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AGENDA

Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Transit Center Update

January 28, 2025 – 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

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

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Transit Center Update
 - a. Presentation by CDM Smith Architects and Engineers
- E. Adjournment

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AGENDA

Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Regular Session

January 28, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

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

[YouTube Link for January 28, 2025](#)

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
 - a. Attendance by Other Means/Virtual – Roll Call Vote
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement
- D. Public Comments
- E. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Regular Session Minutes for November 26, 2024
 - b. Approval of Executive Session Minutes for November 26, 2024
 - c. Approval of Financial Information for November 2024
 - d. Approval of Financial Information for December 2024
 - e. Monthly Statistical Reports for November 2024
 - f. Monthly Statistical Reports for December 2024
 - g. Cardinal Infrastructure; Federal Report
 - h. Cornerstone; Illinois Weekly Update
- F. Committee Reports
- G. New Business
 - a. Recommendation for Fare Collection System – Roll Call Vote
- H. Chairman’s Report
- I. Managing Director’s Report
- J. Trustee Comments
- K. Executive Session:
 - a. (ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel Matters
- L. Recommendation for Managing Director’s Annual Salary Increase – Roll Call Vote
- M. Adjournment

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November 2024

Financial Reports



Connect Transit Cash Disbursement Report November 2024

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
1st Ayd Corporation	00059692	15-Nov-24	\$493.81	Cleaning Supplies
A to Z's Catering & Parties	00059636	01-Nov-24	\$660.00	Employee Recognition
A&R Mechanical Contractors, Inc	00059693	15-Nov-24	\$540.50	Building Maintenance
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00059694	15-Nov-24	\$281.35	Payroll Deduction
ABC Bus Companies	00059637	01-Nov-24	\$4,926.40	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00059695	15-Nov-24	\$7,724.46	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00059768	25-Nov-24	\$6,520.49	Bus Parts
Advance Auto Parts	00059639	01-Nov-24	\$1,508.05	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00059696	15-Nov-24	\$2,705.18	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00059770	25-Nov-24	\$917.34	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00059640	01-Nov-24	\$363.20	Welding Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00059697	15-Nov-24	\$352.11	Welding Supplies
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00059698	15-Nov-24	\$7,325.60	Payroll Deduction
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00059771	25-Nov-24	\$200.00	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00059641	01-Nov-24	\$5,274.39	Dues & Subscriptions, Bus Parts, Computer Equip., Office Supplies & Equip.
Amazon Capital Service	00059699	15-Nov-24	\$518.93	Dues & Subscriptions, Bus Parts, Computer Equip., Office Supplies & Equip.
Amazon Capital Service	00059772	25-Nov-24	\$948.62	Dues & Subscriptions, Bus Parts, Computer Equip., Office Supplies & Equip.
AnceL Glink, P.C.	00059773	25-Nov-24	\$165.00	Legal Service
Awards Network	00059642	01-Nov-24	\$600.00	Employee Recognition
Awards Network	00059700	15-Nov-24	\$350.00	Employee Recognition
B & B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00059701	15-Nov-24	\$14.25	Printed Materials
Bill.com	ACH		\$3,288.99	Outside repair
Bill.com	ACH		\$75.40	Concrete Repair
Bill.com	ACH		\$318.62	Building Maintenance
Bill.com	ACH		\$11.87	Bus Parts
Bill.com	ACH		\$8.68	Bus Parts
Bill.com	ACH		\$48.95	Cleaning Supplies
Bill.com	ACH		\$144.56	Shop Tools
Bill.com	ACH		\$415.00	Computer Hardware
Bill.com	ACH		\$656.50	Software Licensing
Bill.com	ACH		\$453.99	Subscriptions
Bill.com	ACH		\$5,795.60	Travel & Meetings
Bill.com	ACH		\$580.29	Employee Recognition
Bill.com	ACH		\$295.02	Advertising- Promotions
Bill's Key and Lock	00059774	25-Nov-24	\$55.20	Locks & Keys
Black & Decker (US), Inc	00059643	01-Nov-24	\$10,199.50	Garage Maintenance Equipment
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00059764	20-Nov-24	\$175,076.54	Insurance
Blue Springs, Inc	00059702	15-Nov-24	\$405.00	Portable Restrooms
Bonaco, Inc.	00059703	15-Nov-24	\$395.30	Bus Parts
Bridgestone Americas	00059644	01-Nov-24	\$90.00	Tires
Bridgestone Americas	00059775	25-Nov-24	\$4,879.56	Tires
Carle	00059776	25-Nov-24	\$2,503.25	Empl Physicals & Drug Testing
CCP Industries	00059777	25-Nov-24	\$101.73	Cleaning Supplies
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District	00059645	01-Nov-24	\$1,000.00	Transportation Equipment
Checkr, Inc.	00059704	15-Nov-24	\$752.76	New Hire Background Checks
CIRBN, LLC	00059646	01-Nov-24	\$147.13	Internet
CIRBN, LLC	00059705	15-Nov-24	\$147.13	Internet
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00059647	01-Nov-24	\$3,989.87	Bus Parts
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00059706	15-Nov-24	\$3,902.82	Bus Parts
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00059778	25-Nov-24	\$3,096.58	Bus Parts
City of Bloomington	00059707	15-Nov-24	\$143.64	Utilities
City of Bloomington(Water)	00059648	01-Nov-24	\$959.21	Utilities
Clark Baird Smith, LLP	00059708	15-Nov-24	\$2,126.25	Legal Service
Clark Baird Smith, LLP	00059779	25-Nov-24	\$656.25	Legal Service
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00059649	01-Nov-24	\$1,446.00	Bus Parts
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00059780	25-Nov-24	\$833.00	Bus Parts
Commerce Bank	ACH	11-Nov-24	\$461.76	Bank Fees
Concur Technologies, Inc	00059709	15-Nov-24	\$378.75	Software
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00059650	01-Nov-24	\$4,450.27	Utilities
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00059781	25-Nov-24	\$4,659.48	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00059710	15-Nov-24	\$4,000.00	Consulting
Cummins Sales and Service	00059711	15-Nov-24	\$747.02	Bus Parts



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Danny Hubbs	00059759	13-Nov-24	\$700.00	Machine Shop
Danny Hubbs	00059767	21-Nov-24	\$400.00	Machine Shop
Dearborn Life Insurance	00059765	20-Nov-24	\$37,958.99	Insurance
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00059651	01-Nov-24	\$130.00	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00059712	15-Nov-24	\$150.00	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00059652	01-Nov-24	\$1,100.67	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00059713	15-Nov-24	\$2,331.53	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00059782	25-Nov-24	\$1,839.40	Bus Parts
East Penn Manufacturing Co.	00059714	15-Nov-24	\$2,845.08	Bus Parts
Elder Valuation Services	00059653	01-Nov-24	\$3,750.00	Appraisal Services
Engraving Express	00059654	01-Nov-24	\$224.50	Printed Materials
Engraving Express	00059715	15-Nov-24	\$19.00	Printed Materials
Engraving Express	00059783	25-Nov-24	\$30.25	Printed Materials
Evelyn Pace	00059716	15-Nov-24	\$49.98	Uniform Reimbursement
Fastenal Company	00059655	01-Nov-24	\$5.08	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00059656	01-Nov-24	\$2,168.96	Maintenance Supplies
Fasteners Etc.	00059784	25-Nov-24	\$1,118.65	Maintenance Supplies
Fleet Eforce Inc	00059657	01-Nov-24	\$1,632.50	Outside repair
Galls, LLC	00059717	15-Nov-24	\$2,065.47	Admin & Drivers Uniforms
Galls, LLC	00059785	25-Nov-24	\$508.15	Admin & Drivers Uniforms
Geiger	00059718	15-Nov-24	\$2,884.11	Employee Recognition
Genfare, LLC	00059658	01-Nov-24	\$15,133.63	Software and Hardware
Genfare, LLC	00059719	15-Nov-24	\$356.39	Software and Hardware
Genfare, LLC	ACH	22-Nov-24	\$10.75	Pass Refund
Genfare, LLC	00059786	25-Nov-24	\$2,877.23	Software and Hardware
GMV Syncromatics Corp.	00059787	25-Nov-24	\$40,419.00	Software
Grainger	00059659	01-Nov-24	\$46.42	Office Cabinets
Grainger	00059720	15-Nov-24	\$231.56	Office Cabinets
Grainger	00059788	25-Nov-24	\$142.37	Office Cabinets
Great Plains Media	00059721	15-Nov-24	\$1,920.00	Radio Advertising
Heritage Machine & Welding, Inc.	00059722	15-Nov-24	\$49.00	Bus Parts
HicksGas Bloomington LLC	00059723	15-Nov-24	\$790.27	LP Gas
HicksGas Bloomington LLC	00059789	25-Nov-24	\$702.40	LP Gas
Illini Fire Equipment	00059660	01-Nov-24	\$2,257.75	Safety/Training
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	04-Nov-24	\$17,790.84	State Taxes
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	18-Nov-24	\$18,121.08	State Taxes
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	29-Nov-24	\$17,959.15	State Taxes
Illinois Dept of Revenue Wage Levy Unit	00059661	01-Nov-24	\$393.35	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Dept of Revenue Wage Levy Unit	00059724	15-Nov-24	\$121.69	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	14-Nov-24	\$823.57	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	27-Nov-24	\$659.89	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment, Inc.	00059790	25-Nov-24	\$2,570.00	Fuel Station
Indiana State Collection Unit (INSCCU)	00059662	01-Nov-24	\$164.00	Payroll Deduction
Indiana State Collection Unit (INSCCU)	00059725	15-Nov-24	\$164.00	Payroll Deduction
iReportSource	00059726	15-Nov-24	\$5,346.00	Safety/Training
Joan Dennis	00059663	01-Nov-24	\$179.55	Uniform Reimbursement
JX Truck Center - Bloomington	00059727	15-Nov-24	\$10,831.28	Bus Parts
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00059664	01-Nov-24	\$64,461.43	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00059728	15-Nov-24	\$43,988.09	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00059791	25-Nov-24	\$22,044.40	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00059665	01-Nov-24	\$169.00	Bus Parts
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00059729	15-Nov-24	\$1,591.00	Bus Parts
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00059792	25-Nov-24	\$770.00	Bus Parts
Larry Spence	00059730	15-Nov-24	\$70.68	Uniform Reimbursement
Lauterbach & Amen, LLP	00059731	15-Nov-24	\$18,300.00	Audit
Law Office of Eitan Weltman	00059666	01-Nov-24	\$808.26	Payroll Deduction
Marsha Somlar	00059793	25-Nov-24	\$68.51	Uniform Reimbursement
McMaster-Carr Supply Company	00059667	01-Nov-24	\$59.35	Materials & Supplies
Menards	00059732	15-Nov-24	\$137.54	Cleaning Supplies, Materials & Supplies & Shop Tools
Menards	00059794	25-Nov-24	\$165.44	Cleaning Supplies, Materials & Supplies & Shop Tools
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00059668	01-Nov-24	\$272.88	Bus Parts
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00059795	25-Nov-24	\$1,122.85	Bus Parts
Miller Janitor Supply	00059733	15-Nov-24	\$1,162.30	Maintenance Supplies



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Miller Janitor Supply	00059796	25-Nov-24	\$399.55	Maintenance Supplies
Missionsquare	ACH	14-Nov-24	\$37,424.67	Retirement
Missionsquare	ACH	27-Nov-24	\$36,112.32	Retirement
Morris Avenue Garage	00059669	01-Nov-24	\$360.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00059734	15-Nov-24	\$280.00	Vehicle Inspection
Mounce Automotive, LLC	00059670	01-Nov-24	\$45.00	Vehicle Inspection
Mounce Automotive, LLC	00059735	15-Nov-24	\$90.00	Vehicle Inspection
Mutual Wheel	00059736	15-Nov-24	\$1,246.54	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00059671	01-Nov-24	\$457.19	Bus Parts
Nicor Gas	00059672	01-Nov-24	\$1,547.13	Utilities
Oberlander Alarm Systems, Inc.	00059673	01-Nov-24	\$230.00	Security Alarm Service Fee
Oberlander Alarm Systems, Inc.	00059797	25-Nov-24	\$230.00	Security Alarm Service Fee
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00059674	01-Nov-24	\$394.90	Office Supplies
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00059737	15-Nov-24	\$411.05	Office Supplies
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00059798	25-Nov-24	\$10.04	Office Supplies
Orkin Pest Control	00059738	15-Nov-24	\$500.00	Pest Control
OSF Medical Group - Occupational Health	00059739	15-Nov-24	\$121.50	Drug Testing
Payroll	ACH	14-Nov-24	\$302,156.01	
Payroll	ACH	27-Nov-24	\$305,629.16	
Phoenix Cars, LLC	00059740	15-Nov-24	\$197.60	Bus Parts
Pipco Companies, LTD	00059741	15-Nov-24	\$325.00	Building Maintenance
Republic Services # 368	00059675	01-Nov-24	\$868.45	Garbage Disposal
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	00059676	01-Nov-24	\$766.37	Lubricant Disposal & Solvent Tank
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	00059799	25-Nov-24	\$77.70	Lubricant Disposal & Solvent Tank
Sam Leman Chrysler Dodge Jeep	00059800	25-Nov-24	\$720.00	Outside repair
Sam Leman Ford	00059678	01-Nov-24	\$20,380.26	Outside Repair
Sam Leman Ford	00059742	15-Nov-24	\$434.37	Outside Repair
Secretary of State	00059760	19-Nov-24	\$175.00	Licensing
Secretary of State	00059761	19-Nov-24	\$175.00	Licensing
Secretary of State	00059763	19-Nov-24	\$200.00	Licensing
Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00059679	01-Nov-24	\$442.50	Towing
Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00059743	15-Nov-24	\$647.50	Towing
Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00059801	25-Nov-24	\$285.00	Towing
Steven Burch	00059680	01-Nov-24	\$124.49	Uniform Reimbursement
Stratus Networks	00059744	15-Nov-24	\$3,182.81	Internet
SumnerOne, Inc.	00059681	01-Nov-24	\$533.08	Copier Lease
SumnerOne, Inc.	00059745	15-Nov-24	\$70.91	Copier Lease
Supreme Radio Communications, Inc	00059682	01-Nov-24	\$720.83	Radio Maintenance
Tabitha Johnson	00059683	01-Nov-24	\$53.10	Uniform Reimbursement
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00059684	01-Nov-24	\$9,239.96	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00059746	15-Nov-24	\$4,852.62	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00059802	25-Nov-24	\$1,833.34	Bus Parts
The Copy Shop	00059685	01-Nov-24	\$1,735.00	Printing
Theodore J. Carlock	00059803	25-Nov-24	\$99.00	Uniform Reimbursement
Thomas Larson	00059747	15-Nov-24	\$119.57	Uniform Reimbursement
Thomas O'Shea	00059804	25-Nov-24	\$108.73	Uniform Reimbursement
Town of Normal-Utility Billing	00059686	01-Nov-24	\$676.88	Utilities
TRAVELERS	00059748	15-Nov-24	\$3,515.17	Property Damage
Trott Communications Group, Inc.	00059687	01-Nov-24	\$1,856.25	Consulting
United States Treasury	ACH	05-Nov-24	\$99,819.33	Federal Taxes
United States Treasury	ACH	18-Nov-24	\$101,297.25	Federal Taxes
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	00059749	15-Nov-24	\$689.28	Office Equipment
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	00059805	25-Nov-24	\$608.19	Office Equipment
Uline	00059750	15-Nov-24	\$134.95	Office Supplies
UPS	00059688	01-Nov-24	\$16.18	Shipping
UPS United Parcel Service Inc	00059751	15-Nov-24	\$136.07	Shipping
Urban Transportation Associates, INC.	00059752	15-Nov-24	\$16,500.00	Software Licensing
Verizon Wireless	00059753	15-Nov-24	\$3,638.80	Mobile Data Terminals for SS
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00059689	01-Nov-24	\$399.96	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00059754	15-Nov-24	\$975.60	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00059806	25-Nov-24	\$364.12	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Via Mobility, LLC	00059755	15-Nov-24	\$2,520.00	Consulting
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059762	19-Nov-24	\$1,307.96	Software Licensing
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059762	19-Nov-24	\$39.00	Dues & Subscriptions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059762	19-Nov-24	(\$327.26)	Travel & Meetings
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059762	19-Nov-24	\$193.87	Safety/Training
VSP of Illinois, NFP	00059807	25-Nov-24	\$1,254.90	Vision Insurance



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Cash Disbursement Report
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Weed Man	00059756	15-Nov-24	\$129.60	Lawn Care
William Masters, Inc	00059690	01-Nov-24	\$1,152.00	HVAC
William Masters, Inc	00059808	25-Nov-24	\$3,022.00	HVAC
YWCA McLean County	00059757	15-Nov-24	\$500.00	Advertising
ZF SERVICES, LLC	00059758	15-Nov-24	\$310.79	Bus Parts
		Total:	\$1,615,996.51	

Bloomington Normal Public Transit

Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 11/30/2024

Fiscal Year: 2025 Period: 5 Nov-2024

Assets

Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$4,882,788.07
Accounts Receivable	\$5,743,372.19
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$64,492.89
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$443,051.15
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$466,704.10

Total Current Assets \$11,600,408.40

Fixed Assets \$30,543,281.27

Total Assets \$42,143,689.67

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$387,930.15
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,394,482.55
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$599,947.38
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

Total Liabilities \$2,382,360.08

EQUITY

Fixed Asset Equity	\$12,539,853.77
Unreserved Fund Equity	\$6,750,412.62
Underground Petroleum Storage	\$20,000.00

Total Equity \$19,310,266.39

Retained Earnings \$20,451,063.20

Total Liabilities & Equity \$42,143,689.67

Bloomington Normal Public Transit

Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2025 Thru Fiscal Year: 2025	From Period 5 Thru Period 5	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss		As of: 11/30/2024		
		Nov-2024	Jul-2024 Nov-2024	Approved Budget		
Operating Revenue						
Passenger Fares		\$38,869.67	7.16%	\$228,982.16	42.21%	\$542,500.00
ISU Contract Fare		\$48,670.68	8.33%	\$243,353.40	41.67%	\$584,048.00
Other Contract Fares		\$20,030.60	10.02%	\$96,898.18	48.45%	\$200,000.00
Advertising Revenue		\$11,466.67	9.78%	\$52,873.35	45.08%	\$117,300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$10,112.97	106.45%	\$68,286.79	718.81%	\$9,500.00
Total Operating Revenue		\$129,150.59	8.89%	\$690,393.88	47.50%	\$1,453,348.00
Operating Expenses						
Operators Wages		\$671,270.68	7.87%	\$3,469,001.84	40.67%	\$8,529,928.00
Maintenance Wages		\$131,078.50	8.46%	\$636,308.56	41.08%	\$1,549,005.00
Administration Wages		\$103,139.55	7.57%	\$478,428.37	35.11%	\$1,362,807.00
Employer Payroll Tax Expense		\$69,286.37	7.53%	\$351,151.87	38.15%	\$920,380.00
Retirement Plan		\$34,586.16	5.87%	\$184,118.95	31.25%	\$589,087.00
Group Insurance		\$245,443.56	10.28%	\$862,691.52	36.14%	\$2,386,762.00
Uniform Expense		\$1,602.98	2.98%	\$18,469.44	34.35%	\$53,775.00
Professional Services		\$20,241.90	5.91%	\$181,559.08	53.01%	\$342,500.00
Outside Repair-Labor		\$5,093.99	3.96%	\$23,191.45	18.01%	\$128,750.00
Contract Maintenance Services		\$8,727.91	3.71%	\$72,905.86	30.97%	\$235,376.00
Custodial Services		\$1,716.26	8.43%	\$15,463.75	75.95%	\$20,360.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help		\$3,827.75	8.51%	\$8,804.25	19.57%	\$45,000.00
Fuel		\$74,915.90	5.04%	\$453,813.28	30.53%	\$1,486,212.00
Lubricants		\$3,383.64	3.88%	\$20,317.80	23.27%	\$87,316.00
Tires		\$4,879.56	8.16%	\$22,881.24	38.28%	\$59,781.00
Bus Repair Parts		\$48,902.55	9.51%	\$298,675.43	58.10%	\$514,093.00
Other Materials & Supplies		\$6,147.76	7.86%	\$33,938.45	43.40%	\$78,200.00
Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools		\$489.55	2.45%	\$7,446.06	37.23%	\$20,000.00
Computer and Office Supplies		\$25,548.27	5.61%	\$143,189.41	31.44%	\$455,419.00
Utilities		\$14,330.98	11.07%	\$48,967.05	37.84%	\$129,400.00
Corporate Insurance		\$49,411.53	7.84%	\$261,023.80	41.43%	\$630,100.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees		\$2,489.60	5.01%	\$15,856.90	31.94%	\$49,650.00
Printing/Marketing/Training		\$17,378.00	4.57%	\$128,991.02	33.91%	\$380,425.00
Total Operating Expenses		\$1,543,892.95	7.70%	\$7,737,195.38	38.58%	\$20,054,326.00
Operating Assistance						
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants		(\$1,414,742.36)	7.61%	(\$7,046,801.50)	37.88%	(\$18,600,978.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance		\$75,833.33	8.33%	\$379,166.65	41.67%	\$910,000.00
Town of Normal Operating Assistance		\$49,166.66	8.33%	\$245,833.30	41.67%	\$590,000.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance		\$995,593.00	7.64%	\$4,991,942.00	38.30%	\$13,035,312.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance		\$281,051.00	6.91%	\$1,365,042.00	33.57%	\$4,065,666.00
Total Operating Assistance		\$1,401,643.99	7.54%	\$6,981,983.95	37.54%	\$18,600,978.00



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Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00059810	13-Dec-24	\$291.35	Payroll Deduction
Abbey Placements LLC	00059811	13-Dec-24	\$2,833.00	Human resources
ABC Bus Companies	00059812	13-Dec-24	\$10,030.04	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00059876	20-Dec-24	\$6,794.40	Bus Parts
Advance Auto Parts	00059813	13-Dec-24	\$1,032.79	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00059877	20-Dec-24	\$146.45	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00059878	20-Dec-24	\$369.88	Welding Supplies
Alta Equipment Co	00059879	20-Dec-24	\$1,373.00	Machine Rentals
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00059814	13-Dec-24	\$7,285.60	Payroll Deduction
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00059880	20-Dec-24	\$100.00	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00059815	13-Dec-24	\$1,262.38	Bus Parts, Computer Equipment, Materials & Supplies & Office Supplies
Amazon Capital Service	00059881	20-Dec-24	\$227.68	Bus Parts, Computer Equipment, Materials & Supplies & Office Supplies
American Solutions for Business	00059816	13-Dec-24	\$397.24	Office Supplies
Ancel Glink, P.C.	00059817	13-Dec-24	\$1,320.00	Legal Service
B & B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00059818	13-Dec-24	\$14.45	Printed Materials
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$1,331.91	Mechanics Uniforms
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$5,495.62	Bus Parts
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$6.70	Cleaning Supplies
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$123.65	Office Supplies
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$139.00	Computer Hardware
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$982.74	Software Licensing
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$123.22	Subscriptions
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$1,354.54	Travel & Meetings
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$203.52	Employee Recognition
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$13.60	Advertising- Promotions
Bill.com	ACH	02-Dec-24	\$236.91	Miscellaneous
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00059882	20-Dec-24	\$165,901.62	Insurance
Blue Springs, Inc	00059819	13-Dec-24	\$180.00	Portable Restrooms
Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC	00059820	13-Dec-24	\$7,000.00	Consulting
Carle	00059821	13-Dec-24	\$3,317.75	Empl Physicals & Drug Testing
CDM Smith Inc.	00059822	13-Dec-24	\$211,624.25	A & E Services
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District	00059823	13-Dec-24	\$1,000.00	Bus
Checkr, Inc.	00059824	13-Dec-24	\$255.82	New Hire Background Checks
CIRBN, LLC	00059825	13-Dec-24	\$147.13	Internet
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00059826	13-Dec-24	\$4,227.19	Bus Parts
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00059883	20-Dec-24	\$2,821.95	Bus Parts
City of Bloomington(Water)	00059827	13-Dec-24	\$1,127.00	Utilities
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00059828	13-Dec-24	\$3,425.00	Bus Parts
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00059884	20-Dec-24	\$833.00	Bus Parts
Commerce	ACH	10-Dec-24	\$179.54	Bank Fees
Concur Technologies, Inc	00059829	13-Dec-24	\$378.75	Software
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00059830	13-Dec-24	\$28,902.53	Utilities
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00059885	20-Dec-24	\$4,864.38	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00059831	13-Dec-24	\$4,000.00	Consulting
Danny Hubbs	00059809	11-Dec-24	\$700.00	Machine Shop
Dearborn Life Insurance	00059886	20-Dec-24	\$18,377.96	Insurance
Discount Tire	00059832	13-Dec-24	\$1,413.40	Tires
Eagle Automotive	00059833	13-Dec-24	\$1,876.67	Bus Parts
Fastenal Company	00059834	13-Dec-24	\$8.78	Bus Parts
Fastenal Company	00059887	20-Dec-24	\$68.93	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00059835	13-Dec-24	\$709.81	Maintenance Supplies
Fasteners Etc.	00059888	20-Dec-24	\$2,640.31	Maintenance Supplies
Galls, LLC	00059836	13-Dec-24	\$292.21	Admin and Driver Uniforms
Galls, LLC	00059889	20-Dec-24	\$473.47	Admin and Driver Uniforms
Garber Heating & A/C	00059837	13-Dec-24	\$175.00	HVAC
Genfare, LLC	00059838	13-Dec-24	\$784.80	Software and Hardware
Genfare, LLC	00059890	20-Dec-24	\$578.32	Software and Hardware
Global Industrial	00059891	20-Dec-24	\$155.45	Garage Supplies
Grainger	00059839	13-Dec-24	\$388.62	Office Cabinets
Grainger	00059892	20-Dec-24	\$36.52	Office Cabinets
Great Plains Media	00059840	13-Dec-24	\$1,600.00	Radio Advertising
Heritage Machine & Welding, Inc.	00059841	13-Dec-24	\$455.76	Bus Parts



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HicksGas Bloomington LLC	00059842	13-Dec-24	\$698.24	LP Gas
Illinois Funds	ACH	04-Dec-24	\$3,000,000.00	Transfer to Illinois Funds
Illinois Funds	ACH	16-Dec-24	\$1,000,000.00	Transfer to Illinois Funds
Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment, Inc.	00059843	13-Dec-24	\$963.60	Fuel Station
Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment, Inc.	00059893	20-Dec-24	\$289.06	Fuel Station
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	17-Dec-24	\$17,219.10	State Taxes
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	30-Dec-24	\$17,721.02	State Taxes
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	12-Dec-24	\$659.89	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	26-Dec-24	\$783.44	Payroll Deduction
Julie Holts	00059844	13-Dec-24	\$40.22	Uniform Reimbursement
Kenneth Jones	00059845	13-Dec-24	\$24.91	Uniform Reimbursement
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00059846	13-Dec-24	\$56,585.38	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00059894	20-Dec-24	\$3,844.80	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00059847	13-Dec-24	\$1,328.00	Bus Parts
Kurt M. Hutson	00059848	13-Dec-24	\$130.18	Uniform Reimbursement
Lewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc	00059849	13-Dec-24	\$2,311.50	Consulting
Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC	00059850	13-Dec-24	\$10,000.00	Insurance
McLean County Chamber of Commerce	00059895	20-Dec-24	\$1,500.00	Travel & Meetings
Menards	00059851	13-Dec-24	\$559.82	Materials & Supplies & Snow Removal
Menards	00059896	20-Dec-24	\$6.87	Materials & Supplies
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00059852	13-Dec-24	\$847.68	Bus Parts
Miller Janitor Supply	00059853	13-Dec-24	\$537.10	Maintenance Supplies
Miller Janitor Supply	00059897	20-Dec-24	\$83.90	Maintenance Supplies
Missionsquare	ACH	12-Dec-24	\$35,845.97	Retirement
Missionsquare	ACH	26-Dec-24	\$35,483.47	Retirement
Modal Marketing Inc.	00059854	13-Dec-24	\$11.66	Shop Tools
Modal Marketing Inc.	00059898	20-Dec-24	\$370.68	Shop Tools
Morris Avenue Garage	00059855	13-Dec-24	\$320.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00059899	20-Dec-24	\$240.00	Vehicle Inspection
Nicor Gas	00059856	13-Dec-24	\$1,301.31	Utilities
Oberlander Alarm Systems, Inc.	00059900	20-Dec-24	\$230.00	Security Alarm Service Fee
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00059857	13-Dec-24	\$134.57	Office Supplies
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00059901	20-Dec-24	\$77.44	Office Supplies
OSF Medical Group - Occupational Health	00059858	13-Dec-24	\$510.00	Drug Testing
Payroll	ACH	12-Dec-24	\$288,318.91	
Payroll	ACH	26-Dec-24	\$300,450.28	
Purchase Power	00059859	13-Dec-24	\$300.00	Postage
Republic Services # 368	00059860	13-Dec-24	\$766.26	Garbage Disposal
Sam Leman Ford	00059862	13-Dec-24	\$413.48	Outside Repair
Sam Leman Ford	00059902	20-Dec-24	\$245.22	Outside Repair
Secretary of State	00059873	16-Dec-24	\$173.00	Licensing
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Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00059863	13-Dec-24	\$647.50	Towing
Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00059903	20-Dec-24	\$570.00	Towing
Stratus Networks	00059864	13-Dec-24	\$3,143.66	Internet
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00059865	13-Dec-24	\$1,990.86	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00059904	20-Dec-24	\$3,107.86	Bus Parts
The Copy Shop	00059866	13-Dec-24	\$94.94	Printing
Town of Normal	00059867	13-Dec-24	\$1,058.96	Property Damage Expense
Town of Normal-Utility Billing	00059868	13-Dec-24	\$613.49	Utilities
United States Treasury	ACH	03-Dec-24	\$99,294.83	Federal Taxes
United States Treasury	ACH	17-Dec-24	\$94,260.90	Federal Taxes
United States Treasury	ACH	27-Dec-24	\$96,950.44	Federal Taxes
Verizon Wireless	00059869	13-Dec-24	\$3,299.76	Mobile Data Terminals for SS
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00059870	13-Dec-24	\$1,026.19	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00059905	20-Dec-24	\$317.10	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Via Mobility, LLC	00059906	20-Dec-24	\$2,520.00	Consulting
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059875	16-Dec-24	\$1,307.96	Software Licensing
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059875	16-Dec-24	\$39.00	Dues & Subscriptions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059875	16-Dec-24	(\$327.26)	Travel & Meetings
VISA-Commerce Bank	00059875	16-Dec-24	\$193.87	Safety/Training
VSP of Illinois, NFP	00059907	20-Dec-24	\$1,140.37	Vision Insurance
Wherry Machine and Welding, Inc	00059871	13-Dec-24	\$5,306.46	Outside Repair



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Wilcox Electric & Service, Inc	00059872	13-Dec-24	\$1,550.00	Building Maintenance
		Total	\$5,614,018.44	

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Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 12/31/2024

Fiscal Year: 2025 Period: 6 Dec-2024

001 Assets

005 Current Assets

100 Checking and Savings	\$9,483,101.06
110 Accounts Receivable	\$1,102,523.48
120 Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$70,409.80
122 Inventory Asset - Parts	\$456,107.43
123 Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
140 Other Current Assets	\$372,502.48

141 Total Current Assets **\$11,484,644.25**

150 Fixed Assets \$30,542,887.87

190 Total Assets **\$42,027,532.12**

200 Liabilities & Equity

205 Liabilities

207 Accounts Payable	\$294,888.77
210 Payroll Liabilities	\$1,339,909.60
220 Contracts	\$0.00
221 Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
222 Deferred Revenue	\$513,935.53
250 Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

290 Total Liabilities **\$2,148,733.90**

298 EQUITY

300 Fixed Asset Equity	\$12,539,853.77
301 Unreserved Fund Equity	\$6,750,412.62
302 Underground Petroleum Storage	\$20,000.00

303 Total Equity **\$19,310,266.39**

305 Retained Earnings \$20,568,531.83

399 Total Liabilities & Equity **\$42,027,532.12**

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Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2025	From Period 6	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss			As of: 12/31/2024	
Thru Fiscal Year: 2025	Thru Period 6	Dec-2024		Jul-2024 Dec-2024		Approved Budget
400 Operating Revenue						
401	Passenger Fares	\$42,955.75	7.92%	\$271,937.91	50.13%	\$542,500.00
403	ISU Contract Fare	\$48,670.68	8.33%	\$292,024.08	50.00%	\$584,048.00
405	Other Contract Fares	\$18,570.76	9.29%	\$115,468.94	57.73%	\$200,000.00
407	Advertising Revenue	\$11,466.67	9.78%	\$64,340.02	54.85%	\$117,300.00
409	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$25,909.24	272.73%	\$94,196.03	991.54%	\$9,500.00
411 Total Operating Revenue		\$147,573.10	10.15%	\$837,966.98	57.66%	\$1,453,348.00
500 Operating Expenses						
501	Operators Wages	\$637,938.59	7.48%	\$4,106,940.43	48.15%	\$8,529,928.00
503	Maintenance Wages	\$133,018.14	8.59%	\$769,326.70	49.67%	\$1,549,005.00
505	Administration Wages	\$107,181.52	7.86%	\$585,609.89	42.97%	\$1,362,807.00
507	Employer Payroll Tax Expense	\$66,587.98	7.23%	\$417,739.85	45.39%	\$920,380.00
509	Retirement Plan	\$33,910.76	5.76%	\$218,029.71	37.01%	\$589,087.00
511	Group Insurance	\$185,854.76	7.79%	\$1,048,546.28	43.93%	\$2,386,762.00
513	Uniform Expense	\$3,330.38	6.19%	\$21,799.82	40.54%	\$53,775.00
515	Professional Services	\$26,204.66	7.65%	\$207,763.74	60.66%	\$342,500.00
519	Outside Repair-Labor	\$59,769.96	46.42%	\$82,961.41	64.44%	\$128,750.00
521	Contract Maintenance Services	\$13,557.25	5.76%	\$86,463.11	36.73%	\$235,376.00
523	Custodial Services	\$1,211.50	5.95%	\$16,675.25	81.90%	\$20,360.00
525	Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help	\$620.00	1.38%	\$9,424.25	20.94%	\$45,000.00
527	Fuel	\$70,223.38	4.72%	\$524,036.66	35.26%	\$1,486,212.00
529	Lubricants	\$4,382.56	5.02%	\$24,700.36	28.29%	\$87,316.00
531	Tires	\$4,481.26	7.50%	\$27,362.50	45.77%	\$59,781.00
535	Bus Repair Parts	\$58,117.44	11.30%	\$356,792.87	69.40%	\$514,093.00
537	Other Materials & Supplies	\$7,786.36	9.96%	\$41,724.81	53.36%	\$78,200.00
539	Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools	\$967.62	4.84%	\$8,413.68	42.07%	\$20,000.00
541	Computer and Office Supplies	\$17,408.99	3.82%	\$160,598.40	35.26%	\$455,419.00
543	Utilities	\$17,204.06	13.30%	\$66,171.11	51.14%	\$129,400.00
545	Corporate Insurance	\$52,830.52	8.38%	\$313,854.32	49.81%	\$630,100.00
547	Dues/Subscriptions/Fees	\$1,070.30	2.16%	\$16,927.20	34.09%	\$49,650.00
549	Printing/Marketing/Training	\$10,721.71	2.82%	\$139,712.73	36.73%	\$380,425.00
560 Total Operating Expenses		\$1,514,379.70	7.55%	\$9,251,575.08	46.13%	\$20,054,326.00
570 Operating Assistance						
580	Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants	(\$1,366,806.60)	7.35%	(\$8,413,608.10)	45.23%	(\$18,600,978.00)
582	City of Bloomington Operating Assistance	\$75,833.33	8.33%	\$454,999.98	50.00%	\$910,000.00
583	Town of Normal Operating Assistance	\$49,166.66	8.33%	\$294,999.96	50.00%	\$590,000.00
585	Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance	\$995,593.00	7.64%	\$5,987,535.00	45.93%	\$13,035,312.00
590	FTA 5307 Operating Assistance	\$253,692.00	6.24%	\$1,618,734.00	39.81%	\$4,065,666.00
600 Total Operating Assistance		\$1,374,284.99	7.39%	\$8,356,268.94	44.92%	\$18,600,978.00



November 2024	Current Month	Month in Prior Year	Percent Change	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	% Change YTD
System Statistics:						
System Ridership	189,056	218,309	-13.40%	963,863	1,045,211	-7.78%
Fixed Ridership	175,545	202,810	-13.44%	892,769	973,597	-8.30%
Mobility Ridership	9,181	9,650	-4.86%	46,555	51,734	-10.01%
FLEX Ridership	4,330	5,849	-25.97%	24,539	19,880	23.44%
System Service Hours	13,519	14,273	-5.28%	70,753	75,868	-6.74%
Fixed Service Hours	8,746	9,250	-5.45%	45,521	50,310	-9.52%
Mobility Service Hours	3,800	4,018	-5.43%	20,028	20,852	-3.95%
FLEX Service Hours	973	1,005	-3.20%	5,204	4,706	10.58%
System Service Miles	166,542	174,158	-4.37%	875,704	882,015	-0.72%
Fixed Service Miles	106,360	112,376	-5.35%	554,166	576,064	-3.80%
Mobility Service Miles	47,547	48,882	-2.73%	253,070	257,452	-1.70%
FLEX Service Miles	12,635	12,900	-2.05%	68,468	48,499	41.17%
System Revenue Vehicles	54	65	-16.92%	64	65	-1.54%
Fixed Revenue Vehicles	28	40	-30.00%	38	40	-5.00%
Mobility Revenue Vehicles	21	20	5.00%	21	20	5.00%
FLEX Revenue Vehicles	5	5	0.00%	5	5	0.00%
System Miles/Revenue Vehicle	3,084	2,679	15.11%	13,683	13,569	0.84%
Fixed Miles/Revenue Vehicle	3,799	2,809	35.21%	14,583	14,402	1.26%
Mobility Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,264	2,444	-7.36%	12,051	12,873	-6.38%
FLEX Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,527	2,580	-2.05%	13,694	9,700	41.17%
System Efficiencies:						
System Ridership/Service Hour	13.98	15.30	-8.57%	13.62	13.78	-1.12%
Fixed Ridership/Revenue Hour	20.07	21.93	-8.45%	19.61	19.35	1.35%
Mobility Ridership/Revenue Hour	2.42	2.40	0.60%	2.32	2.48	-6.31%
FLEX Ridership/Revenue Hour	4.45	5.82	-23.52%	4.72	4.22	11.63%
System Percent On-Time Trips	90.08%	92.88%	-3.01%	89.35%	91.18%	-2.00%
Fixed Percent On-Time Trips	90%	93%	-3.23%	89%	91%	-1.80%
Mobility Percent On-Time Trips	95%	97%	-2.06%	95%	97%	-2.25%
FLEX Percent On-Time Trips	83%	82%	1.22%	80%	87%	-7.51%
System Subsidy/Passenger	\$7.48	\$8.52	-12.20%	\$7.31	\$6.80	7.48%
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	\$5.27	\$7.04	-25.14%	\$5.17	\$5.62	-8.01%
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	\$42.32	\$35.50	19.20%	\$41.23	\$25.48	61.85%
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	\$23.39	\$15.48	51.04%	\$20.80	\$16.06	29.52%
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour	1.43	1.36	4.90%	1.29	1.28	1.22%
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile	\$1.17	\$1.18	-1.11%	\$1.18	\$1.10	7.23%



December 2024	Current Month	Month in Prior Year	Percent Change	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	% Change YTD
System Statistics:						
System Ridership	155,061	169,149	-8.33%	1,118,924	1,214,360	-7.86%
Fixed Ridership	141,970	154,396	-8.05%	1,034,739	1,127,993	-8.27%
Mobility Ridership	8,581	8,786	-2.33%	55,136	60,520	-8.90%
FLEX Ridership	4,510	5,967	-24.42%	29,049	25,847	12.39%
System Service Hours	13,593	13,551	0.31%	84,346	89,419	-5.67%
Fixed Service Hours	8,675	8,732	-0.65%	54,196	59,042	-8.21%
Mobility Service Hours	3,908	3,960	-1.31%	23,936	24,812	-3.53%
FLEX Service Hours	1,010	859	17.58%	6,214	5,565	11.66%
System Service Miles	165,863	164,581	0.78%	1,041,567	1,046,596	-0.48%
Fixed Service Miles	105,346	106,587	-1.16%	659,512	682,651	-3.39%
Mobility Service Miles	46,595	46,570	0.05%	299,665	304,022	-1.43%
FLEX Service Miles	13,922	11,424	21.87%	82,390	59,923	37.49%
System Revenue Vehicles	55	62	-11.29%	64	66	-3.03%
Fixed Revenue Vehicles	29	36	-19.44%	38	40	-5.00%
Mobility Revenue Vehicles	21	21	0.00%	21	21	0.00%
FLEX Revenue Vehicles	5	5	0.00%	5	5	0.00%
System Miles/Revenue Vehicle	3,016	2,655	13.61%	16,274	15,858	2.63%
Fixed Miles/Revenue Vehicle	3,633	2,961	22.69%	17,356	17,066	1.70%
Mobility Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,219	2,218	0.05%	14,270	14,477	-1.43%
FLEX Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,784	2,285	21.87%	16,478	11,985	37.49%
System Efficiencies:						
System Ridership/Service Hour	11.41	12.48	-8.61%	13.27	13.58	-2.32%
Fixed Ridership/Revenue Hour	16.37	17.68	-7.44%	19.09	19.10	-0.06%
Mobility Ridership/Revenue Hour	2.20	2.22	-1.03%	2.30	2.44	-5.56%
FLEX Ridership/Revenue Hour	4.47	6.95	-35.72%	4.67	4.64	0.65%
System Percent On-Time Trips	92.10%	93.78%	-1.79%	89.81%	91.63%	-1.99%
Fixed Percent On-Time Trips	92%	94%	-2.13%	90%	91%	-1.86%
Mobility Percent On-Time Trips	97%	98%	-1.02%	96%	97%	-2.04%
FLEX Percent On-Time Trips	86%	82%	4.88%	81%	86%	-5.54%
System Subsidy/Passenger	\$8.81	\$6.18	42.65%	\$7.52	\$6.72	11.97%
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	\$6.47	\$5.18	24.86%	\$5.35	\$5.56	-3.81%
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	\$41.31	\$22.62	82.59%	\$41.25	\$25.06	64.57%
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	\$20.72	\$7.73	168.16%	\$20.79	\$14.14	47.06%
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour	1.44	1.39	4.06%	1.32	1.29	1.79%
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile	\$1.61	\$0.72	123.25%	\$1.25	\$1.04	20.67%



Federal Update for Connect Transit

Prepared January 22nd, 2025

Congressional Update

With the 119th Congress now in session, Republicans are racing to try and implement Trump's agenda, while battling within the conference about both the substance and the strategy. First, the Senate will need to confirm Trump's nominees, including USDOT nominee Sean Duffy. On January 22nd, the Senate Commerce Committee unanimously voted to advance Duffy's nomination to the full chamber. The Secretary of Transportation tends to be a noncontroversial cabinet position; both of his predecessors netted over 30 votes from the opposing party. However, the hearing process is still useful as it helps shed light on what Duffy's priorities will be as head of the Department of Transportation.

Congressional Republicans will also need to tackle two major legislative items. First is through the reconciliation process, which Republicans hope to use to address border security, tax, and permitting priorities. Second on their priority list, funding for the government runs out on March 14th. While initial attention will go to the reconciliation bills, Congress will need to advance the FY25 spending bills by this date to avoid a government shutdown.

T&I Hearing on the State of the Nation's Transportation System

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing on January 16th with the goal of examining the issues that they will address in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization. All four witnesses urged the Committee to continue funding surface transportation programs at IJA levels. They also discussed the importance of infrastructure investment in promoting economic growth and development. Members expressed interest in permitting reform, continuing to invest in infrastructure, and addressing shortfalls in the Highway Trust Fund. Members also debated the benefits of block grants versus competitive grant programs and the balance of spending between road and highway projects versus transit projects.

Nomination Hearing for Sean Duffy

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation held a confirmation hearing for Sean Duffy, President Trump's nominee to lead the Department of Transportation. In his testimony, Duffy expressed an emphasis on roadway and aviation safety as well as a desire to shape policy on emerging sectors like drones, AVs, and commercial space travel. Duffy expressed support for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program and MEGA program as well as funding for rural transit. When asked about a past vote opposing funding for Amtrak during his time in Congress, Duffy explained that he was voting as a Representative from Northern Wisconsin, where there is no Amtrak service. Duffy also committed to implementing IJA and expending funding from IJA programs in a timely manner over the next two years.

Committee Leadership in the 119th Congress



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Chair and Ranking Member positions for the House and Senate Committees as well as the House Subcommittees have been released. They are as follows:

The House

Transportation and Infrastructure: Sam Graves (R-MO-6), Rick Larsen (D-WA-2)

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit: David Rouzer (R-NC-7), Elanor Holmes-Norton (D-DC)

Appropriations: Tom Cole (R-OK-4), Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3)

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development: Steve Womack (R-AR-3), James Clyburn (D-SC-6)

The Senate

Appropriations: Susan Collins (R-ME), Patty Murray (D-WA)

Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: Tim Scott (R-SC), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

DOT Opens One Federal Decision for Comments

DOT released its [One Federal Decision Interim Final Guidance](#) last month, and is seeking stakeholder comments. This rulemaking seeks to streamline the NEPA process by improving interagency coordination and setting clear timelines for agency actions. Comments are due February 18th.

PROTECT Closing Next Month

The [NOFO for the PROTECT grant program](#) will close next month, on February 24th. This grant program supports projects aiming to improve infrastructure resilience against natural disasters such as floods or hurricanes.

DOT to Host Meaningful Public Involvement Training

DOT will host its next Meaningful Public Involvement Training on February 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET. Registration is required, you can [register here to attend](#). Spaces are limited, so if you are interested be sure to register as soon as possible. Note that the content of this training will be similar to trainings hosted in 2024.

FTA Publishes Emergency Relief Docket for 2025

FTA has published its [Emergency Relief Docket](#) for 2025.

DOT withdraws NPRMs

DOT has withdrawn two notices of proposed rulemaking: one on [NEPA implementation](#) and another on FRA [accident and incident investigation policy](#).

NHTSA Nova Bus Recall



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NHTSA has issued a recall on certain Nova buses due to problems with attachment points for their wheelchair securement system. It affects Nova buses built between September 26th, 2022 and July 1st, 2024. NHTSA will notify owners by February 1st, and Nova Bus will reinstall the securement system free of charge.

FTA extends NTD comment deadline

FTA has extended its deadline for comments on [proposed changes to NTD reporting](#), with responses now due January 29th. The changes will take effect in report years 2025 and 2026.

DOT Announces Grants Across 7 DOT Programs

DOT [announced awards totaling about \\$5 billion](#) across RAISE, Railroad Crossing Elimination, Restoration and Enhancement, Reconnecting Communities, Airport Infrastructure Grants, Rural Surface Transportation Grants, and the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program.

APTA Legislative Conference Date

The APTA Legislative Conference will be later than usual this year; it will be in D.C. from May 18th to May 20th. This is a peak travel time due to graduations at the city's various universities, so be sure to book your plane tickets early.



CORNERSTONE

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TO: Connect Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team
SUBJECT: Legislative Update
DATE: January 28th, 2025

Summary

This month, our team reached out to IDOT for clarity on the legality of eMirrors for public transit in the state. We shared a summary of comments from transit leaders who attended a recent trip to Germany on ideas they may bring back to continued transit discussions in the state. We continued to follow up with the House Public Transit Working Group staff to coordinate a time for Connect and other downstate transit groups to present to members.

Our team also continued our work with new House leadership and staff to work towards the release of the \$3 million appropriation for Connect. Moving forward, we are monitoring for newly filed bills daily which may impact your work.

Bill Tracking

While bills will continue to be filed until the deadline on February 7th, below are bills currently in your bill file that we would flag for you:

HB 23

Short Description: OPN MTG-EMERGENCY DEFINED

House Sponsors

Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Defines the terms "bona fide emergency" and "exigent circumstances". Provides that, if a quorum of the members of a public body is physically present at a meeting, a majority of the public body may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of, among other things, exigent circumstances concerning a family member (rather than because of, among other things, a family or other emergency). Makes technical changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
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1/9/2025	House	Referred to Rules Committee
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HB 26

Short Description: REMOTE MEETINGS-SEVERE WEATHER

House Sponsors

Rep. Daniel Didech

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that an open or closed meeting subject to the Act may be conducted by audio or video conference, without the physical presence of a quorum of the members, if the National Weather Service has determined that all or part of the jurisdiction of the public body is located within an area that is subject to a severe weather alert on the day of the meeting. Makes conforming changes. Makes other technical changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/9/2025	House	Referred to Rules Committee

SB 2

Short Description: PEN CD-TIER 2 BENEFITS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Robert F. Martwick

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Makes changes to Tier 2 benefits, including changing the amount of the automatic annual increase to 3% of the originally granted retirement annuity or 3% of the retirement annuity then being paid for the General Assembly and Judges Articles, changing the limit on the amount of salary for annuity purposes to the Social Security wage base, changing the calculation of final average salary to the Tier 1 calculation for persons who are active members on or after January 1, 2026, and changing the retirement age. Establishes an accelerated pension benefit payment option for the General Assembly, Chicago Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Code. Provides that, with regard to persons subject to the Tier 2 provisions, a security employee of the Department of Human Services, a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice, an investigator for the Department of the Lottery, or a State highway worker is entitled to an annuity calculated under the alternative retirement annuity provisions of the State Employee Article of the Code. Authorizes the conversion of service to eligible creditable service. Provides that the Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act (Article 20 of the Code) is adopted and made a part of the Downstate Police, Downstate Firefighter, Chicago Police, and Chicago Firefighter Articles. Authorizes SLEP status under the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for a person who is a county correctional officer or probation officer and for a person who participates in IMRF and qualifies as a firefighter under the Public Safety Employee

Benefits Act. In the Downstate Firefighter Article, includes a de facto firefighter in the definition of "firefighter". Defines "de facto firefighter". Provides that the monthly pension of a firefighter who is receiving a disability pension shall be increased at the rate of 3% of the original monthly pension. Makes changes to the minimum retirement annuity payable to a firefighter with 20 or more years of creditable service, the minimum disability pension, and the minimum surviving spouse's pension. Makes other changes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/13/2025	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 41

Short Description: CLEAN TRANSPORTATION STANDARD

Senate Sponsors

Sen. David Koehler

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Clean Transportation Standard Act. Establishes a clean transportation standard to reduce lifecycle carbon intensity of fuels for the ground transportation sector by specified amounts. Provides for related rulemaking and calculations. Provides that the clean transportation standard shall take the form of a credit marketplace monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency. Provides for verification and data privacy requirements for the Agency. Provides for penalties for failing to offset deficits in certain situations, and for penalties for submitting false information. Exempts airline, rail, ocean-going, and military fuel. Provides that the Agency must develop a periodic fuel supply forecast. Establishes findings. Defines terms. Contains other provisions. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/13/2025	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 110

Short Description: CONCEAL CARRY-PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Donald P. DeWitte

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Eliminates language providing that a licensee under the Act shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or

in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/22/2025	Senate	Assigned to Executive

General Legislative Updates

104th ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly will reconvene January 28 – 30. Friday, January 24 is the bill drafting deadline; all requests to draft legislation must be submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau by the close of business next Friday. The bill filing deadline is Friday, February 7.

Both chambers continue to organize the new General Assembly. Speaker Welch announced his new leadership team. Representatives Manley, Ortiz and Barbara Hernandez are no longer in leadership, while Representative Gordon-Booth – who previously served as Speaker Pro Tempore and chief budget negotiator – is now an Assistant Majority Leader. Leader Buckner replaces Gordon-Booth as Speaker Pro-Tempore. Leaders Buckner, Delgado and Guzzardi replace Gordon-Booth as co-budget negotiators. New to the Speaker’s leadership team: Delgado, Avelar, Williams, Tarver, West, Guzzardi, Stuart, Morgan, and Gonzalez. Note that Leaders Williams, Evans, Guzzardi, Tarver, West, Stuart, Morgan, and Gonzalez will serve in non-stipend roles.

The Speaker’s new leadership team is composed of:

- Robyn Gabel - Majority Leader
- Kam Buckner - Speaker Pro-Tempore and Co-Budgeteer
- Robert ‘Bob’ Rita - Deputy Majority Leader
- Elizabeth ‘Lisa’ Hernandez - Deputy Majority Leader
- Jay C. Hoffman - Assistant Majority Leader
- Jehan Gordon-Booth - Assistant Majority Leader
- Camille Lilly - Assistant Majority Leader
- Eva-Dina Delgado - Assistant Majority Leader and Co-Budgeteer
- Dagmara ‘Dee’ Avelar - Assistant Majority Leader
- Theresa Mah - Majority Conference Chair
- Nicholas Smith - Majority Officer/Sergeant at Arms
- Ann Williams - Assistant Majority Leader
- Marcus C. Evans, Jr. - Assistant Majority Leader
- Will Guzzardi - Assistant Majority Leader and Co-Budgeteer
- Curtis J. Tarver II - Assistant Majority Leader

Maurice West II - Assistant Majority Leader
Katie Stuart - Assistant Majority Leader and Floor Whip
Bob Morgan - Assistant Majority Leader and Floor Whip
Edgar Gonzalez, Jr. - Assistant Majority Leader and Floor Whip

House Democratic sub caucus chairs were also announced:

Janet Yang Rohr – Asian Caucus Chair
Justin Slaughter – Black Caucus Chair
Norma Hernandez – Latinx Caucus Chair
Terra Costa Howard – Moderate Caucus Chair

The Chairs of the Women’s Caucus and the Progressive Caucus are pending.

Speaker Welch also appointed committee chairs. The full list of committee chairs is [here](#). Notably, the Speaker tapped Republican Dan Swanson to chair the Veteran’s Affairs Committee. The Speaker’s office also noted that he is creating the Gun Violence Prevention Committee; the International Relations, Tourism, & Trade Committee; and the Museums, Arts, & Culture Committee. Name changes to committees were made as well. The Elementary & Secondary Education: Curriculum & Policy Committee is being renamed the Education Policy Committee, while the Restorative Justice Committee is now known as the Restorative Justice & Public Safety Committee. All committee changes will be formalized via changes to the House Rules.

On the Republican side, State Representative Amy Elik was elected unanimously to serve as the Chair of the Illinois House Republican Organization for the 2026 election cycle. Elik, a CPA and lifelong resident of Madison County, is in her third term as State Representative.

Leader McCombie also announced her leadership team. Representative Charlie Meier asked to be removed from his leadership position following a recent prostate cancer diagnosis.

Members of Republican Leader McCombie’s Leadership team are:

Norine Hammond – Deputy Minority Leader
Ryan Spain – Deputy Minority Leader
CD Davidsmeyer – Assistant Minority Leader
John Cabello – Assistant Minority Leader
Dan Ugaste – Assistant Minority Leader
Patrick Windhorst – Assistant Minority Leader
Brad Stephens – Assistant Minority Leader
Jackie Haas – Assistant Minority Leader
Amy Elik – Assistant Minority Leader
Jeff Keicher – Conference Chair

Bill Introductions: Notable bill introductions from this week:

- [HB1272](#) (West) creates The Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program Act.
- [SB 66](#) (Peters) creates the Health Care Availability and Access Board Act to address the high cost of prescription drugs.
- Senator Holmes introduced [SB 9](#) which creates the End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act. Representative Gabel introduced companion legislation on [HB 1328](#).
- [SB 8](#) (Ellman) creates the Safe Gun Storage Act.
- [SB 20](#) (Lightford) creates the Hemp Consumer Products Act.
- Hospital staffing levels are targeted in [SB 21](#) (Belt).
- Senator Koehler filed [SB 41](#) to create the Clean Transportation Standard Act.
- Senator Rezin introduced a package of bills to protect children and consumer privacy - [SB 50](#), [SB 51](#) and [SB 52](#).

2025 Spring Session Key Dates and Deadlines:

January 24: House and Senate LRB Request Deadline (LRB Blackout Begins)
 February 7: Deadline – Bill Introduction Deadline Both Chambers
 February 19: Governor’s Budget and State of the State Address
 March 21: Deadline – Committee Deadline Both Chambers
 April 11: Deadline – Third Reading Deadline Both Chambers
 May 9: Deadline – Committee Deadline Bills in Opposite Chamber
 May 23: Deadline – Third Reading Deadline Bills in Opposite Chamber
 May 31: Adjournment

GOVERNOR’S HIGHLIGHTS:

Children’s Behavioral Health Portal Launched: The Illinois Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative has launched BEACON (Behavioral Health Care and Ongoing Navigation), a centralized online portal for Illinois youth and families seeking mental health services and support. BEACON, accessible at beacon.illinois.gov, helps parents and caregivers identify nearby community-based resources and state-funded programs their children may be eligible for, including outpatient counseling, school-based services, wraparound family support, and residential treatment. The portal also assists families in organizing information about their child's care and connecting with relevant state agency representatives.

ISBE Approves FY 26 Budget Request: On Wednesday, the Illinois State Board of Education approved its \$11.4 billion [budget request](#) for fiscal year 2026 to fund PreK-12 education. This represents a 4.6% increase over the current year's budget, despite the state facing a \$3.2 billion revenue shortfall.

The request includes a \$350 million increase in "Evidence-Based Funding," the minimum annual boost required under the 2017 law that directs new education dollars to the neediest districts. Additionally, the budget proposal calls for a \$142 million increase in "mandatory categorical" aid for expenses such as

transportation and special education, as well as \$75 million in new funding for early childhood programs. Read more about the budget [here](#).

Electric Vehicle Charging: Illinois was awarded \$114 million in competitive federal grant funding to support the installation of new electric vehicle charging stations across the state, including in the Chicagoland area, Springfield, Metro East, and Quad Cities. This federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation will be used to build 14 truck charging hubs, expanding Illinois' statewide charging infrastructure. Illinois received the largest award, with the second largest being \$55 million. Additionally, Governor Pritzker announced \$39 million in state funding to build 1,476 charging stations at 242 locations in Illinois, further improving access to electric vehicle charging. Read more [here](#).

IDOT Awarded Federal Funding: The Illinois Department of Transportation will receive \$43 million in federal funding for the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency's (CREATE) 65th & Harlem Avenue rail project. This project will construct an overpass to carry 65th Street over the tracks of the Belt Railway of Chicago (BRC), improving efficiency and safety for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians in Chicago and Bedford Park, Summit, and Garfield Ridge. The project will also allow for faster travel of freight trains in and out of BRC's Clearing yard.

A number of funds will supplement the \$43 million federal grant. These include \$25 million in federal National Highway Performance Program funds; \$13 million in IDOT matching funds; and \$4.3 million in matching funds from private partner railroads. More [here](#).

Advisory Council on Financing and Access to Sickle Cell Disease and Other High-Cost Drugs and Treatment Issues Report: The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly its first report from the [Advisory Council on Financing and Access to Sickle Cell Disease Treatment and other High-Cost Drugs and Treatment](#). Required by [Executive Order 2024-01](#), the report evaluates various value and outcome-based payment approaches in other states and offers recommendations for how Illinois can increase financing as well as equitable access for these drugs. The advisory council met six times over the past six months, culminating in the production of this report. See the report [here](#).

Illinois Partners with Recycle Coach: The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has partnered with Recycle Coach to provide a comprehensive, locally-tailored recycling education platform for all 6,835 Illinois units of local government. Recycle Coach will engage with all Illinois communities, ensuring all residents can access this opportunity. The goals of the undertaking include reducing contamination at material recovery facilities, increasing material diversion from landfills, preventing environmental contamination, and ultimately lowering emissions that contribute to climate change. Read more [here](#).

Illinois Joins Multi-State Effort to Take Action Against Mortgage Service Company: Illinois and 52 state financial regulators have taken coordinated action against Bayview Asset Management LLC and three affiliates – Lakeview Loan Servicing, Community Loan Servicing, and Pingora Holdings

(collectively "Bayview Companies"). The action cites the companies' deficient cybersecurity practices and failure to fully cooperate with state regulators following a data breach impacting 5.8 million customers.

The \$20 million fine and corrective plan underscore the importance of meeting state requirements to protect consumer data and complying with state supervisory demands. Read more [here](#).

Enforcement Taken Against Block, Inc: Illinois and 47 state financial regulatory agencies have taken coordinated enforcement action against Block, Inc. for violations of the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and anti-money laundering (AML) laws – both of which are intended to safeguard the financial system from illicit use. More than 50 million U.S consumers use Block's mobile payment service, Cash App, to spend, send, store, and invest money.

Block agreed to a number of measures in the multistate settlement signed this week. Among them: paying a \$80 million penalty to the state agencies; hiring an independent consultant to review its BSA/AML program; and submitting a report to the states within nine months. After the report is filed, Block will have 12 months to correct any deficiencies found in the report's review. Read more [here](#).

Illinois to Participate in Direct File: Illinois Department of Revenue announced that Illinois will participate in the [IRS Direct File](#) service, beginning on January 27. Nearly two million eligible Illinois taxpayers can now use, for free, Direct File to electronically prepare and file their 2024 federal tax returns.

Then, after filing federal taxes, the program connects taxpayers to Illinois' free state income tax filing system, [MyTax Illinois](#), to file and complete their state returns. Direct File lets working families do their taxes for free electronically, using a single streamlined platform and avoiding paying fees to tax preparation companies.

IDOT Hosting DBE Workshops: The Illinois Department of Transportation is hosting a series of free virtual workshops in January and February as part of the ongoing "Building Blocks of Success" program. The effort helps Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms strengthen their skills, grow their businesses, and bid on state projects. Encouraged to attend: new and existing DBE firms, as well as companies considering certification in the program. More info [here](#).

2025 Supportive Housing Institute: The Supportive Housing Institute (SHI) – designed to equip groups with the knowledge to create affordable housing with integrated supportive services – is seeking applicants for its program. The deadline to apply is 11:59 p.m. (CST) on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Teams applying to SHI must include a housing developer, a property manager, and a supportive services partner. Applicants are also encouraged to include a person with lived experience to provide insights on designing housing to aid future residents in maintaining stability and achieving a higher quality of life. Read more [here](#).

Gubernatorial Appointments: The Governor appointed the following:

- John Herrmann will continue to serve as a Member of the State Board of Health.
- Samiha Syed will serve as a Member of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.
- Stephen Ferrara will serve as a Member of the Illinois Gaming Board.
- Kendra Cunningham and Lynne Sered will continue to serve as Members of the Illinois Labor Relations Board.

OTHER NEWS:

CTA President Announces Retirement: Dorval R. Carter, Jr., President of the Chicago Transit Authority is retiring effective January 31, 2025. His retirement comes as legislators begin to discuss such aspects of transit like whether to combine the CTA with Metra, Pace, and the Regional Transportation Authority, and how to fund local transit amid a looming \$771 million budget gap (once federal COVID-19 relief funding runs out). CTA chief of staff Nora Leerhsen will serve as interim President. Read more [here](#).

Hybrid Chicago School Board Takes Office: The Chicago Board of Education was sworn in on Wednesday, marking a historic shift in the oversight of the country's fourth-largest school district. The board had been under the mayor's control for decades but now is a hybrid model -- 10 elected members and 10 appointed by Mayor Brandon Johnson.

This newly constituted board will have a significant influence in shaping the future of Chicago Public Schools. The district faces immediate financial challenges, and contentious negotiations remain underway for a new four-year contract with the Chicago Teachers Union.

Mayor Johnson has yet to select the final member to bring the board to its full complement of 21 members. Read more [here](#).

Mobile Driver's Licenses: The Illinois Secretary of State's office announced it is hoping by the end of the year to bring driver's licenses and state IDs in Apple Wallet to Illinois residents. The measure would let residents securely add and present their identification on their iPhone or Apple Watch; no physical carrying of the cards would be needed. Through an SoS sign-up page, residents can get updates on the program, including notice of when mobile IDs will become available. The new digital cards will not be mandatory, serving as a companion – rather than a replacement – to physical cards.

RTA Offers Transit Plan: The Regional Transportation Authority announced a "Transforming Transit" program that aims to expand the RTA's administrative and planning powers. RTA Chair Kirk Dillard said the plan could generate \$50 million in annual savings, even as Metra, Pace, and the CTA face a \$770 million budget shortfall. Under the proposal, the RTA's oversight role would broaden to include control over fares, service quality, and capital investments. The RTA would also develop a universal fare

payment app and rider hub to provide customers with simple, integrated fare and service information at all stations and stops. Read the full proposal [here](#).

Illinois Attorney General Files Lawsuit Against Deere and Company: Attorney General Kwame Raoul, in partnership with the Federal Trade Commission and the Minnesota Attorney General, filed a lawsuit against Deere and Company. The lawsuit alleges that Deere used unfair practices, driving up farmer’s equipment repair costs and keeping them from making timely repairs on critical farming equipment, including tractors.

Raoul and the coalition claim that for decades, Deere's unlawful practices have limited the ability of farmers and independent repair providers to fix Deere equipment, instead forcing farmers to rely on Deere's network of authorized dealers. Due to this unfair steering practice, the suit alleges, Deere has boosted multibillion-dollar profits on ag equipment and parts while burdening farmers with higher repair costs.

The lawsuit seeks to stop Deere's anticompetitive conduct. Among remedies being sought are that Deere make its fully functional Service ADVISOR repair tool (and any other repair resources) available to owners of Deere's large tractors and combines, as well as independent repair providers. Read more [here](#).

Deere called the lawsuit “baseless” and said it will “vigorously defend itself.” The company went on to say, “The complaint is based on flagrant misrepresentations of the facts and fatally flawed legal theories, and it punishes innovation and pro-competitive product design.”



MEMO

Date: January 28, 2025
To: Board of Trustees
From: Ashley Strupek, Procurement Manager
CC: David Braun, Managing Director
Subject: Recommendation for Fare Collection System

Recommendation:

Authorize the Managing Director to execute a contract with Cubic Transportation, Inc. for a Fare Collection Equipment and Software contract for a term of 5 years with 2 two-year options. The execution of this contract will be contingent upon final IDOT approval of this contract.

Background:

Connect Transit currently uses a complex fare collection system that is capable of collecting cash payments, reading magnetic stripe cards, and scanning QR codes generated by a mobile app. The current system is limited in the type of payment methods it can accept, as well as being costly to maintain. In calendar year 2024, 66.3% of maintenance road calls were related to farebox issues and replacement and farebox repairs are complex and very costly. Recent technological advancements have allowed transit systems to take open loop payments. Open loop payment allows passengers to pay with credit cards, debit cards, phones, wearable devices, smart cards, university passes, QR codes, and special event codes. The hardware used to accept these payments does not have moving parts and is simple to replace in the event of an equipment failure. In order to remove barriers to the boarding process, provide payment flexibility, offer a better riding experience for our passengers and the community, and reduce annual maintenance costs, Connect Transit staff determined replacement of current fare collection systems was needed.

Discussion:

Connect Transit issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from qualified vendors to replace its existing fare collection equipment and system and seek a multimodal fare collection system capable of accepting a variety of payments, bringing Connect Transit into the next generation of fare payment technology.

Connect Transit staff created an in-depth scope of work highlighting the features of the system that would be most important to the community and other stakeholders. Connect Transit received eight proposals in response to the RFP. The evaluation process included interviews and demonstrations by all eight proposers. The interviews took multiple weeks to complete, then deliberations and scoring began. The compiled evaluation scores for each vendor can be found in the table below. The evaluation team met with the top two proposers to confirm their understanding of the operation of the system and to clarify a few remaining questions. The evaluation committee selected Cubic Transportation, Inc. to be the recommended provider of the new fare collection equipment and software systems.

	Total	A - Technical Solution	B - Proposing Firm's Experience	C - Price Proposal	E - Project Management Approach / Software Development Lifecycle	F - Project Schedule
Supplier	/ 100 pts	/ 25 pts	/ 15 pts	/ 25 pts	/ 25 pts	/ 10 pts
Cubic Transportation	86.81	21.25	12.15	25	20.28	8.133
Masabi LLC	79.38	20.44	12.2	18.88	20.39	7.467
ZED Digital	69.8	16.89	11.85	15.48	17.78	7.8
moovel North America	68.17	17.68	10.75	13.4	18.47	7.867
Flowbird America Inc.	67.33	17.75	11.95	12.59	17.78	7.267
UBITRANSPORT	66.49	18.14	10.85	11.36	18.14	8
Modeshift, Inc.	63.12	18.06	11.85	6.25	19.1	7.867
Token Transit	57.67	15.53	11	6.08	17.19	7.867

The evaluators selected Cubic Transportation, Inc. because of the user experience on the app, back-office software and reporting, strong industry presence with multiple large-scale deployments, and well-built integration capabilities with various transit technologies.

Cubic Transportation, Inc. has been providing transit fare collection equipment and resources for over 50 years with over 400 completed projects. They have experience working with transit agencies across the world including large and small agencies in the Midwest such as Chicago Transit Authority, Bloomington Transit (Indiana), and multiple similar sized agencies in Wisconsin.

The validators have a one-year warranty that can be extended to five years.

The one-time costs will include:

Item	Quantity Required	Unit Price	Total Cost
Hardware + Project Management:			



Validator	80	\$2,275.00	\$182,000.00
DDU's (If Applicable)	80	\$820.00	\$65,600.00
Installation Parts	80	\$830.00	\$66,400.00
Initial Order of Smart Cards	20,000	\$3.00	\$60,000.00
Project Management	1	\$33,235.00	\$33,235.00
Cash Farebox Vault	1	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
Cash Collection Farebox	80	\$4,860.00	\$388,800.00
Hardware + Project Management Total			\$815,035.00
Installation:			
System Development (Includes Design, Development, Testing, and Project Management)	1	Included	Included
Installation	1	\$154,400.00	\$154,400.00
Training	1	Included	Included
5G Mobile Router Installation	1	\$12,690.00	\$12,690.00
Installation Total:			\$167,090.00

Financial Impact:

Total one-time capital costs for this contract will be \$982,125. Funding for these capital costs will be provided by FTA 5307 (35%) and IDOT DOAP Debt Service (65%).

Annual operating expenses associated with this contract are \$80 per bus per month with a 3% annual increase. The total annual cost for the first year will be \$68,160. This does not include credit card processing fees, which will be awarded in a separate contract to be recommended at a later date.