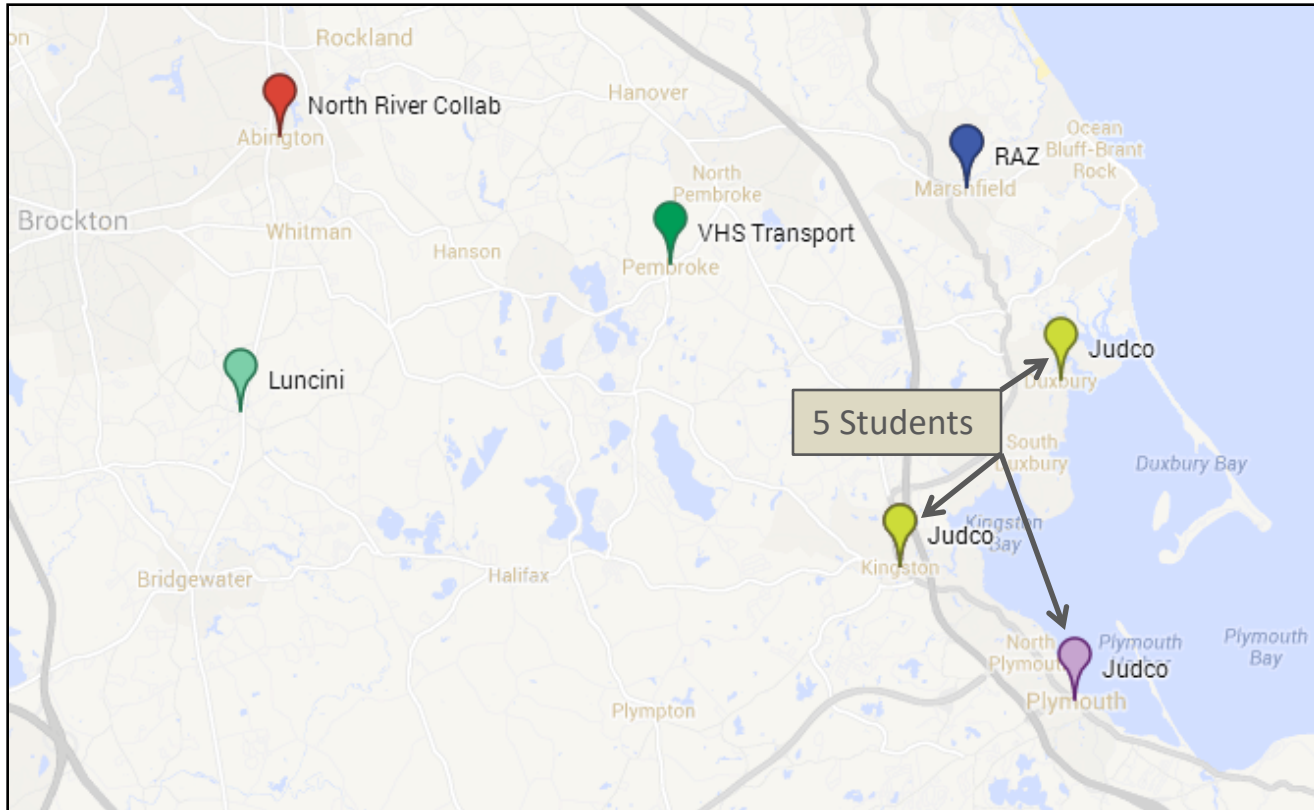


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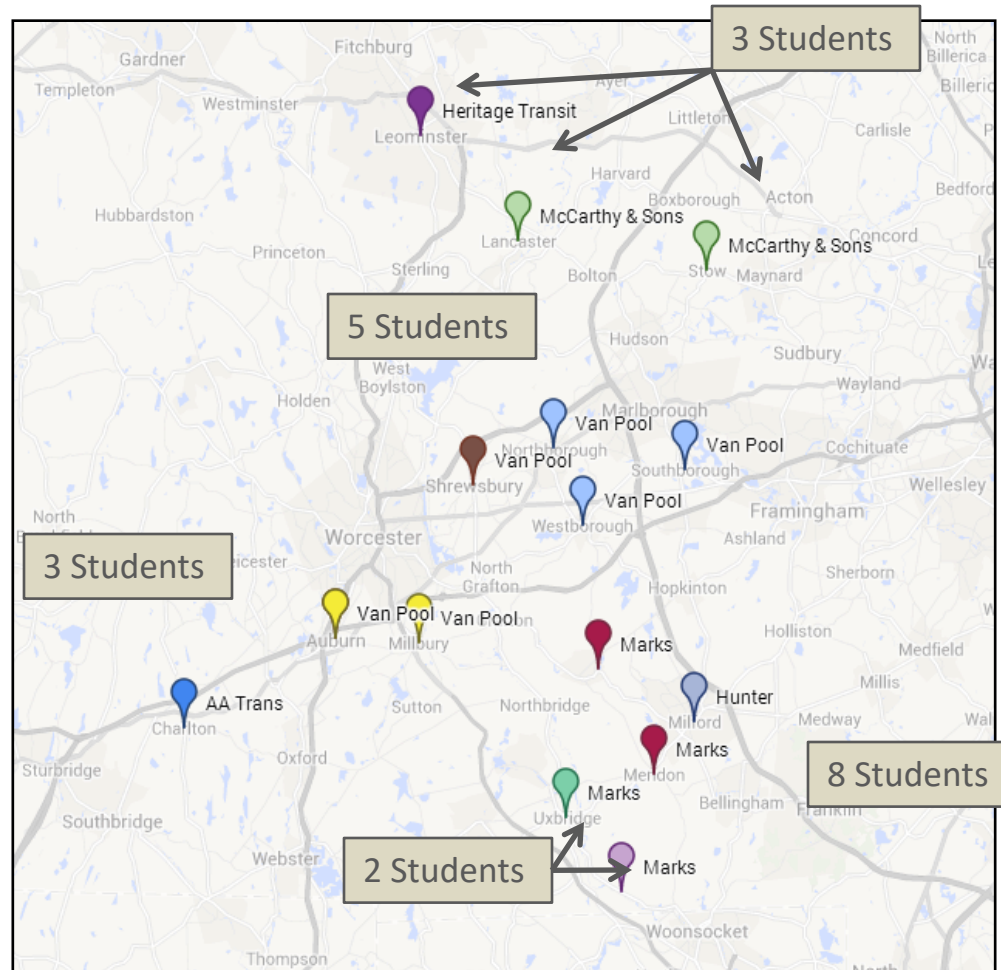


# Plymouth County



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# Worcester County

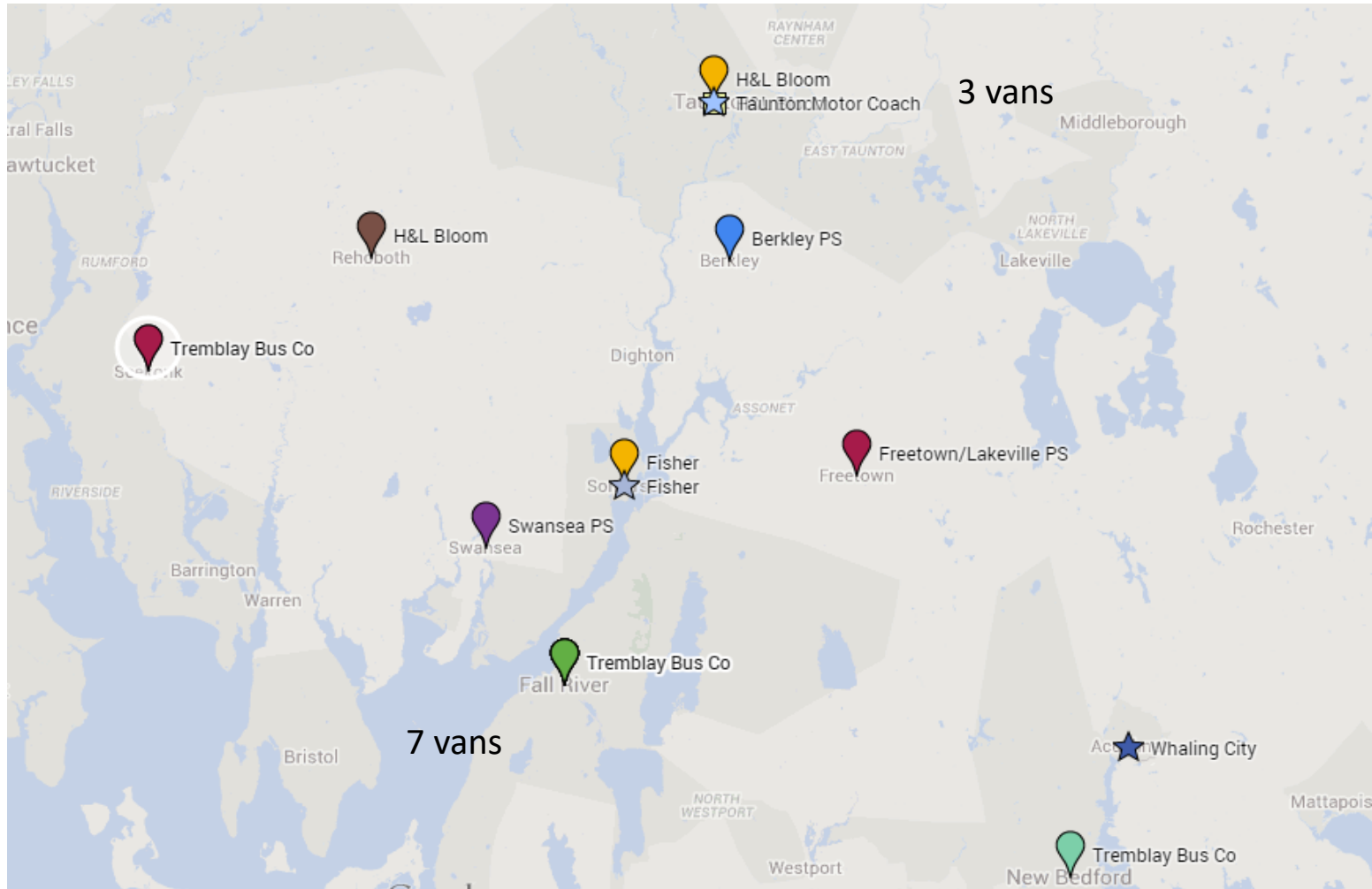


Reduce 5 vehicles = \$193,500 savings

# Potential Savings

COUNTY	SAVINGS
Bristol	\$ 38,700
Essex	\$ 38,700
Middlesex	\$ 116,100
Norfolk	\$ 116,100
Plymouth	\$ 38,700
Worcester	\$ 193,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 541,800</u></b>

# Ridership SMEC: ACE High FY14



# Proposed Next Steps

- Collect placement data, vendor, number of students, daily cost
- Analyze information
- Review potential route combinations
- Obtain ridership information from targeted schools

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