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AGENDA

Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Regular Session

January 23, 2024 - 4:30 p.m.

Connect Transit Board Room, 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
 - a. Attendance by Other Means/Virtual – Roll Call Vote
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Public Comments
- E. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Regular Session Minutes for November 28, 2023
 - b. Approval of Financial Information for November 2023
 - c. Approval of Financial Information for December 2023
 - d. Monthly Statistical Reports for November 2023
 - e. Monthly Statistical Reports for December 2023
 - f. Cardinal Infrastructure Federal Report
 - g. Cornerstone – Illinois Weekly Update
- F. New Business
 - a. Messaging Consultant Update – Informational
 - b. Vice Chair Hile Travel Reimbursement for APTA Conference – Roll Call Vote
 - c. Clarification of By-Laws Pertaining to Executive Session Attendance by Other Means – Roll Call Vote
- G. Chairman’s Report
- H. General Manager’s Report
- I. Trustee Comments
- J. Executive Session
- K. Adjournment

Mission:

Connect Transit provides safe, reliable transportation and access to opportunity to strengthen and enrich individual lives, our community, the economy, and the environment.



November 2023

Financial Reports



Connect Transit Cash Disbursement Report November 2023

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
1st Ayd Corporation	00057983	03-Nov-23	\$264.77	Cleaning Supplies
A&R Mechanical Contractors, Inc	00057984	03-Nov-23	\$515.00	Building Maintenance
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00057985	03-Nov-23	\$278.85	Payroll Deduction
ABC Bus Companies	00057986	03-Nov-23	\$2,365.49	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00058066	17-Nov-23	\$270.44	Bus Parts
Ace-Hi Glass Co.	00057987	03-Nov-23	\$240.00	Glass
Advance Auto Parts	00057989	03-Nov-23	\$1,385.89	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00058067	17-Nov-23	\$1,140.00	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00057990	03-Nov-23	\$347.04	Welding Supplies
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00057991	03-Nov-23	\$7,334.80	Payroll Deduction
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00058069	17-Nov-23	\$50.00	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00057992	03-Nov-23	\$39.99	Syncromatics
Amazon Capital Service	00058073	17-Nov-23	\$1,112.41	Advertising- Promotions, Office Supplies & Shop Tools
Ancel Glink, P.C.	00058074	17-Nov-23	\$820.00	Legal Service
Aramark Uniform Services	00057993	03-Nov-23	\$1,213.82	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Aramark Uniform Services	00058075	17-Nov-23	\$506.25	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Atlantic Training, LLC	00058076	17-Nov-23	\$3,370.00	Safety/Training
B & B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00057994	03-Nov-23	\$1,224.00	Employee Recognition
B & B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00058077	17-Nov-23	\$117.05	Printed Materials
Best One of Central IL	00057995	03-Nov-23	\$1,048.00	Outside Repair
Best One of Central IL	00058078	17-Nov-23	\$210.00	Outside Repair
Blitt and Gaines, P.C.	00057996	03-Nov-23	\$215.18	Payroll Deduction
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00058128	21-Nov-23	\$141,703.62	Insurance
Blue Springs, Inc	00058079	17-Nov-23	\$180.00	Portable Restrooms
Brady Lange	00058080	17-Nov-23	\$840.00	Computer Hardware & Repair
Bridgestone Americas	00058081	17-Nov-23	\$6,820.90	Tires
Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC	00058082	17-Nov-23	\$6,000.00	Consulting
Carle	00058083	17-Nov-23	\$407.25	Employee Drug Testing & Physicals
Carlson Siding & Construction	00058084	17-Nov-23	\$1,085.00	Building Maintenance
CDM Smith Inc.	00057997	03-Nov-23	\$25,253.14	Transfer Center
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00057998	03-Nov-23	\$6,879.74	Bus Parts
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00058085	17-Nov-23	\$2,120.86	Bus Parts
Checkr, Inc.	00058086	17-Nov-23	\$591.43	New Hire Background Checks
Childers Door Service of Central IL, LLC	00057999	03-Nov-23	\$1,191.90	Overhead Doors
CIRBN, LLC	00058000	03-Nov-23	\$147.13	Internet
City of Bloomington(Water)	00058001	03-Nov-23	\$866.95	Utilities
City of Bloomington(Water)	00058087	17-Nov-23	\$137.97	Utilities
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00058002	03-Nov-23	\$613.00	Bus Parts
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00058088	17-Nov-23	\$3,264.20	Bus Parts
Commerce	ACH	01-Nov-23	\$136.97	Loan Interest
Commerce	ACH	10-Nov-23	\$21.86	Bank Fees
Concur Technologies, Inc	00058089	17-Nov-23	\$228.75	Software
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00058090	17-Nov-23	\$15,121.72	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00058091	17-Nov-23	\$3,958.33	Consulting
Creative Bus Sales, Inc.	00058003	03-Nov-23	\$17.13	Bus Parts
Creative Bus Sales, Inc.	00058092	17-Nov-23	\$3.45	Bus Parts
DH Pace Company, Inc.	00058093	17-Nov-23	\$2,270.00	Door Repair
Discount Tire	00058094	17-Nov-23	\$922.00	Tires
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00058004	03-Nov-23	\$482.00	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00058095	17-Nov-23	\$106.83	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00058005	03-Nov-23	\$2,678.13	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00058096	17-Nov-23	\$1,335.38	Bus Parts
Evergreen FS	00058025	03-Nov-23	\$1,428.17	Fuel
Evergreen FS	00058097	17-Nov-23	\$768.69	Fuel
Fastenal Company	00058098	17-Nov-23	\$13.25	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00058026	03-Nov-23	\$2,453.92	Maintenance Supplies



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Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
Fasteners Etc.	00058099	17-Nov-23	\$277.88	Maintenance Supplies
Galls, LLC	00058100	17-Nov-23	\$1,602.15	Uniforms
Gary Bachman	00058027	03-Nov-23	\$97.86	Driver's Uniforms
Genfare, LLC	ACH	09-Nov-23	\$70.00	Pass refund
Genfare, LLC	00058101	17-Nov-23	\$330.54	Software and Hardware
Genfare, LLC	ACH	20-Nov-23	\$50.00	Pass refund
Gillig LLC	00058028	03-Nov-23	\$5,900.21	Bus Parts
Gillig LLC	00058102	17-Nov-23	\$204.28	Bus Parts
Global Industrial	00058029	03-Nov-23	\$392.90	Garage Supplies
Great Plains Media	00058103	17-Nov-23	\$1,680.00	Radio Advertising
IDOT	00058065	14-Nov-23	\$50,000.00	Consulting
Illinois Department of Revenue	00058030	03-Nov-23	\$17,055.46	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00058064	03-Nov-23	\$8.93	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00058104	17-Nov-23	\$17,892.48	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00058127	16-Nov-23	\$17.72	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00058129	21-Nov-23	\$17.72	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Dept of Revenue Wage Levy Unit	00058031	03-Nov-23	\$122.94	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment, Inc.	00058032	03-Nov-23	\$945.00	Fuel Station
Illinois State Disbursement Unit	00058033	03-Nov-23	\$1,569.79	Payroll Deduction
Illinois State Disbursement Unit	00058105	17-Nov-23	\$1,569.79	Payroll Deduction
Justin Allen	00058034	03-Nov-23	\$327.23	Travel Reimbursement
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00058035	03-Nov-23	\$93,587.47	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00058106	17-Nov-23	\$46,670.62	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Lauterbach & Amen, LLP	00058036	03-Nov-23	\$17,490.00	Audit
Magaldi and Magaldi, Inc.	00058037	03-Nov-23	\$251.17	Bus Parts
McLean County Recorder	00058038	03-Nov-23	\$61.00	Bus Shelters
Menards	00058039	03-Nov-23	\$159.40	Materials & Supplies
Menards	00058107	17-Nov-23	\$79.81	Materials & Supplies
Michelin North America, Inc	00058040	03-Nov-23	\$30.85	Tires
Midwest Bus Corporation	00058041	03-Nov-23	\$540.99	Bus Parts
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00058108	17-Nov-23	\$1,130.16	Bus Parts
Miguel Arevalo	00058109	17-Nov-23	\$525.00	Tool Reimbursement
Miller Janitor Supply	00058042	03-Nov-23	\$532.10	Maintenance Supplies
Miller Janitor Supply	00058110	17-Nov-23	\$530.40	Maintenance Supplies
MINONK NAPA	00058043	03-Nov-23	\$556.64	Bus Parts
MissionSquare	ACH	02-Nov-23	\$35,339.03	Retirement Payment
MissionSquare	ACH	15-Nov-23	\$36,078.20	Retirement Payment
MissionSquare	ACH	29-Nov-23	\$36,011.85	Retirement Payment
Morris Avenue Garage	00058044	03-Nov-23	\$320.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00058111	17-Nov-23	\$200.00	Vehicle Inspection
Mutual of Omaha	00058130	21-Nov-23	\$19,075.04	Life, AD&D, STD & LTD
Napa Auto Parts	00058045	03-Nov-23	\$419.63	Bus Parts
Nicor Gas	00058046	03-Nov-23	\$1,948.34	Utilities
Nolan Vardinakis	00058112	17-Nov-23	\$171.93	Tool Reimbursement
Payroll	ACH	02-Nov-23	\$276,819.75	
Payroll	ACH	16-Nov-23	\$297,397.80	
Payroll	ACH	30-Nov-23	\$284,217.54	
Pipco Companies, LTD	00058047	03-Nov-23	\$640.00	Building Maintenance
Pro Air HVAC/Electrical	00058048	03-Nov-23	\$4,930.00	HVAC
Pro Air HVAC/Electrical	00058113	17-Nov-23	\$5,291.00	HVAC
Protterra, Inc.	00058049	03-Nov-23	\$1,519.64	Bus Parts
Purchase Power	00058050	03-Nov-23	\$601.00	Postage
Redbird Sports Properties, LLC	00058114	17-Nov-23	\$1,550.00	Advertising- Media Promotions
Republic Services # 368	00058051	03-Nov-23	\$605.92	Garbage Disposal
Roush CleanTech LLC	00058052	03-Nov-23	\$927.20	Bus Parts
Sam Leman	00058115	17-Nov-23	\$767.03	Outside Repair
Sean Miller Media LLC	00058116	17-Nov-23	\$3,250.00	Website
Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00058053	03-Nov-23	\$140.00	Towing



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Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00058117	17-Nov-23	\$165.00	Towing
Stratus Networks	00058118	17-Nov-23	\$3,312.29	Internet
SumnerOne, Inc.	00058054	03-Nov-23	\$1,127.13	Copier Lease
Team Torque	00058055	03-Nov-23	\$245.60	Shop Tools
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00058058	03-Nov-23	\$16,182.88	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00058119	17-Nov-23	\$5,947.58	Bus Parts
The Copy Shop	00058059	03-Nov-23	\$108.90	Printing
TLR Associates	00058120	17-Nov-23	\$1,280.00	Consulting
Town of Normal	00058060	03-Nov-23	\$613.64	Utilites
TRAVELERS	00058121	17-Nov-23	\$4,939.97	Property Damage
United States Treasury	ACH	06-Nov-23	\$93,860.05	Federal tax payment
United States Treasury	ACH	21-Nov-23	\$99,795.59	Federal tax payment
UPS	00058061	03-Nov-23	\$110.00	Shipping
USSC Group	00058122	17-Nov-23	\$573.20	Bus Parts
Verizon Wireless	00058123	17-Nov-23	\$3,767.29	Mobile Data Terminals for SS
Via Mobility, LLC	00058124	17-Nov-23	\$7,200.00	Consulting & Software Licensing
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	(\$157.18)	Cash Back Rebate
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$282.94	Garage Equip Repair
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$1,918.95	Advertising- Employment
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$59.14	Freight
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$217.96	Office Supplies
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$604.45	Software Licensing
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$1,490.60	Dues & Subscriptions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$10,881.68	Travel & Meetings
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$140.73	Employee Recognition
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$19.29	Media - Promotions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058062	03-Nov-23	\$102.26	Safety & Training
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058125	17-Nov-23	(\$81.16)	Cash Back Rebate
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058125	17-Nov-23	\$139.39	Support Vehicles
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058125	17-Nov-23	\$1,504.36	Advertising- Employment
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058125	17-Nov-23	\$39.99	Dues & Subscriptions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058125	17-Nov-23	\$6,257.30	Employee Recognition
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058125	17-Nov-23	\$136.36	Advertising - Promotions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058125	17-Nov-23	\$39.00	Safety & Training
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058125	17-Nov-23	\$150.64	Miscellaneous
VSP of Illinois, NFP	00058131	21-Nov-23	\$1,165.82	Vision Insurance
Weed Man	00058063	03-Nov-23	\$131.00	Lawn Care
Wherry Machine and Welding, Inc	00058126	17-Nov-23	\$38.70	Outside Repair
Total			\$1,788,929.38	

Bloomington Normal Public Transit Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 11/30/2023

Fiscal Year: 2024 Period: 5 Nov-2023

Assets

Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$9,768,468.05
Accounts Receivable	\$2,286,228.54
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$82,988.63
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$386,465.30
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$321,060.98

Total Current Assets **\$12,845,211.50**

Fixed Assets **\$30,987,054.09**

Total Assets **\$43,832,265.59**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$430,554.48
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,569,241.09
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$351,922.68
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

Total Liabilities **\$2,351,718.25**

EQUITY

Fixed Asset Equity	\$12,483,532.77
Unreserved Fund Equity	\$6,750,412.62
Underground Petroleum Storage	\$20,000.00

Total Equity **\$19,253,945.39**

Retained Earnings **\$22,226,601.95**

Total Liabilities & Equity **\$43,832,265.59**

Bloomington Normal Public Transit Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2024 Thru Fiscal Year: 2024	From Period 5 Thru Period 5	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss		As of: 11/30/2023		
		Nov-2023	Jul-2023 Nov-2023	Approved Budget		
Operating Revenue						
Passenger Fares		\$47,835.09	8.82%	\$221,484.31	40.83%	\$542,500.00
ISU Contract Fare		\$48,670.68	8.33%	\$243,353.40	41.67%	\$584,048.00
Other Contract Fares		\$21,208.63	10.60%	\$108,422.05	54.21%	\$200,000.00
Advertising Revenue		\$9,391.66	8.01%	\$53,741.66	45.82%	\$117,300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$1,006.76	10.60%	\$22,847.42	240.50%	\$9,500.00
Total Operating Revenue		\$128,112.82	8.82%	\$649,848.84	44.71%	\$1,453,348.00
Operating Expenses						
Operators Wages		\$964,641.85	12.11%	\$3,572,344.58	44.84%	\$7,967,560.00
Maintenance Wages		\$153,245.54	9.74%	\$574,616.77	36.51%	\$1,573,647.00
Administration Wages		\$145,167.09	12.33%	\$526,405.00	44.69%	\$1,177,806.00
Employer Payroll Tax Expense		\$97,277.57	11.18%	\$362,071.66	41.63%	\$869,722.00
Retirement Plan		\$46,540.57	8.68%	\$174,861.57	32.63%	\$535,951.00
Group Insurance		\$151,554.12	6.77%	\$812,584.94	36.32%	\$2,237,512.00
Uniform Expense		\$2,319.58	3.66%	\$20,633.03	32.56%	\$63,375.00
Professional Services		\$97,853.96	43.78%	\$193,597.65	86.62%	\$223,500.00
Outside Repair-Labor		\$6,266.27	4.48%	\$8,183.97	5.85%	\$140,000.00
Contract Maintenance Services		\$23,678.02	10.10%	\$57,913.71	24.70%	\$234,476.00
Custodial Services		\$1,635.92	8.58%	\$11,959.60	62.75%	\$19,060.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help		\$2,804.61	6.23%	\$11,227.77	24.95%	\$45,000.00
Fuel		\$84,568.72	5.23%	\$463,261.90	28.66%	\$1,616,224.00
Lubricants		\$2,424.93	2.81%	\$11,996.98	13.90%	\$86,285.00
Tires		\$4,196.78	6.80%	\$17,056.00	27.65%	\$61,680.00
Bus Repair Parts		\$31,782.63	6.63%	\$240,632.96	50.20%	\$479,362.00
Other Materials & Supplies		\$10,199.38	12.29%	\$35,116.36	42.31%	\$83,000.00
Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools		\$1,898.84	9.49%	\$9,614.18	48.07%	\$20,000.00
Computer and Office Supplies		\$71,502.28	16.39%	\$200,361.96	45.92%	\$436,362.00
Utilities		\$18,211.13	14.12%	\$56,210.20	43.57%	\$129,000.00
Corporate Insurance		\$49,752.07	9.43%	\$231,392.11	43.85%	\$527,725.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees		\$2,971.11	6.65%	\$24,053.15	53.87%	\$44,650.00
Printing/Marketing/Training		\$18,192.69	4.85%	\$118,312.85	31.56%	\$374,850.00
Total Operating Expenses		\$1,988,685.66	10.50%	\$7,734,408.90	40.82%	\$18,946,747.00
Operating Assistance						
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants		(\$1,860,572.84)	10.64%	(\$7,084,560.06)	40.50%	(\$17,493,399.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance		\$75,833.33	0.00%	\$379,166.65	0.00%	\$0.00
Town of Normal Operating Assistance		\$49,166.66	0.00%	\$245,833.30	0.00%	\$0.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance		\$1,286,172.00	0.00%	\$4,993,283.00	0.00%	\$0.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance		\$430,321.00	0.00%	\$1,393,436.00	0.00%	\$0.00
Total Operating Assistance		\$1,841,492.99	0.00%	\$7,011,718.95	0.00%	\$0.00



December 2023

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Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
A&R Mechanical Contractors, Inc	00058242	21-Dec-23	\$2,535.94	Building Maintenance
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00058181	15-Dec-23	\$299.85	Payroll Deduction
ABC Bus Companies	00058182	15-Dec-23	\$2,754.31	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00058243	21-Dec-23	\$5,050.42	Bus Parts
Ace-Hi Glass Co.	00058144	06-Dec-23	\$480.00	Glass
Advance Auto Parts	00058145	06-Dec-23	\$605.60	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00058183	15-Dec-23	\$431.19	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00058244	21-Dec-23	\$540.85	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00058146	06-Dec-23	\$358.13	Welding Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00058184	15-Dec-23	\$347.19	Welding Supplies
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00058185	15-Dec-23	\$7,517.20	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00058132	01-Dec-23	\$1,851.56	Dues & Subscriptions, Office Supplies and Shop Tools
Amazon Capital Service	00058186	15-Dec-23	\$627.72	Computer Hardware, Office Supplies & Materials & Supplies
Ancel Glink, P.C.	00058187	15-Dec-23	\$462.40	Legal Service
Anthony Hayes	00058245	21-Dec-23	\$68.00	Uniform Reimbursement
Aramark Uniform Services	00058147	06-Dec-23	\$716.71	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Aramark Uniform Services	00058188	15-Dec-23	\$385.90	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Aramark Uniform Services	00058246	21-Dec-23	\$85.73	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Avail Technologies	00058247	21-Dec-23	\$70,190.00	Software & Tech Support
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00058248	21-Dec-23	\$144,626.12	Insurance
Blue Springs, Inc	00058189	15-Dec-23	\$225.00	Portable Restrooms
Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC	00058190	15-Dec-23	\$6,000.00	Consulting
CDS Office Technologies	00058148	06-Dec-23	\$2,202.26	Syncromatics
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00058149	06-Dec-23	\$3,217.95	Bus Parts
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00058191	15-Dec-23	\$2,527.42	Bus Parts
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00058249	21-Dec-23	\$2,455.46	Bus Parts
Checkr, Inc.	00058192	15-Dec-23	\$501.94	New Hire Background Checks
ChemStation of Indiana	00058150	06-Dec-23	\$1,518.70	Garage Supplies
CIRBN, LLC	00058133	01-Dec-23	\$147.13	Internet
CIRBN, LLC	00058193	15-Dec-23	\$147.13	Internet
City of Bloomington(Water)	00058194	15-Dec-23	\$1,091.42	Utilities
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00058151	06-Dec-23	\$1,637.00	Bus Parts
Commerce	ACH	11-Dec-23	\$312.99	Bank Fees
Commerce	ACH	20-Dec-23	\$100.00	Loan Interest
Concur Technologies, Inc	00058195	15-Dec-23	\$228.75	Software
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00058250	21-Dec-23	\$15,929.92	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00058196	15-Dec-23	\$3,958.33	Consulting
Creative Bus Sales, Inc.	00058197	15-Dec-23	\$3,245.28	Bus Parts
Cummins Sales and Service	00058152	06-Dec-23	\$3,752.26	Bus Parts
David Elliott	00058198	15-Dec-23	\$119.00	Pre-employment Physicals
Dejuan McClelland	00058251	21-Dec-23	\$200.00	Tool Reimbursement
Delicia Davis	00058199	15-Dec-23	\$70.69	Uniform Reimbursement
DH Pace Company, Inc.	00058200	15-Dec-23	\$7,819.85	Door Repair
Discount Tire	00058201	15-Dec-23	\$18.00	Tires
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00058153	06-Dec-23	\$72.18	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00058202	15-Dec-23	\$52.53	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00058252	21-Dec-23	\$52.53	Bus Parts
Dovetail, Inc.	00058134	01-Dec-23	\$1,750.00	Consulting
Dovetail, Inc.	00058203	15-Dec-23	\$19,110.00	Consulting
Eagle Automotive	00058154	06-Dec-23	\$65.78	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00058204	15-Dec-23	\$579.87	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00058253	21-Dec-23	\$501.94	Bus Parts
Evergreen FS	00058155	06-Dec-23	\$873.59	Fuel
Evergreen FS	00058254	21-Dec-23	\$943.52	Fuel
Fastenal Company	00058156	06-Dec-23	\$6.35	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00058157	06-Dec-23	\$203.30	Maintenance Supplies
Fasteners Etc.	00058205	15-Dec-23	\$32.50	Maintenance Supplies



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Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
Fasteners Etc.	00058255	21-Dec-23	\$202.84	Maintenance Supplies
Galls, LLC	00058135	01-Dec-23	\$1,263.90	Employee Uniforms
Galls, LLC	00058206	15-Dec-23	\$701.70	Employee Uniforms
Galls, LLC	00058256	21-Dec-23	\$1,555.02	Employee Uniforms
Genfare, LLC	ACH	06-Dec-23	\$12.50	Pass Refund
Genfare, LLC	00058158	06-Dec-23	\$568.49	Software and Hardware
Genfare, LLC	00058257	21-Dec-23	\$78.20	Software and Hardware
Gillig LLC	00058258	21-Dec-23	\$1,849.97	Bus Parts
Global Industrial	00058259	21-Dec-23	\$215.89	Garage Supplies
GMV Synchronatics Corp.	00058260	21-Dec-23	\$48,987.00	Annual Service
Great Plains Media	00058207	15-Dec-23	\$1,600.00	Radio Advertising
Grover Trunell	00058208	15-Dec-23	\$119.00	Pre-employment Physicals
Houck Transit Advertising	00058136	01-Dec-23	\$850.00	Accidents
Illinois Department of Labor	00058261	21-Dec-23	\$101.12	Misc Expense
Illinois Department of Revenue	00058137	01-Dec-23	\$16,904.61	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00058209	15-Dec-23	\$17,112.94	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00058241	15-Dec-23	\$22.27	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment, Inc.	00058159	06-Dec-23	\$212.90	Fuel Station
Illinois State Disbursement Unit	00058138	01-Dec-23	\$2,025.33	Payroll Deduction
Illinois State Disbursement Unit	00058210	15-Dec-23	\$2,269.95	Payroll Deduction
Interstate Batteries of Mid-Illinois	00058160	06-Dec-23	\$189.60	Bus Parts
J.G. Stewart Contractors, Inc	00058211	15-Dec-23	\$740.00	Construction
Jessica Dolan	00058262	21-Dec-23	\$11.79	Travel & Meetings
Julie Holts	00058139	01-Dec-23	\$2,072.12	Tuition Reimbursement
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00058161	06-Dec-23	\$53,178.41	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00058212	15-Dec-23	\$23,964.35	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00058263	21-Dec-23	\$24,185.86	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Kirby Risk Corporation	00058162	06-Dec-23	\$876.45	Bus Parts
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00058213	15-Dec-23	\$693.00	Bus Parts
Lewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc	00058264	21-Dec-23	\$2,277.50	Consulting
Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC	00058265	21-Dec-23	\$210,977.00	Insurance
McMaster-Carr Supply Company	00058163	06-Dec-23	\$48.55	Shop Tools
McMaster-Carr Supply Company	00058214	15-Dec-23	\$323.59	Shop Tools
Menards	00058164	06-Dec-23	\$831.75	Materials & Supplies
Menards	00058215	15-Dec-23	\$731.49	Materials & Supplies
Michelin North America, Inc	00058165	06-Dec-23	\$43.19	Tires
Microsoft Corporation	00058216	15-Dec-23	\$8,754.70	Computer Hardware
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00058166	06-Dec-23	\$55.21	Bus Parts
Miller Janitor Supply	00058167	06-Dec-23	\$4,846.41	Maintenance Supplies
Missionsquare	ACH	14-Dec-23	\$35,993.71	Retirement Payment
Missionsquare	ACH	27-Dec-23	\$36,477.32	Retirement Payment
Morris Avenue Garage	00058168	06-Dec-23	\$120.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00058217	15-Dec-23	\$320.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00058266	21-Dec-23	\$200.00	Vehicle Inspection
Motion Industries, Inc.	00058169	06-Dec-23	\$45.58	Bus Parts
Motion Industries, Inc.	00058218	15-Dec-23	\$258.14	Bus Parts
Motion Industries, Inc.	00058267	21-Dec-23	\$302.19	Bus Parts
Mutual of Omaha	00058268	21-Dec-23	\$18,949.90	Life, AD&D, STD & LTD
Napa Auto Parts	00058170	06-Dec-23	\$193.98	Bus Parts
Nicor Gas	00058219	15-Dec-23	\$5,017.23	Utilities
Oberlander Alarm Systems, Inc.	00058220	15-Dec-23	\$230.00	Security Alarm Service Fee
Oberlander Alarm Systems, Inc.	00058269	21-Dec-23	\$460.00	Security Alarm Service Fee
O'Reilly Auto Parts	00058171	06-Dec-23	\$25.05	Bus Parts
O'Reilly Auto Parts	00058221	15-Dec-23	\$13.75	Bus Parts
Orkin Pest Control	00058172	06-Dec-23	\$800.00	Pest Control
OSF Medical Group - Occupational Health	00058222	15-Dec-23	\$655.00	Drug Testing
Payroll	ACH	14-Dec-23	\$279,918.16	
Payroll	ACH	28-Dec-23	\$289,195.53	



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Piercy Auto Body	00058173	06-Dec-23	\$1,585.00	Outside Repair
Power Electronics	00058223	15-Dec-23	\$1,083.96	Building Maintenance
Prairie Signs	00058140	01-Dec-23	\$350.00	Advertising- Promotions
Prairie Signs	00058224	15-Dec-23	\$183.79	Advertising- Promotions
Pro Air HVAC/Electrical	00058225	15-Dec-23	\$112.00	Hvac
Proterra, Inc.	00058174	06-Dec-23	\$3,016.80	Bus Parts
Proterra, Inc.	00058226	15-Dec-23	\$661.27	Bus Parts
Purchase Power	00058141	01-Dec-23	\$614.26	Postage
Redbird Catering	00058227	15-Dec-23	\$960.00	Employee Recognition
Redbird Sports Properties, LLC	00058228	15-Dec-23	\$1,550.00	Advertising
Reinhart Landscaping & Snow	00058229	15-Dec-23	\$1,425.00	Snow Removal
Republic Services # 368	00058230	15-Dec-23	\$605.92	Garbage Disposal
Rosco Collision Avoidance, Inc.	00058175	06-Dec-23	\$1,373.25	Bus Parts
Roush CleanTech LLC	00058231	15-Dec-23	\$219.70	Bus parts
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	00058176	06-Dec-23	\$333.10	Lubricant Waste Disposal
Sam Leman	00058177	06-Dec-23	\$739.30	Outside Repair
Sam Leman	00058232	15-Dec-23	\$10.64	Outside Repair
Sam Leman	00058270	21-Dec-23	\$6,599.62	Outside Repair
Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00058178	06-Dec-23	\$540.00	Towing
Stark Excavating, INC.	00058142	01-Dec-23	\$103,554.70	Bus Stop Construction
Stephens Auto Glass	00058179	06-Dec-23	\$336.97	Glass
Stratus Networks	00058233	15-Dec-23	\$3,312.29	Internet
SumnerOne, Inc.	00058234	15-Dec-23	\$1,048.40	Copier Lease
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00058180	06-Dec-23	\$6,472.79	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00058235	15-Dec-23	\$6,780.90	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00058271	21-Dec-23	\$2,460.21	Bus Parts
Town of Normal	00058143	01-Dec-23	\$638.97	Utilites
TransitTalent.com	00058272	21-Dec-23	\$125.00	Advertising- Employment
TRAVELERS	00058236	15-Dec-23	\$5,517.63	Property Damage
Trent Davis	00058237	15-Dec-23	\$114.83	Uniform Reimbursement
United States Treasury	ACH	05-Dec-23	\$92,158.90	Federal Tax Payment
United States Treasury	ACH	18-Dec-23	\$93,956.35	Federal Tax Payment
Verizon Wireless	00058238	15-Dec-23	\$4,506.45	Mobile Data Terminals for SS
Via Mobility, LLC	00058239	15-Dec-23	\$4,800.00	Consulting
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	(153.68)	Cash Back Rebate
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	1,218.00	HVAC
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	2,881.33	Advertising- Employment
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	242.49	Bus Parts-Accidents FR
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	239.70	Materials & Supplies - Other
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	471.85	Freight
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	12.33	Office Supplies
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	3,843.59	Software Licensing
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	159.87	Dues & Subscriptions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	4,261.10	Travel & Meetings
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	1,640.11	Employee Recognition
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	319.05	Safety & Training
VISA-Commerce Bank	00058240	15-Dec-23	79.96	Printed Materials
VSP of Illinois, NFP	00058273	21-Dec-23	\$1,145.67	Vision Insurance
Total:			\$1,786,344.90	

Bloomington Normal Public Transit

Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 12/31/2023

Fiscal Year: 2024 Period: 6 Dec-2023

Assets

Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$7,867,664.61
Accounts Receivable	\$3,283,052.24
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$105,066.09
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$417,140.54
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$535,549.05

Total Current Assets \$12,208,472.53

Fixed Assets \$31,168,739.91

Total Assets \$43,377,212.44

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$272,529.58
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,354,583.50
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$307,645.59
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

Total Liabilities \$1,934,758.67

EQUITY

Fixed Asset Equity	\$12,483,532.77
Unreserved Fund Equity	\$6,750,412.62
Underground Petroleum Storage	\$20,000.00

Total Equity \$19,253,945.39

Retained Earnings \$22,188,508.38

Total Liabilities & Equity \$43,377,212.44

Bloomington Normal Public Transit

Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2024 Thru Fiscal Year: 2024	From Period 6 Thru Period 6	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss		As of: 12/31/2023		
		Dec-2023	Jul-2023 Dec-2023	Approved Budget		
Operating Revenue						
Passenger Fares		\$22,118.70	4.08%	\$243,603.01	44.90%	\$542,500.00
ISU Contract Fare		\$48,670.68	8.33%	\$292,024.08	50.00%	\$584,048.00
Other Contract Fares		\$19,527.05	9.76%	\$127,949.10	63.97%	\$200,000.00
Advertising Revenue		\$9,775.00	8.33%	\$63,516.66	54.15%	\$117,300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$1,500.00	15.79%	\$24,347.42	256.29%	\$9,500.00
Total Operating Revenue		\$101,591.43	6.99%	\$751,440.27	51.70%	\$1,453,348.00
Operating Expenses						
Operators Wages		\$471,798.30	5.92%	\$4,044,142.88	50.76%	\$7,967,560.00
Maintenance Wages		\$78,971.12	5.02%	\$653,587.89	41.53%	\$1,573,647.00
Administration Wages		\$67,162.51	5.70%	\$593,567.51	50.40%	\$1,177,806.00
Employer Payroll Tax Expense		\$47,776.55	5.49%	\$409,848.21	47.12%	\$869,722.00
Retirement Plan		\$24,766.82	4.62%	\$199,628.39	37.25%	\$535,951.00
Group Insurance		\$160,365.05	7.17%	\$972,949.99	43.48%	\$2,237,512.00
Uniform Expense		\$2,795.30	4.41%	\$23,428.33	36.97%	\$63,375.00
Professional Services		\$24,908.97	11.14%	\$218,506.62	97.77%	\$223,500.00
Outside Repair-Labor		\$105.06	0.08%	\$8,289.03	5.92%	\$140,000.00
Contract Maintenance Services		\$10,953.28	4.67%	\$68,866.99	29.37%	\$234,476.00
Custodial Services		\$835.92	4.39%	\$12,795.52	67.13%	\$19,060.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help		\$3,466.33	7.70%	\$14,694.10	32.65%	\$45,000.00
Fuel		\$87,376.56	5.41%	\$550,638.46	34.07%	\$1,616,224.00
Lubricants		\$1,773.16	2.06%	\$13,770.14	15.96%	\$86,285.00
Tires		\$3,984.67	6.46%	\$21,040.67	34.11%	\$61,680.00
Bus Repair Parts		\$34,844.19	7.27%	\$275,477.15	57.47%	\$479,362.00
Other Materials & Supplies		\$5,426.75	6.54%	\$40,543.11	48.85%	\$83,000.00
Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools		\$2,031.73	10.16%	\$11,645.91	58.23%	\$20,000.00
Computer and Office Supplies		\$26,786.05	6.14%	\$227,148.01	52.05%	\$436,362.00
Utilities		\$17,628.28	13.67%	\$73,838.48	57.24%	\$129,000.00
Corporate Insurance		\$52,375.63	9.92%	\$283,767.74	53.77%	\$527,725.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees		\$599.87	1.34%	\$24,653.02	55.21%	\$44,650.00
Printing/Marketing/Training		\$20,099.89	5.36%	\$138,412.74	36.92%	\$374,850.00
Total Operating Expenses		\$1,146,831.99	6.05%	\$8,881,240.89	46.87%	\$18,946,747.00
Operating Assistance						
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants		(\$1,045,240.56)	5.98%	(\$8,129,800.62)	46.47%	(\$17,493,399.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance		\$75,833.33	0.00%	\$454,999.98	0.00%	\$0.00
Town of Normal Operating Assitance		\$49,166.66	0.00%	\$294,999.96	0.00%	\$0.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance		\$716,862.00	0.00%	\$5,710,145.00	0.00%	\$0.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance		\$165,285.00	0.00%	\$1,558,721.00	0.00%	\$0.00
Total Operating Assistance		\$1,007,146.99	0.00%	\$8,018,865.94	0.00%	\$0.00



November 2023	Current Month	Month in Prior Year	Percent Change	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	% Change YTD
System Statistics:						
System Ridership	218,309	199,344	9.51%	1,045,577	933,152	12.05%
Fixed Ridership	202,810	191,072	6.14%	973,597	891,610	9.20%
Mobility Ridership	9,650	8,272	16.66%	52,100	41,542	25.42%
FLEX Ridership	5,849	*	*	19,880	*	*
System Service Hours	14,273	12,786	11.63%	75,868	63,962	18.61%
Fixed Service Hours	9,250	9,158	1.01%	50,310	45,913	9.58%
Mobility Service Hours	4,018	3,628	10.75%	20,852	18,049	15.53%
FLEX Service Hours	1,005	*	*	4,706	*	*
System Service Miles	174,158	155,265	12.17%	882,015	783,480	12.58%
Fixed Service Miles	112,376	111,533	0.76%	576,064	562,928	2.33%
Mobility Service Miles	48,882	43,732	11.78%	257,452	220,552	16.73%
FLEX Service Miles	12,900	*	*	48,499	*	*
System Revenue Vehicles	65	57	14.04%	65	59	10.17%
Fixed Revenue Vehicles	40	38	5.26%	40	40	0.00%
Mobility Revenue Vehicles	20	19	5.26%	20	19	5.26%
FLEX Revenue Vehicles	5	*	*	5	*	*
System Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,679	2,724	-1.64%	13,569	13,279	2.18%
Fixed Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,809	2,935	-4.28%	14,402	14,073	2.33%
Mobility Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,444	2,302	6.19%	12,873	11,608	10.89%
FLEX Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,580	*	*	9,700	*	*
System Efficiencies:						
System Ridership/Service Hour	15.30	15.59	-1.90%	13.78	14.59	-5.54%
Fixed Ridership/Revenue Hour	21.93	20.86	5.09%	19.35	19.42	-0.35%
Mobility Ridership/Revenue Hour	2.40	2.28	5.34%	2.50	2.30	8.56%
FLEX Ridership/Revenue Hour	5.82	*	*	4.22	*	*
System Percent On-Time Trips	92.88%	93.25%	-0.39%	91.18%	93.43%	-2.41%
Fixed Percent On-Time Trips	93%	93%	0.00%	91%	93%	-2.42%
Mobility Percent On-Time Trips	97%	99%	-2.02%	97%	98%	-1.03%
FLEX Percent On-Time Trips	82%	*	*	87%	*	*
System Subsidy/Passenger	\$8.52	\$7.06	20.76%	\$6.80	\$6.47	5.11%
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	\$7.04	\$5.69	23.78%	\$5.62	\$5.19	8.21%
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	\$35.50	\$38.74	-8.36%	\$25.30	\$33.84	-25.23%
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	\$15.48	*	*	\$16.06	*	*
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour	1.36	1.40	-2.30%	1.28	1.34	-4.84%
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile	\$1.18	\$1.22	-2.79%	\$1.10	\$0.93	18.10%



December 2023	Current Month	Month in Prior Year	Percent Change	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	% Change YTD
System Statistics:						
System Ridership	169,149	153,770	10.00%	1,214,726	1,086,922	11.76%
Fixed Ridership	154,396	146,229	5.59%	1,127,993	1,037,839	8.69%
Mobility Ridership	8,786	7,541	16.51%	60,886	49,083	24.05%
FLEX Ridership	5,967	*	*	25,847	*	*
System Service Hours	13,551	12,828	5.63%	89,419	76,791	16.45%
Fixed Service Hours	8,732	9,116	-4.21%	59,042	55,030	7.29%
Mobility Service Hours	3,960	3,712	6.68%	24,812	21,761	14.02%
FLEX Service Hours	859	*	*	5,565	*	*
System Service Miles	164,581	153,545	7.19%	1,046,596	937,025	11.69%
Fixed Service Miles	106,587	111,187	-4.14%	682,651	674,115	1.27%
Mobility Service Miles	46,570	42,358	9.94%	304,022	262,910	15.64%
FLEX Service Miles	11,424	*	*	59,923	*	*
System Revenue Vehicles	62	56	10.71%	66	59	11.86%
Fixed Revenue Vehicles	36	37	-2.70%	40	40	0.00%
Mobility Revenue Vehicles	21	19	10.53%	21	19	10.53%
FLEX Revenue Vehicles	5	*	*	5	*	*
System Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,655	2,742	-3.19%	15,858	15,882	-0.15%
Fixed Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,961	3,005	-1.47%	17,066	16,853	1.27%
Mobility Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,218	2,229	-0.53%	14,477	13,837	4.62%
FLEX Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,285	*	*	11,985	*	*
System Efficiencies:						
System Ridership/Service Hour	12.48	11.99	4.13%	13.58	14.15	-4.03%
Fixed Ridership/Revenue Hour	17.68	16.04	10.23%	19.10	18.86	1.30%
Mobility Ridership/Revenue Hour	2.22	2.03	9.21%	2.45	2.26	8.79%
FLEX Ridership/Revenue Hour	6.95	*	*	4.64	*	*
System Percent On-Time Trips	93.78%	95.20%	-1.48%	91.63%	93.73%	-2.23%
Fixed Percent On-Time Trips	94%	95%	-1.05%	91%	94%	-2.19%
Mobility Percent On-Time Trips	98%	99%	-1.01%	97%	99%	-1.02%
FLEX Percent On-Time Trips	82%	*	*	86%	*	*
System Subsidy/Passenger	\$6.18	\$9.01	-31.41%	\$6.71	\$6.83	-1.69%
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	\$5.18	\$7.25	-28.52%	\$5.56	\$5.48	1.40%
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	\$22.62	\$43.10	-47.51%	\$24.91	\$35.26	-29.34%
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	\$7.73	*	*	\$14.14	*	*
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour	1.39	1.36	1.67%	1.29	1.34	-3.86%
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile	\$0.72	\$0.95	-24.38%	\$1.04	\$0.94	10.63%



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Monthly Federal Update for Connect Transit

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Congressional Update

Congress must act by January 19th to fund the Department of Transportation along with other agencies included in a separate group of agencies whose funding is set to expire on February 2nd.

The new funding patch would keep federal agencies running on two different timeframes. Funding for some federal agencies would expire March 1, while funding for others would run through March 8.

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson faces a possible revolt from the more conservative members of the House Freedom Caucus who oppose the spending levels agreed upon with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer. The agreed upon levels mirror those that former Speaker Kevin McCarthy negotiated with Senate Democrats and the White House back in May of 2023.

Johnson, however, has reiterated his support for the agreement and plans to move the short-term CR to the floor where he will likely need Democratic votes for passage.

Senate and House Appropriators are still working to iron out agreements on funding levels for the individual spending bills and all agree this will take time well beyond the January 19th deadline. Regardless, the Federal Transit Administration has funding guaranteed under the IIJA to keep operations running even if Congress fails to act on the extension. The expectation is that Congress will pass an omnibus funding bill including congressional designated projects prior to the March deadlines.

FTA Procurement Tool

FTA's new [Procurement Cost and Price Analysis](#) - Regulations and Best Practices e-learning course is now available! The course provides recipients with an understanding of the fundamentals and best practices for procurement cost and price analysis. The lessons from this e-learning course can be helpful for FTA recipients in mitigating procurement findings during State Management and Triennial Reviews.

Tax Credits for Local Governments

IRS announced the launch of the [IRS Energy Credits Online pre-filing registration tool](#) for taxpayers who intend to receive a direct payment or transfer a clean energy credit. Established by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Elective Pay (or "direct pay") and Transferability are credit monetization mechanisms to help states, local governments, non-profits, and other eligible entities access clean energy tax credits. Entities will use IRS Energy Credits Online to complete a required pre-filing registration process and receive a registration number. The registration number must be included on the taxpayer's annual return when making an elective payment or transfer election for a clean energy credit. An IRS Energy Credits Online user guide can [be found here](#) and [video tutorial here](#).

Perspective on Build More Housing Near Transit Act

Bloomberg: CityLab Perspective

[Want More Transit \(and Federal Funding\)? Build Housing That Supports It](#)



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Too many new rail lines are opening in areas that don't have the density to support them. A new federal bill aims to change that.

Template for Benefit-Cost Analysis

DOT launched their [benefit cost analysis template](#) and [general guidance](#) (not new, just in a centralized location) to help grantees prepare their applications.

A list of [Data and Mapping Tools](#) that can be used for a strong discretionary grant application, including tools related to equity; safety; climate, sustainability, and air quality; and transportation analysis

Department of Labor Grant for Youth Apprenticeships

The U.S. Department of Labor released a [new funding opportunity](#) for YouthBuild. This funding opportunity is aligned to infrastructure workforce needs with a required focus on training young people in construction. This year, the funding opportunity has added a priority around Investing in America projects. Applicants who identify a project in their area that is funded through Investing in America and identify a partner that they can work with to prepare people for this project can receive extra funding. This means transportation agencies can help community partners in their area be more competitive by partnering with them and that workforce organizations and unions applying should seek to partner with a transportation agency. Note that unions are eligible to apply. This is a great opportunity for apprenticeship readiness programs to expand their training to disadvantaged youth and get funding for the supportive services necessary to be successful.

RAISE Grant

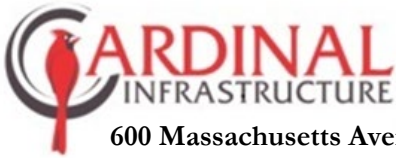
The U.S. Department of Transportation has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity](#) (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2024. The popular program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact.

Transit Vehicle Insurance

Transit agencies are finding it increasingly difficult to find, purchase, and maintain adequate and affordable insurance coverage for public transit vehicles. The number of smaller insurance providers is decreasing due to the volatile nature and demands of the insurance industry and insurance coverage requirements in general.

NCHRP Research Report 1079: Shared-Risk Insurance Pools for Transit Agencies: A Guide, from TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program, explains how insurance pools function, how to evaluate the feasibility of a shared-risk insurance pool, and how to establish and manage this type of pool.

Supplemental to report is a [presentation](#) and [NCHRP Web-Only Document 374: Developing a Guide to Shared-Risk Insurance Pools for Transit Agencies: Conduct of Research Report](#).



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DOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program

The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program [awarded \\$622.57 million in grant funding](#) to 47 applicants to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to a long designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). The 47 awards are located across 22 States and Puerto Rico, and include 2 Tribes.

MPO Emissions Rule

The Federal Highway Administration recently issued a [finalized performance measurement rule](#) to provide state departments of transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations with a “national framework” for tracking transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions GHGs, along with the requirement to set their own targets for GHG reduction.



CORNERSTONE

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TO: Connect Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team
SUBJECT: Legislative Update
DATE: January 23rd, 2024

Summary

Our team coordinated for Connect to meet with State Senator Dave Koehler and State Representative Sharon Chung to discuss recent updates and priorities moving into the coming year. Following this meeting, we drafted a letter regarding Connect’s proposal to establish a regional maintenance center for rural transit providers, in partnership with Heartland Community College. We worked with Connect’s local legislators to gather their support for this project and sent the support letters from the members to IDOT Secretary Osman for consideration.

Additionally, our team continued to follow up weekly with House leadership and staff regarding the release of Connect’s appropriation. We also spoke with Rep. Chung this week about the appropriation and she is going to also speak with House leadership on our behalf. With the start of the spring session on January 16th, we will continue to monitor for new bills or other activity which may impact Connect.

Bill Tracking

Below are the bills that have been filed or re-assigned for consideration during the Spring 2024 session so far that we believe are of the most interest of you.

SB 1480

Short Description: STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Ann Gillespie

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Provides that all questions must be answered on the statement of economic interest. Provides that the Secretary of State shall neither accept a statement of economic interest for filing nor issue a receipt indicating that the statement has been filed unless the statement is verified, dated, and signed by the person making the statement and all questions on the statement are answered. Provides that the county clerk shall neither accept a statement of economic interest for filing nor issue a receipt indicating that a statement has been filed unless the statement is verified, dated, and signed by the person making the statement and all questions on the statement are

answered.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/10/2024	Senate	Re-assigned to Executive

SB 1556

Short Description: EPA-CLEAN TRANSPORT STANDARD

Senate Sponsors

Sen. David Koehler

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that, to the extent allowed by federal law, the Environmental Protection Agency shall propose, within 12 months after the amendatory Act's effective date, and the Pollution Control Board shall adopt, within 12 months after receipt of the Agency's proposal, rules establishing a clean transportation standard to reduce carbon intensity from the on-road transportation sector by 20% by 2038, with further reductions to be implemented at the discretion of the Agency based upon advances in technology. Contains requirements for the Board rules and for the clean transportation standard. Exempts aviation fuels from the clean transportation standard. Provides that producers of sustainable aviation fuel shall be eligible to generate monetary credits on an opt-in basis that may be applied to future obligations or traded to providers not meeting the clean transportation standard. Requires the Agency to submit a report to the General Assembly detailing the implementation of the clean transportation standard, the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that have been achieved through the clean transportation standard, and targets for future reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. Contains other provisions. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/10/2024	Senate	Re-assigned to Energy and Public Utilities

SB 2691

Short Description: EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE-NOTICE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Laura Fine

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Employee Sick Leave Act. Provides that an employer may limit the use of personal sick leave benefits provided by the employer for absences due to an illness, injury, medical appointment, or personal care of the employee's covered family member to an amount not less than the personal sick

leave that would be earned or accrued during 9 months (rather than 6 months) at the employee's then current rate of entitlement. Provides that, for employers who base personal sick leave benefits on an employee's years of service instead of annual or monthly accrual, such employer may limit the amount of sick leave to be used under this Act to three-fourths of the employee's maximum annual grant (rather than half of the employee's maximum annual grant). Provides that an employer may not require an employee to provide advance notice of his or her use of personal sick leave benefits. Makes a corresponding change.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/10/2024	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 2793

Short Description: PAID LEAVE FOR ALL-EMPLOYEE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Michael W. Halpin

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Provides that the definition of "employee" does not include a worker who is not provided with a regular work schedule by an employer and is directly contracted with the employer to work on an as-needed basis for the express purpose of covering the shifts of full-time employees who are taking leave for vacations, illness, or for any other unforeseen reason.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/17/2024	Senate	Referred to Assignments

General Legislative Updates

103rd ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly will begin the 2024 Spring Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 16. Both chambers are scheduled to be in session for three days next week. Key deadlines are quickly approaching. Note Friday, January 19 is the deadline to request legislation be drafted for consideration during the Spring Session. Friday, February 9 is the deadline to file legislation.

The Senate Assignments Committee assigned 129 Senate Bills to committees this week. All of the bills were originally filed during the 2023 legislative session. Below are highlights of key bills that were assigned:

- [SB 85](#) (Murphy) which creates the State Beverage Container Recycling Refunds Act was reassigned to the Senate Executive Committee.
- [SB 193](#) (Peters) which creates the Illinois Rust Belt to Green Belt Pilot Program Act was reassigned to the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee.
- [SB 280](#) (Fowler) which creates the Department of Lottery and Gaming Act to consolidate the functions of the Department of the Lottery, the Illinois Racing Board, and the Illinois Gaming Board was reassigned to the Senate Executive Committee.
- [SB 1408](#) (Murphy) which provides that drugs prescribed to residents of the certain long term care facilities are not subject to prior approval as a result of the 4-prescription limit was reassigned to the Senate Appropriations Health and Human Services Committee.
- [SB 1413](#) (Rezin) which creates the Sale of Pharmaceuticals on Social Media Act was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- [SB 1549](#) (Rezin) creates the Wind Turbine Stewardship and Takeback Program Act was reassigned to the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee.
- [SB 1578](#) (Johnson) which provides that owners and operators of CCR surface impoundments at electric generating plants that are within 4,000 feet of Lake Michigan must close the CCR surface impoundment by removal and off-site disposal as specified in the legislation was reassigned to the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee.
- [SB 1656](#) (Castro) which creates the Internet Gaming Act was reassigned to the Senate Executive Committee.
- [SB 1823](#) (Villanueva) which addresses Environmental Justice communities was reassigned to the Senate State Government Committee.
- [SB 1908](#) (Villanueva) which creates the Warehouse Worker Protection Act was reassigned to the Senate Executive Committee.
- [SB 2421](#) (Fine) which creates the Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Protections Act was reassigned to the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is the only Senate Committee scheduled to meet next week. The House Rules Committee has yet to assign bills to committees for hearings.

Representative Jonathan Carroll resigned this week. Carroll was not seeking re-election. Tracy Katz Muhl, who was the sole Democrat seeking the nomination to the 57th House District in the March primary, was selected as his replacement.

The behavioral health workforce shortage will be the topic of two upcoming hearings. On January 25 – and then again on February 23 – the House Mental Health and Addiction Committee will meet in tandem with the Senate Behavioral Mental Health Committee to address the subject. Both hearings will begin at 10 a.m. in the Bilandic Building in Chicago.

Local Republicans selected Brandun Schweizer to replace Representative Mike Marron in the 104th House District. Schwizer was already running as the sole Republican in the March primary.

The Illinois State Board of Elections ruled this week that Republican Representative Adam Niemerg is ineligible to remain on the March 19 primary election ballot because he failed to properly notarize his statement of candidacy. Niemerg can appeal the ruling in court or run as a write in candidate. He is the only candidate running for the seat in the 102nd House District.

State Senator Sue Rezin was named one of the co-chairs of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment Standing Committee. This committee seeks to protect states' interests in federal decisions on everything from agriculture to wastewater – including biotechnology, electric grid and transmission, fossil fuels, and nuclear and renewable energy. The committee provides legislators and legislative staff with an opportunity to share and learn from the experiences of other states.

2024 Key Dates and Session Deadlines:

January 19: House and Senate LRB Request Deadline
January 19 - February 9: LRB Blackout Period – No Requests Will Be Accepted
February 9: Senate and House Bill Filing Deadline and LRB Amendment Requests Begin
February 21: Governor's Budget and State of the State Address
March 15: Senate Committee Deadline for Senate Bills
March 19: Primary Election
April 5: House Committee Deadline for House Bills
April 12: Senate Third Reading Deadline
April 19: House Third Reading Deadline
May 3: Committee Deadline for Bills in the Opposite Chamber
May 17: House and Senate Third Reading Deadline for Bills in the Opposite Chamber
May 24: Adjournment
May 25 – 31: Contingent Session Days

GOVERNOR'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Governor Pritzker Celebrates Economic Milestones: The Governor joined the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to celebrate the economic milestones reached during the Pritzker Administration. Read more [here](#).

Grant Funding Awarded for Recreational Purposes: More than \$28 million in state grant funding has been awarded to local governments throughout Illinois for the construction, renovation, and improvement of buildings or land purchases for public recreational opportunities, Governor JB Pritzker announced today.

The funding comes from the [Park and Recreational Facility Construction Act, or PARC, grant program](#), which is part of Governor Pritzker's bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital improvement program. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) administers the program. A full list of recipients is [here](#).

Cannabis Sales: The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation released key data for adult use cannabis sales for calendar year 2023. According to IDFPR, adult use cannabis sales set a new annual record in 2023, exceeding \$1.6 billion. Records were also set in sales to in-state residents and the number of items sold, with that total increasing more than 15% compared to 2022. Sales taxes collected at Illinois adult use cannabis dispensaries totaled \$417.6 million in 2023, per the Illinois Department of Revenue. Read more [here](#).

Southern Illinois Healthcare Cancer Institute Awarded \$10 Million Grant: Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) Cancer Institute will receive a \$10 million grant for its recent expansion of the SIH Cancer Institute in Carterville. The grant is made possible through the bipartisan Rebuild Illinois plan to improve infrastructure statewide. The funding will help upgrade facility furniture, medical equipment, and the buildout of the Cancer Institute in Carterville. The Carterville plan, completed in December of 2022, included an approximate 20,000 square foot expansion and the modernization of both clinical and non-clinical areas.

Two additional state grants of \$150,000 each will help expand the SIH Cancer Institute Café, covering such costs as the design, oversight, and implementation of kitchen renovations.

Back to Business Local Chambers Program: The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity announced \$5 million is available in [grant funding](#) through the Back to Business (B2B) Local Chambers program. Following state recovery programming for businesses totaling \$1.5 billion, the latest American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-funded opportunity provides additional support for local chambers of commerce that experienced negative economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more [here](#).

Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant Program: Local governments, community-based nonprofit organizations, and higher ed institutions are being encouraged by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to address climate challenges and reduce pollution through a just-announced federal funding opportunity. The Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant Program ([Community Change Grants](#)) -- created by the Inflation Reduction Act and administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) -- offers \$2 billion in grants in two tracks of funding.

Track I, Community-Driven Investments for Change, is expected to award approximately \$1.96 billion for 150 projects for \$10 million-\$20 million each. Under Track II, called Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance, some \$40 million will be available for 20 projects costing \$1 million-\$3 million each. Read more [here](#).

Electric Charging Station Grant: Illinois will receive \$14.9 million in competitive federal grant funding from the US Department of Transportation's FY22-FY23 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program. The Illinois Finance Authority, in its role as the Illinois Climate Bank, was chosen to receive the funding to help expand electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in the state.

Of the total \$18.7M project investment: 43% will be allocated for disadvantaged community projects while 63% will go to dense urban communities with a high percentage of multi-family housing, as well as rural communities and small towns. Read more [here](#).

Gubernatorial Appointments: Governor Pritzker appointed the following:

- Dion Redfield will continue to serve as a Member of the Firearm Owner’s Identification Card Review Board.
- Lance Kovacs will serve as a Member of the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee.
- Laura Minzer will serve as a Member of the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee.
- Patrick Besler will serve as a Member of the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee.
- Steven Powell will continue to serve as a Member of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.
- Brian Sullivan will continue to serve as a Member of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

OTHER NEWS:

Assault Weapons Ban: The US Supreme Court denied Republican State Representative Dan Caulkin’s request to review the Illinois Supreme Court ruling in his case surrounding the validity of Illinois’ recently enacted assault weapons ban. The Illinois Supreme Court ruled previously that the gun ban does not violate the state constitution’s equal protection clause by creating exemptions for certain trained professionals (such as retired police officers, and for people who owned the now-banned firearms). Read more [here](#).

COGFA Report: The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability issued its December report. Concerning revenues, the Commission reports that “Illinois’ General Funds receipts rose \$383 million in December as compared to the same month the prior year. While the performances of the individual revenue lines were mixed, growth in personal income tax receipts, with the help of revenue redistributions and a one-time transfer, has capped off an overall positive first half of revenues for FY 2024.” Read the full report [here](#).

Chicago Migrant Update: A new State-supported shelter began serving migrants in Chicago on Wednesday. Located in a former CVS in the Little Village neighborhood, the shelter is part of the city’s existing asylum seeker shelter system and will house approximately 220 people as they transition to independent living.



MEMO

DATE: January 23, 2024
TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Aubrey Staton, Marketing Manager
CC: David Braun, General Manager
SUBJECT: Messaging Consultant Presentation - Informational

In September 2022, Connect Transit contracted with a strategic messaging consultant, Dovetail, and their subconsultant, Creative Entourage. Since engaging Dovetail and Creative Entourage, several presentations have been made to the Board detailing the research that has been conducted to provide sound backing to the information being shared today.

Dovetail will present their strategic messaging approach and several creative concepts for a campaign at the January 23, 2024, Board meeting.



MEMO

DATE: January 23, 2024
TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Patrick Kuebrich, Finance Director
CC: David Braun, General Manager
SUBJECT: Travel Expenses for Vice Chair Hile

Recommendation:

Reimburse Vice Chair Julie Hile the \$1,431.76 for out-of-pocket travel expenses she incurred during the October 2023 APTA Conference and Expo.

Discussion:

As Vice Chair of the Connect Transit Board of Trustees Ms. Hile represented Connect Transit at the APTA Conference and Expo in Orlando, FL October 7-9, 2023. Ms. Hile incurred out of pocket travel-related expenses that may be reimbursed by Connect Transit.

5/11/23	Southwest Airlines (\$623.96/2)	\$311.98
10/7/23	Uber	\$11.81
10/7/23	Uber	\$9.91
10/8/23	Uber	\$7.91
10/8/23	Uber	\$7.91
10/9/23	Hilton Hotel	\$751.82
11/10/23	Parking Chicago Midway (\$75/2)	\$37.50
10/9/23	Lunch	\$19.41
10/11/23	Enterprise Rental Car (\$547.02/2)	\$273.51
	Total	\$1,431.76

Financial Impact:

The total reimbursement is \$1,431.76 and has been budgeted for in the FY24 travel expenses.



MEMO

DATE: January 23, 2024
TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: David Braun, General Manager
Subject: Clarification of By-Laws Pertaining to Executive Session Attendance by Other Means

Recommendation:

Clarify by-laws to prohibit attending an Executive Session by other means (video, telephone, etc.). Further recommend that Executive Sessions be held in the Administrative Conference Room or another pre-designated on-site room, physically removed from the regular meeting location. Those in attendance at the regular meeting may remain in the regular meeting room during the Executive Session.

Background:

As discussed during the October 24, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting, Connect Transit Administration has two sets of signed and notarized by-laws dated May 2015 and September 2015. The May 2015 by-laws indicate that Trustees cannot attend a closed meeting by other means. In our meeting RSVP request to Trustees, we also included a phrase stating that 'Other means' is by video or audio conference. A Trustee(s) may not attend a closed meeting by other means....

Another set of by-laws dated September 2015 did not have this language included.

Each of the by-laws indicate that it was "approved unanimously by the Trustees at a meeting held on the 26th Day of May 2015 and are still in full force and effect."

Given the difference between by-laws, a concern that was raised, and the inconsistent information provided to the Board, Administration makes the recommendations shown above.

For reference, the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) offers the following:

"Except as otherwise provided in this Act, a quorum of members of a public body... must be physically present at the location of a closed meeting. Other members who are not physically present at a closed meeting of such a public body may participate in the meeting by means of a video or audio conference..."

Discussion:

The OMA defines a “meeting” as “any gathering, whether in person or by video or audio conference, telephone call, electronic means (such as, without limitation, electronic mail, electronic chat, and instant messaging), or other means of contemporaneous interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business...”

A closed meeting is allowed for specific purposes, including:

- Employment Matters
- Real Estate Matters
- Sale or Purchase of Securities
- Security Matters
- Litigation or Claims
- Informants
- Professional Ethics
- Peer Review
- Auditing Matters
- Closed Meeting Minutes
- A few others that don't pertain to the business of this Board.

Closed meetings are allowed because these are sensitive topics that impact the privacy and security of people or the agency. The question of whether to allow attendance by other means directly concerns whether the location of the “other means” is private and secure, and not open to others listening in and hearing the sensitive business of the Board.