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AGENDA

Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Annual Meeting

April 3, 2025 – 4:20 p.m.

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

[YouTube Link for April 3, 2025](#)

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
 - a. Attendance by Other Means/Virtual – Roll Call Vote
- C. Receive Nominations for the Following Officers:
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice-Chair
 - c. Secretary
- D. Close Nominations
- E. Election of Officers (Roll Call Vote)
- F. Adjournment of Annual Meeting

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Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Regular Session

April 3, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

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- 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 Transit Center Update Workshop Minutes for February 25, 2025
 - b. Approval of Regular Session Minutes for February 25, 2025
 - c. Approval of Executive Session Minutes for February 25, 2025
 - d. Approval of Financial Information for February 2025
 - e. Monthly Statistical Reports for February 2025
 - f. Cardinal Infrastructure; Federal Report
 - g. Cornerstone; Illinois Weekly Update
- F. Committee Reports
- G. New Business
 - a. Recommendation for Property & Casualty Insurance Brokerage Services – Roll Call Vote
 - b. Recommendation for Employee Benefits Insurance Brokerage Services – Roll Call Vote
 - c. Recommendation for Zero-Fare Days – Roll Call Vote
 - d. Recommendation to Authorize FTA Application Filing – Roll Call Vote
 - e. Recommendation to Approve FY26 Budget – Roll Call Vote
- H. Chairman’s Report
- I. Managing Director’s Report
- J. Trustee Comments
- K. Executive Session:
 - a. (5 ILCS 120/2.06) (d) – Review of Closed Session Minutes
 - b. (5 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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February 2025

Financial Reports



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**Connect Transit
Cash Disbursement Report
February 2025**

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00060041	07-Feb-25	\$264.85	Payroll Deduction
Abbey Placements LLC	00060108	21-Feb-25	\$2,834.00	Human resources
Abbey Placements LLC	00060176	27-Feb-25	\$2,132.00	Human resources
ABC Bus Companies	00060042	07-Feb-25	\$10,099.27	Bus Parts
Advance Auto Parts	00060044	07-Feb-25	\$1,793.29	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00060109	21-Feb-25	\$284.26	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00060045	07-Feb-25	\$381.63	Welding Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00060110	21-Feb-25	\$381.63	Welding Supplies
All About Eyes	00060111	21-Feb-25	\$190.00	Safety Glasses
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00060046	07-Feb-25	\$7,689.60	Payroll Deduction
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00060112	21-Feb-25	\$650.00	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00060047	07-Feb-25	\$701.49	Bus Parts, Computer Hardware, Employee Recognition, Office Supplies, & Materials & Supplies
Amazon Capital Service	00060113	21-Feb-25	\$1,618.43	Bus Parts, Computer Hardware, Employee Recognition, Office Supplies, & Materials & Supplies
Ancel Glink, P.C.	00060114	21-Feb-25	\$990.00	Legal Service
Avail Technologies	00060105	07-Feb-25	\$72,922.00	Annual Fee
Best One of Central IL	00060115	21-Feb-25	\$327.38	Outside Repair Service
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$1,424.99	Support Vehicles
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$59.30	Bus Parts
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$84.15	Materials & Supplies
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$1,619.98	Shop Tools
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$300.16	Office Supplies
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$638.00	Computer Hardware & Repair
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$3,117.52	Software Licensing
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$38.99	Dues & Subscriptions
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$3,799.74	Travel & Meetings
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$210.21	Employee Recognition
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$541.10	Public Notices
Bill.com	ACH	03-Feb-25	\$784.86	Safety/Training
Birkey's Farm Store, Inc	00060116	21-Feb-25	\$23.29	Bus Parts
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00060117	21-Feb-25	\$172,042.21	Insurance
Blue Springs, Inc	00060118	21-Feb-25	\$225.00	Portable Restrooms
Blunier Builders, Inc	00060048	07-Feb-25	\$2,100.00	Snow Removal
Blunier Builders, Inc	00060119	21-Feb-25	\$7,095.40	Snow Removal
Bonaco, Inc.	00060049	07-Feb-25	\$946.84	Bus Parts
Bridgestone Americas	00060050	07-Feb-25	\$279.12	Tires
Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC	00060051	07-Feb-25	\$7,000.00	Consulting
Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC	00060120	21-Feb-25	\$7,000.00	Consulting
Carle	00060121	21-Feb-25	\$1,493.25	Empl Physicals & Drug Testing
CDM Smith Inc.	00060052	07-Feb-25	\$5,500.00	Construction
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District	00060053	07-Feb-25	\$1,559.87	Bus and Bus Parts
Checkr, Inc.	00060054	07-Feb-25	\$253.67	New Hire Background Checks
CIRBN, LLC	00060122	21-Feb-25	\$147.13	Internet
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00060056	07-Feb-25	\$8,533.32	Bus Parts
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00060124	21-Feb-25	\$7,111.39	Bus Parts
City of Bloomington(Water)	00060057	07-Feb-25	\$1,096.06	Utilities
City of Bloomington(Water)	00060125	21-Feb-25	\$143.64	Utilities
Clark Baird Smith, LLP	00060126	21-Feb-25	\$4,637.50	Legal Service
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00060058	07-Feb-25	\$1,126.00	Bus Parts
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00060127	21-Feb-25	\$2,317.34	Bus Parts
Commerce Bank	ACH	10-Feb-25	\$326.55	Bank Fees
Concur Technologies, Inc	00060128	21-Feb-25	\$378.75	Software
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00060129	21-Feb-25	\$5,652.90	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00060059	07-Feb-25	\$4,000.00	Consulting
Cummins Sales and Service	00060060	07-Feb-25	\$509.14	Bus Parts
Cummins Sales and Service	00060130	21-Feb-25	\$46.76	Bus Parts
David Eckardt	00060131	21-Feb-25	\$136.00	Uniform Reimbursement
Dearborn Life Insurance	00060132	21-Feb-25	\$20,198.29	Insurance
DH Pace Company, Inc.	00060133	21-Feb-25	\$518.35	Door Repair
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00060061	07-Feb-25	\$164.53	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00060134	21-Feb-25	\$300.00	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00060062	07-Feb-25	\$549.71	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00060135	21-Feb-25	\$18.27	Bus Parts
Ecolane USA, Inc-CID 253	00060136	21-Feb-25	\$4,298.93	Software Licensing
Fastenal Company	00060063	07-Feb-25	\$0.24	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00060064	07-Feb-25	\$2,000.83	Maintenance Supplies
Fasteners Etc.	00060137	21-Feb-25	\$743.86	Maintenance Supplies
FMLASource	00060065	07-Feb-25	\$3,705.60	Consulting
Galls, LLC	00060066	07-Feb-25	\$1,173.96	Admin and Operations Uniforms



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Galls, LLC	00060138	21-Feb-25	\$865.53	Admin and Operations Uniforms
Garber Heating & A/C	00060067	07-Feb-25	\$175.00	HVAC
Garber Heating & A/C	00060139	21-Feb-25	\$371.50	HVAC
Geiger	00060140	21-Feb-25	\$1,260.70	Employee Recognition
Genfare, LLC	00060068	07-Feb-25	\$8,902.17	Software and Hardware
Genfare, LLC	ACH	20-Feb-25	\$40.00	Pass Refund
Genfare, LLC	00060141	21-Feb-25	\$1,209.83	Software and Hardware
Gerber Collision	00060069	07-Feb-25	\$4,424.37	Support Vehicles
Gillig LLC	00060070	07-Feb-25	\$5,436.59	Bus Parts
Gillig LLC	00060142	21-Feb-25	\$2,996.07	Bus Parts
Grainger	00060071	07-Feb-25	\$595.33	Office Cabinets
Grainger	00060143	21-Feb-25	\$179.70	Office Cabinets
Heritage Machine & Welding, Inc.	00060072	07-Feb-25	\$210.95	Bus Parts
Heritage Machine & Welding, Inc.	00060144	21-Feb-25	\$97.32	Bus Parts
HicksGas Bloomington LLC	00060073	07-Feb-25	\$1,335.22	LP Gas
HicksGas Bloomington LLC	00060145	21-Feb-25	\$1,175.47	LP Gas
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	10-Feb-25	\$18,041.33	State Taxes
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	24-Feb-25	\$17,926.62	State Taxes
Illinois Dept of Revenue Wage Levy Unit	00060074	07-Feb-25	\$330.11	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Dept of Revenue Wage Levy Unit	00060146	21-Feb-25	\$333.87	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	06-Feb-25	\$783.44	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	19-Feb-25	\$866.30	Payroll Deduction
John Crago	00060147	21-Feb-25	\$152.00	Uniform Reimbursement
JX Enterprises, INC.	00060075	07-Feb-25	\$162.47	Miscellaneous
Keith Farris	00060148	21-Feb-25	\$304.43	Uniform Reimbursement
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00060076	07-Feb-25	\$46,233.89	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00060149	21-Feb-25	\$46,458.98	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Kim Krug	00060077	07-Feb-25	\$65.20	Uniform Reimbursement
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00060078	07-Feb-25	\$2,502.00	Bus Parts
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00060150	21-Feb-25	\$169.00	Bus Parts
Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC	00060175	27-Feb-25	\$229,968.00	Insurance
Martin Equipment	00060151	21-Feb-25	\$200.71	Building Maintenance
Martin One Source	00060079	07-Feb-25	\$287.00	Advertising
Mary Husa	00060152	21-Feb-25	\$304.40	Uniforms
McAnd Promotions	00060080	07-Feb-25	\$295.00	Advertising
Menards	00060081	07-Feb-25	\$189.71	Materials & Supplies
Menards	00060153	21-Feb-25	\$256.45	Materials & Supplies
Midwest Equipment II	00060154	21-Feb-25	\$37.00	Lawn Maintenance Equipment
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00060082	07-Feb-25	\$433.02	Bus Parts
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00060155	21-Feb-25	\$108.33	Bus Parts
Miller Janitor Supply	00060083	07-Feb-25	\$604.30	Maintenance Supplies
Miller Janitor Supply	00060156	21-Feb-25	\$145.65	Maintenance Supplies
Missionsquare	ACH	06-Feb-25	\$36,741.45	Retirement
Missionsquare	ACH	20-Feb-25	\$36,562.92	Retirement
Modal Marketing Inc.	00060084	07-Feb-25	\$220.33	Garage Equipment Repair
Morris Avenue Garage	00060085	07-Feb-25	\$80.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00060157	21-Feb-25	\$40.00	Vehicle Inspection
Motion Industries, Inc.	00060158	21-Feb-25	\$68.85	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00060086	07-Feb-25	\$714.12	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00060159	21-Feb-25	\$162.15	Bus Parts
Nicor Gas	00060087	07-Feb-25	\$8,488.85	Utilities
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00060160	21-Feb-25	\$328.83	Office Supplies
OSF Medical Group - Occupational Health	00060161	21-Feb-25	\$780.00	Drug Testing
Payroll	ACH	06-Feb-25	\$302,355.64	
Payroll	ACH	20-Feb-25	\$305,697.53	
Pipco Companies, LTD	00060088	07-Feb-25	\$315.00	Building Maintenance
Queen City Engineering & Design, PLLC	00060162	21-Feb-25	\$14,650.00	Driver Barriers for Flex Vehicles
Republic Services # 368	00060089	07-Feb-25	\$1,032.99	Garbage Disposal
Roanoke Motor Co. Inc.	00060163	21-Feb-25	\$174.00	Bus Parts
Safelite Auto Glass	00060090	07-Feb-25	\$260.13	Outside Repair Services
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	00060164	21-Feb-25	\$409.51	Solvent Tank
Sam Leman Ford	00060091	07-Feb-25	\$2,195.45	Outside Repair
Sam Leman Ford	00060165	21-Feb-25	\$2,679.47	Outside Repair
Sanco Thermo King	00060092	07-Feb-25	\$4,782.95	Bus Parts
Secretary of State	00060106	07-Feb-25	\$165.00	Vehicle Registration
Source, Inc of Missouri	00060107	10-Feb-25	\$47,439.95	Computer & Server Fee
Southtown Wrecker Service	00060093	07-Feb-25	\$555.00	Towing
Southtown Wrecker Service	00060166	21-Feb-25	\$1,095.00	Towing
Stratus Networks	00060094	07-Feb-25	\$3,184.48	Internet



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Team Torque	00060095	07-Feb-25	\$260.60	Shop Tools
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00060096	07-Feb-25	\$5,705.77	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00060167	21-Feb-25	\$6,163.31	Bus Parts
Town of Normal-Utility Billing	00060097	07-Feb-25	\$658.73	Utilities
TRAVELERS	00060098	07-Feb-25	\$3,019.91	Property Damage
TRAVELERS	00060168	21-Feb-25	\$4,234.75	Property Damage
TX Child Support SDU	00060099	07-Feb-25	\$643.59	Payroll Deduction
TX Child Support SDU	00060169	21-Feb-25	\$643.59	Payroll Deduction
Uline	00060100	07-Feb-25	\$587.15	Office Supplies
United States Treasury	ACH	11-Feb-25	\$98,454.35	Federal Taxes
United States Treasury	ACH	25-Feb-25	\$97,641.55	Federal Taxes
UPS United Parcel Service Inc	00060101	07-Feb-25	\$40.31	Shipping
USSC Group	00060170	21-Feb-25	\$408.83	Bus Parts
Verizon Wireless	00060102	07-Feb-25	\$6,792.62	Mobile Data Terminals for SS
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00060103	07-Feb-25	\$1,545.83	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00060171	21-Feb-25	\$677.67	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Via Mobility, LLC	00060172	21-Feb-25	\$2,520.00	Consulting
VSP of Illinois, NFP	00060173	21-Feb-25	\$1,266.92	Vision Insurance
Wilcox Electric & Service, Inc	00060104	07-Feb-25	\$2,400.00	Building Maintenance
William Masters, Inc	00060174	21-Feb-25	\$750.52	HVAC
		Total	\$1,793,263.09	

Bloomington Normal Public Transit

Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 2/28/2025

Fiscal Year: 2025 Period: 8 Feb-2025

Assets

Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$9,317,071.78
Accounts Receivable	\$781,064.83
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$102,491.92
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$462,127.64
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$536,239.56

Total Current Assets **\$11,198,995.73**

Fixed Assets \$30,952,793.56

Total Assets **\$42,151,789.29**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$317,146.11
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,456,248.95
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$328,118.66
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

Total Liabilities **\$2,101,513.72**

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 \$20,740,009.18

Total Liabilities & Equity **\$42,151,789.29**

Bloomington Normal Public Transit

Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2025 Thru Fiscal Year: 2025	From Period 8 Thru Period 8	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss		As of: 2/28/2025		
		Feb-2025	Jul-2024 Feb-2025	Approved Budget		
Operating Revenue						
Passenger Fares		\$40,808.45	7.52%	\$360,497.19	66.45%	\$542,500.00
ISU Contract Fare		\$48,670.68	8.33%	\$389,365.44	66.67%	\$584,048.00
Other Contract Fares		\$19,013.97	9.51%	\$154,901.71	77.45%	\$200,000.00
Advertising Revenue		\$11,466.67	9.78%	\$87,273.36	74.40%	\$117,300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$26,792.66	282.03%	\$150,007.74	1579.03%	\$9,500.00
Total Operating Revenue		\$146,752.43	10.10%	\$1,142,045.44	78.58%	\$1,453,348.00
Operating Expenses						
Operators Wages		\$663,303.17	7.78%	\$5,416,566.24	63.50%	\$8,529,928.00
Maintenance Wages		\$134,036.46	8.65%	\$1,035,491.89	66.85%	\$1,549,005.00
Administration Wages		\$105,632.94	7.75%	\$802,232.66	58.87%	\$1,362,807.00
Employer Payroll Tax Expense		\$84,914.73	9.23%	\$586,591.09	63.73%	\$920,380.00
Retirement Plan		\$34,348.14	5.83%	\$287,021.45	48.72%	\$589,087.00
Group Insurance		\$188,460.23	7.90%	\$1,412,758.50	59.19%	\$2,386,762.00
Uniform Expense		\$2,198.34	4.09%	\$27,855.69	51.80%	\$53,775.00
Professional Services		\$34,409.81	10.05%	\$312,006.18	91.10%	\$342,500.00
Outside Repair-Labor		\$13,239.73	10.28%	\$113,595.80	88.23%	\$128,750.00
Contract Maintenance Services		\$25,706.00	10.92%	\$133,847.34	56.87%	\$235,376.00
Custodial Services		\$2,094.40	10.29%	\$20,262.64	99.52%	\$20,360.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help		\$0.00	0.00%	\$11,697.50	25.99%	\$45,000.00
Fuel		\$74,465.54	5.01%	\$673,057.78	45.29%	\$1,486,212.00
Lubricants		\$14,264.65	16.34%	\$43,021.94	49.27%	\$87,316.00
Tires		\$4,630.18	7.75%	\$36,221.06	60.59%	\$59,781.00
Bus Repair Parts		\$62,482.18	12.15%	\$478,126.18	93.00%	\$514,093.00
Other Materials & Supplies		\$7,341.50	9.39%	\$57,581.30	73.63%	\$78,200.00
Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools		\$2,348.97	11.74%	\$11,166.06	55.83%	\$20,000.00
Computer and Office Supplies		\$59,766.90	13.12%	\$244,575.42	53.70%	\$455,419.00
Utilities		\$22,114.77	17.09%	\$110,187.67	85.15%	\$129,400.00
Corporate Insurance		\$59,566.88	9.45%	\$429,042.93	68.09%	\$630,100.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees		\$646.11	1.30%	\$22,636.18	45.59%	\$49,650.00
Printing/Marketing/Training		\$29,972.40	7.88%	\$175,920.77	46.24%	\$380,425.00
Total Operating Expenses		\$1,625,944.03	8.11%	\$12,441,464.27	62.04%	\$20,054,326.00
Operating Assistance						
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants		(\$1,479,191.60)	7.95%	(\$11,299,418.83)	60.75%	(\$18,600,978.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance		\$75,833.33	8.33%	\$606,666.64	66.67%	\$910,000.00
Town of Normal Operating Assistance		\$49,166.66	8.33%	\$393,333.28	66.67%	\$590,000.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance		\$1,049,713.62	8.05%	\$8,023,714.62	61.55%	\$13,035,312.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance		\$292,691.00	7.20%	\$2,169,902.00	53.37%	\$4,065,666.00
Total Operating Assistance		\$1,467,404.61	7.89%	\$11,193,616.54	60.18%	\$18,600,978.00



February 2025	Current Month	Month in Prior Year	Percent Change	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	% Change YTD
System Statistics:						
System Ridership	208,932	211,871	-1.39%	1,516,918	1,594,498	-4.87%
Fixed Ridership	195,192	197,443	-1.14%	1,405,339	1,480,152	-5.05%
Mobility Ridership	9,133	9,793	-6.74%	73,378	79,635	-7.86%
FLEX Ridership	4,607	4,635	-0.60%	38,201	34,711	10.05%
System Service Hours	13,495	13,782	-2.08%	111,940	118,722	-5.71%
Fixed Service Hours	8,616	8,949	-3.72%	71,811	78,545	-8.57%
Mobility Service Hours	3,900	3,830	1.83%	31,919	32,546	-1.93%
FLEX Service Hours	979	1,003	-2.40%	8,210	7,631	7.58%
System Service Miles	164,340	168,613	-2.53%	1,378,195	1,401,558	-1.67%
Fixed Service Miles	103,597	107,499	-3.63%	871,729	916,617	-4.90%
Mobility Service Miles	47,660	49,188	-3.11%	397,052	401,234	-1.04%
FLEX Service Miles	13,084	11,926	9.71%	109,414	83,707	30.71%
System Revenue Vehicles	57	60	-5.00%	64	67	-4.48%
Fixed Revenue Vehicles	31	33	-6.06%	38	40	-5.00%
Mobility Revenue Vehicles	21	22	-4.55%	21	22	-4.55%
FLEX Revenue Vehicles	5	5	0.00%	5	5	0.00%
System Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,883	2,810	2.60%	21,534	20,919	2.94%
Fixed Miles/Revenue Vehicle	3,342	3,258	2.59%	22,940	22,915	0.11%
Mobility Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,270	2,236	1.51%	18,907	18,238	3.67%
FLEX Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,617	2,385	9.71%	21,883	16,741	30.71%
System Efficiencies:						
System Ridership/Service Hour	15.48	15.37	0.71%	13.55	13.43	0.90%
Fixed Ridership/Revenue Hour	22.66	22.06	2.68%	19.57	18.84	3.85%
Mobility Ridership/Revenue Hour	2.34	2.56	-8.41%	2.30	2.45	-6.05%
FLEX Ridership/Revenue Hour	4.71	4.62	1.84%	4.65	4.55	2.30%
System Percent On-Time Trips	90.02%	91.06%	-1.14%	90.10%	91.72%	-1.77%
Fixed Percent On-Time Trips	90%	91%	-1.10%	90%	92%	-1.67%
Mobility Percent On-Time Trips	97%	97%	0.00%	96%	97%	-1.53%
FLEX Percent On-Time Trips	77%	81%	-4.94%	80%	84%	-4.81%
System Subsidy/Passenger	\$7.59	\$6.82	11.36%	\$7.58	\$6.77	11.99%
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	\$5.04	\$5.40	-6.52%	\$5.29	\$5.54	-4.44%
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	\$54.75	\$32.02	71.00%	\$44.34	\$26.34	68.31%
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	\$21.93	\$14.02	56.48%	\$20.97	\$14.13	48.39%
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour	1.32	1.28	3.45%	1.33	1.28	3.20%
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile	\$1.31	\$1.13	16.24%	\$1.26	\$1.07	17.73%



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Federal Update for Connect Transit

Prepared March 31st, 2025

Federal Funding Update

As you know, the House and Senate have passed a full-year Continuing Resolution (CR), averting a government shutdown for the rest of the fiscal year. This bill mostly funds the government at 2024 levels, but allows FTA and FHWA formula funding to increase as authorized in IIJA. The CR's passage clears the slate for Congress to begin work on the FY26 appropriations process. Unfortunately, Connect's Microgrid and Battery Storage Project was a casualty of this process; earmarks were not included in the Continuing Resolution. Offices are beginning to open their FY26 Community Project portals, and we are hopeful that earmarks will survive the upcoming appropriations process. Cardinal will work closely with you to ensure these projects are submitted on-time and that they are as competitive as possible.

DOT Grants Review

Secretary Duffy has released a memo calling for a review of all competitive grant awards made since January 20th, 2021. DOT will look for grant awards with DEI, climate change, or environmental justice components as well as grants funding EVs, EV chargers, and projects primarily focused on bicycle infrastructure. DOT will determine whether grants advance on a case-by-case basis. Some projects may advance as is, while others will advance with modifications to align with the Administration's priorities or be rescinded entirely.

Note that this review will impact any grant where funds are not fully obligated - a grant agreement is not enough to protect a project from potential claw backs of awarded funds. Another important clarification; this review will not apply to earmarks. Those projects are written into law via the appropriations bills and cannot be reviewed as DOT discretionary grants are. Finally, LowNo projects are safe from rescission, as statutory language in the LowNo program requires awards to zero-emissions technologies.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Update

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has sent a letter to transportation stakeholders formally requesting proposals for the upcoming reauthorization bill. Proposals must be submitted by **6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30th**. Ranking Member Larsen has told POLITICO that he anticipates a markup on the upcoming reauthorization bill sometime this fall.

Molinaro Hearing

Ex-Representative and current FTA nominee Marc Molinaro had his nomination hearing before the Senate Banking Committee. He shared this hearing with two nominees for positions in the Treasury Department and a nominee for SEC Commissioner, who drew the bulk of the Senators' questioning. Several Senators did ask Molinaro about reduction in force plans, federal funding freezes, and efforts to shift funding away from zero emissions vehicles.



In his testimony, Molinaro laid out his agenda for FTA, signaling support for streamlining the permitting process, implementing cutting-edge technology to improve operations, and developing innovative strategies for the planning and construction of major infrastructure projects. Along with Sen. Britt (R-AL), he spoke of the economic impact that transit has on communities and the opportunity for individuals to move freely and find success as a result of that freedom. Molinaro also emphasized the importance of accessibility for riders with disabilities, stating that this will be a core value of his leadership strategy. He also discussed the importance of the transit workforce, arguing that transit workers deserve a seat at the table when decisions are made. Notably, one of Molinaro's guests at the hearing was TWU President John Samuelsen.

Molinaro has endorsements from TWU, APTA, the Teamsters, and the ABA. We fully expect Molinaro to sail through this confirmation process and look forward to working with him once confirmed.

Bradbury Confirmed as Deputy Secretary at DOT

The Senate has confirmed Steven Bradbury as Deputy Secretary of Transportation. In Trump's first term, Bradbury was the general counsel for DOT as well as Acting Deputy Secretary and Acting Secretary of Transportation. Bradbury also held positions in the Bush Administration and at the Heritage Foundation.

Chavez-DeRemer confirmed as Labor Secretary

The Senate confirmed Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer in a 67-32 vote. With this confirmation, all of Trump's cabinet positions have been filled. Secretary Chavez-DeRemer enjoyed bipartisan support, with 17 Democrats backing her nomination alongside 50 Republicans.

EPA to review WOTUS rule

EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin has announced that his agency will review the definition of "Waters of the United States" in the Clean Water Act, with the goal of lowering permitting costs. Under the Clean Water Act, any body of water falling under "Waters of the United States" is subject to federal protections from pollution. This definition has changed under each of the last three administrations. EPA is expected to update its definition to align with the Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett v. EPA*, which opined that "Waters of the United States" should refer only to permanent, standing, or continuously flowing bodies of water, and that wetlands are only covered if they have a continuous surface connection to otherwise protected waters.

McConnell Announces Retirement

Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has announced that he will be retiring from Congress after finishing his current term in 2026. The former Senate Majority Leader leaves behind a legacy as one of the most influential senators of the 21st century.



CORNERSTONE

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TO: Connect Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team
SUBJECT: Legislative Update
DATE: April 1, 2025

Summary

This month, our team drafted and filed language to allow for eMirrors to be used by public transit vehicles in the State. Throughout this language development, our team examined dozens of bills to identify which legislation would be the best fit to amend with our language. We further discussed this change with the Chair of the Transportation: Vehicles and Safety Committee, as well as with committee staff. As part of this legislation, we also worked with the Secretary of State’s office to amend the language to ensure they would not be in opposition. We are now working to move the language through the House Transportation committee for consideration on the House floor.

Additionally, our team continued discussions with the House Speaker’s new Deputy Chief of Staff to pursue the release of our grant funding. Moving forward, we are preparing to support Connect during IPTA’s Advocacy Day and are continuing to monitor for legislative action which may impact your work.

Bill Tracking

Below are bills of interest currently in your bill file that are still active now that we are past the committee deadline in both chambers:

HB 1248

Short Description: GOVERNMENT-VEHICLES

House Sponsors

Rep. Dave Vella

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Government Zero-Emission Vehicle Act. Provides that, beginning on January 1, 2030, all passenger vehicles, except for law enforcement vehicles, purchased or leased by a governmental unit must be manufactured in the United States by a company that is headquartered in the United States.

House Committee Amendment No. 1

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with

changes. Defines the terms "manufactured in the United States" and "United States".

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2025	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

HB 2952

Short Description: PUBLIC BUILDINGS-BABY STATIONS

House Sponsors

Rep. Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez, Katie Stuart and Barbara Hernandez

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act. In provisions concerning baby changing stations, provides that hotels and lodging facilities; public and private schools and educational institutions; small entertainment venues including, movie theaters and bowling alleys; healthcare facilities with public restrooms; transit public parks with restroom facilities; and standalone public parks with restroom facilities are subject to the provisions. Provides that a retail store of more than 3,000 square feet (rather than 5,000 square feet) that contain a restroom open to the public are subject to the provisions. Provides that a restaurant that has an occupancy of at least 40 persons (rather than 60 persons), among other criteria, are subject to the provisions of the Act.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/26/2025	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate

SB 41

Short Description: CLEAN TRANSPORTATION STANDARD

Senate Sponsors

Sen. David Koehler and Laura M. Murphy

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
3/12/2025	Senate	Assigned to Energy and Public Utilities

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
2/19/2025	Senate	To Firearms

SB 1213

Short Description: CONCEAL CARRY-PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Neil Anderson, Dave Syverson and Li Arellano, Jr.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Eliminates a provision 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, or in any building, real property, or 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
2/19/2025	Senate	To Firearms

SB 1680

Short Description: TRANSPORTATION-GREENHOUSE GAS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Omar Aquino, Rachel Ventura and Adriane Johnson

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the amendatory Act may be referred to as the Transportation Choices Act. Requires, by January 1, 2027, the Environmental Protection Agency, after consultation with the Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), to establish a schedule of greenhouse gas targets for greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector in the State. Requires the Department and MPOs to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions analysis and determine if their applicable planning document will result in meeting their greenhouse gas targets. Requires the Department and MPOs to perform a greenhouse gas emissions analysis prior to including a roadway capacity expansion project in an applicable planning document. Requires, by January 1, 2029 and every 3 years thereafter, the Department to prepare a comprehensive report on statewide transportation greenhouse gas reduction accomplishments and challenges and to make recommendations for any legislative action that would assist the Department and MPOs in meeting their greenhouse gas targets. Requires the Department and MPOs to calculate a climate equity accessibility score prior to including any project that has an anticipated cost of \$30,000,000 or more in an applicable planning document or as a greenhouse gas mitigation measure. Requires the Department and MPOs to provide early and continuous opportunities for public participation in the transportation planning process. Requires, beginning June 30, 2026, the Department and MPOs to establish a social cost of carbon and use the social cost of carbon in their planning documents and planning activities. Establishes the Greenhouse Gas in Transportation Working Group. Provides that the specified requirements of the provisions shall commence with projects included in applicable planning documents filed on or after January 1, 2028. Makes other changes. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Directs the Environmental Protection Agency to calculate a social cost of carbon and makes other changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2025	Senate	Assigned to Energy and Public Utilities

SB 1791

Short Description: TRANSIT-TO-TRAILS PROGRAM

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Laura Ellman-Ram Villivalam and Robert Peters

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program through which the Secretary shall award grants to

eligible entities for projects that facilitate travel by public transportation to public outdoor recreation sites for outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, boating, picnicking, hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, or other nature-based activities. Provides that the Secretary shall offer grants through the Transit-to-Trails program on an annual basis. Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules necessary to implement and administer the program. Provides that, in considering grant applications, the Department shall prioritize projects with demonstrated intent to enhance access to outdoor recreation opportunities for populations in greatest need of improved access to outdoor nature-based recreation. Requires the Department to provide technical assistance in preparing grant applications to applicants upon request. Provides that implementation of the grant program is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
3/12/2025	Senate	Assigned to Appropriations- Public Safety and Infrastructure

General Legislative Updates

104th ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois House adjourned on Wednesday, with Thursday and Friday sessions canceled. The Senate was off this week, and will return on Tuesday, April 1 (at 4 pm) through Thursday, April 3. Note that only seven session days remain to consider Senate Bills for final passage before the April 11 Third Reading deadline. Meanwhile, the House is off next week – returning on Monday April 7 (at noon) with just five days to consider House bills for final passage ahead of the deadline.

This week, the House focused on moving bills from Second to Third Reading and considering floor amendments at the committee and floor level. No House Bills on Third Reading have been debated by that chamber yet. House Democrats were advised in caucus to prioritize their top five bills for consideration before the Third Reading deadline. Members with more than five bills pending on the House calendar were encouraged to share their bills with other members who have fewer bills on the calendar.

After last week’s committee deadline, the Senate extended the deadline for 569 Senate Bills. The House has not extended the deadline for any of its bills and has re-referred legislation that did not advance out of committee back to the House Rules Committee – with the exception of a few bills assigned to appropriation committees (although they do not have extended deadlines). The full list of Senate committee deadline extensions is [here](#).

Several Senate committees held subject matter hearings this week despite the chamber not being in session.

Representative Ness filed [HJR 24](#) which creates the Child Welfare Agency Liability Task Force to develop a permanent solution to the unavailability of liability insurance for child welfare agencies. HJR 24 awaits assignment to a standing committee.

2025 Spring Session Key Dates and Deadlines:

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:

The Governor has now concluded action on all legislation passed during the 103rd General Assembly’s January Lane Duck Session.

New Laws: Late last Friday, Governor Pritzker signed 16 bills passed during the Lane Duck Session.

[HB 297](#) sets up a mandatory interest arbitration procedure for educational supervisors – like principals and assistant principals – in Chicago Public Schools when a collective bargaining impasse occurs. Existing terms of employment remain in effect during the arbitration process.

[HB 817](#) authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to acquire and repair property on behalf of the Illinois State Treasurer and makes technical changes to the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

[HB 2474](#) protects nursing home residents from retaliation in such instances as when they file complaints, seek assistance, or participate in investigations.

[HB 4224](#) exempts parking lots of non-profit educational trade schools from the property tax code; validates certain tax levies for community mental health boards; and allows a county clerk to retroactively abate property taxes from 2023 to a certain property.

[HB 4410](#) ensures that law enforcement agencies comply with state law when investigating individuals in the sex worker industry.

[HB 4412](#) provides that a childcare facility, day care center, day care home, or group day care home may authorize a third-party vendor to complete a background check investigation.

[HB 4439](#) designates the soybean as the official State bean of the State of Illinois.

[HB 4828](#) requires the Department of Corrections to publish quarterly website reports on the general trends in its use of restrictive housing units.

[HB 4907](#) not only makes a technical fix to the (statutory) calculation for incentive payments to nursing home staff but also increases the maximum size of contiguous counties in which hospitals can apply to operate under one single license.

[SB 457](#) allows ISBE to procure religious meal options for school districts wishing to buy from the ISBE contract.

[SB 727](#) creates the Safe Public Drinking Water Act to set a timeline for adopting federal PFAS standards for drinking water and requiring the sampling of certain community water supplies for 1,4-Dioxane.

[SB 867](#) authorizes the land transfer of Shabbona Lake State Park in DeKalb County to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

[SB 899](#) authorizes the Department of Transportation to restrict vehicle length on its roadways as it deems appropriate.

[SB 952](#) grants the transfer of property to the Village of Deer Park for potable water transmission use.

[SB 2655](#) reconciles inconsistencies between the operation of in-car video recording equipment and the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act pertaining to Illinois State Police vehicles and closes a loophole as it relates to child pornography laws.

[SB 3180](#) provides that employers violate the One Day Rest in Seven Act if they retaliate against employees for exercising their rights under the Act.

Warehouse Worker Protection Act: Governor Pritzker vetoed [HB 2547](#) (Olickal/Villanueva), which would establish the Warehouse Worker Protection Act, requiring warehouse employers to disclose quotas to workers upon hire. The bill was intended to limit Amazon and other large warehouse operators from imposing fast-paced work speed or productivity quotas on employees.

The Governor, who has rarely used his veto authority, said that the bill lacked clarity on who would be covered under the law and failed to establish proper due process for enforcement. There is no opportunity to override the Governor's veto since the legislation passed during the January Lame Duck Session and the 103rd General Assembly adjourned sine die.

OTHER NEWS:

Raoul Leads Coalition Seeking Court Order to Stop FEMA Funding Freeze: Attorney General Kwame Raoul led a coalition of 22 state attorneys general in seeking a court order to compel the Trump administration to unfreeze critical funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The courts have issued multiple orders, including a preliminary injunction issued on March 6 that blocked the administration from freezing these federal funds. Raoul and the coalition filed a motion this

week to enforce the March 6 preliminary injunction, requesting a court order requiring the administration to immediately stop the freezing of FEMA funds. Read more [here](#).

Federal Funding Cuts Impact IDPH and Local Health Departments: The federal government is slashing \$11.4 billion in funding for state and local health departments and other health organizations across the country for COVID-19-related activities. As part of this, the Illinois Department of Public Health and 97 local health departments are losing \$125 million in federal support to track disease spread, invest in infectious disease testing labs, conduct wastewater surveillance, build public health workforce capacity, and strengthen local health departments. This move is the latest cost-cutting measure from the Trump administration. Read more [here](#).

Federal Funding Cuts to Mental Health and Substance Abuse: The Trump Administration plans to terminate up to \$28 million in federal funding allocated to Illinois for mental health and substance use disorder treatment; the notification came from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Granted through the American Rescue Plan Act, the federal funding supported 77 community-based organizations that provide direct services to thousands of Illinoisans. These funds enabled behavioral health crisis response services, support for young people experiencing early symptoms of psychosis, substance use recovery homes, and substance use prevention services. Read more [here](#).

Mass Layoffs and Restructuring at Health and Human Services: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is undergoing significant restructuring. Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has announced the layoff of 10,000 employees and the closure of entire agencies, including those managing substantial funds for addiction services and community health centers nationwide.

Characterizing the department as an inefficient "sprawling bureaucracy," Kennedy attributed declining public health outcomes to its 82,000 employees. He acknowledged that this restructuring will be a challenging period for top health agencies tasked with monitoring infectious diseases, inspecting foods and hospitals, and overseeing insurance programs for nearly half the country's population.

Overall, HHS will reduce its workforce to 62,000 positions, with 10,000 jobs eliminated through layoffs and another 10,000 through early retirement and voluntary separation. Specific reductions include 3,500 positions at the FDA; 2,400 at the CDC; 1,200 at the NIH; and 300 at CMS. HHS indicates that these changes will result in annual savings of \$1.8 billion, although detailed information on the savings was not provided.

In addition to workforce reductions, Kennedy announced that entire agencies would be closed, including the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which finance community health and addiction services. The plan also includes collapsing 10 regional H.H.S. offices into five and consolidating the 28 divisions of the health agency

into 15 new divisions. The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response will also be integrated into the CDC.



MEMO

Date: April 3, 2025
To: Board of Trustees
From: Ashley Strupek, Procurement Manager
CC: David Braun, Managing Director
Subject: Recommendation for Property and Casualty Insurance Brokerage Services

Recommendation:

Authorize the Managing Director to execute a contract with Marsh McLennan Agency for Property and Casualty Insurance Brokerage Services for a term of five years. This contract award is contingent upon IDOT concurrence.

Background:

Connect Transit has used the services of a brokerage firm to solicit and contract for all our insurance needs for at least 10 years. Brokerage firms have the expertise needed to negotiate preferred insurance rates with various carriers, offer many value-added services to help manage costs, and provide risk assessment services to prevent claims.

Discussion:

Connect Transit issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking proposals for property and casualty insurance brokerage services on January 20, 2025. We received five proposals in response to our RFP from: Clemens & Associates, Compass Insurance, Cottingham & Butler, Gallagher, and Marsh McLennan Agency. The proposals were evaluated on the qualifications of each firm, their approach to addressing the needs identified in the scope of work, interviews conducted with the primary account representatives, contract cost, and value-added services offered. Marsh McLennan Agency was identified as the top proposer, as demonstrated in the scoring table on the following page.

	Total	Qualifications and Experience of Firm	Approach to Scope of Work	Interview	Value Added Services	Cost Proposal
Supplier	/ 100 pts	/ 30 pts*	/ 30 pts*	/ 20 pts	/ 5 pts*	/ 15 pts*
Marsh MMA	90.68	26.67	25.6	19	4.417	15
Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC	83.39	25.67	25.2	16	4.417	12.11
Cottingham & Butler	72.52	23.17	22.2	16.67	3.583	6.9
Clemens Insurance	64.2	20.5	18.8	16	3.167	5.73
Compass Insurance	57.07	16.83	16	14.67	3.167	6.405

Marsh McLennan Agency has over 170 offices with a team of over 10,000 people across the U.S. and Canada, with their local office in Schaumburg. Marsh is our current property and casualty provider, making them familiar with our company and needs. They have recently expanded their in-house safety team, which will help Connect Transit’s safety department by enhancing our safety performance, developing effective safety-related training, and seeking alternative solutions for managing cost drivers.

Financial Impact:

The total not-to-exceed value for these services is \$181,648, which will be paid over the term of the five-year contract utilizing operating funds. This total cost will be reduced by the amount of any commission the broker receives.



MEMO

Date: April 3, 2025
To: Board of Trustees
From: Ashley Strupek, Procurement Manager
CC: David Braun, Managing Director
Subject: Recommendation for Employee Benefits Insurance Brokerage Services

Recommendation:

Authorize the Managing Director to execute a contract with Marsh McLennan Agency for Employee Benefits Insurance Brokerage Services for a term of five years. This contract award is contingent upon IDOT concurrence.

Background:

Connect Transit has used the services of a brokerage firm to solicit and contract for all our insurance needs for over 10 years. Brokerage firms have the expertise needed to negotiate preferred insurance rates with various carriers, assist employees throughout open enrollment, offer many value-added services to help manage costs, and provide risk assessment services to prevent claims.

Discussion:

Connect Transit issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking proposals for employee benefits insurance brokerage services on January 27, 2025. We received six proposals in response to our RFP from: Clemens & Associates, Compass Insurance, Cottingham & Butler, Gallagher, Marsh McLennan Agency, and Troxell BPA. The proposals were evaluated on the qualifications of each firm, their approach to addressing the needs identified in the scope of work, interviews conducted with the primary account representatives, contract cost, and value-added services offered. Marsh McLennan Agency was identified as the top proposer, as demonstrated in the scoring table on the next page.

	Total	Qualifications and Experience of Firm	Approach to Scope of Work	Interview	Value Added Services	Cost Proposal
Supplier	/ 100 pts	/ 30 pts*	/ 30 pts*	/ 20 pts	/ 5 pts*	/ 15 pts*
Marsh McLennan Agency	87.19	27.17	27.2	18.67	4.778	9.375
Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC	85.57	25	25.4	16	4.167	15
Cottingham & Butler	82.02	24.33	23.8	18	4.111	11.78
Clemens & Associates Life Agency	77.22	23	21	15	3.222	15
BPA Troxell	66.58	19	18	13.33	2.611	13.64
Compass Insurance	64.91	16.67	15.8	14.33	3.111	15

Marsh McLennan Agency has over 170 offices with a team of over 10,000 people across the U.S. and Canada, with their local office in Schaumburg. Marsh has value added services such as open enrollment assistance, wellness programs, and compliance support that will help reduce the burden on our Human Resources team.

Financial Impact:

The total not-to-exceed value for these services is \$80,000 annually. The total cost will be reduced by the amount of any commission the broker receives.





MEMO

Date: April 3, 2025
To: Board of Trustees
From: Mark Huffman, Marketing Manager
CC: David Braun, Managing Director
Subject: Recommendation for Zero-Fare Days

Recommendation:

Authorize the Managing Director to approve zero-fare days including but not limited to the previously supported events listed below for the remainder of FY25 and all of FY26.

Background:

Historically, Connect Transit has supported the following zero-fare days to increase opportunities for residents in our communities to try transit, foster relationships with community partners, and support public awareness.

- Election Days, both local and national
- Earth Day
- Mid-Illinois Realtors Association Fair Housing Affair
- Library Card Sign Up Month

Discussion:

We believe that each of these zero-fare days is worthy of support from Connect Transit because they strengthen and enrich individual lives, our community, the economy, and the environment.

Financial Impact:

This will not have a significant impact on our revenue budget.



MEMO

Date: April 3, 2025
To: Board of Trustees
From: Ashley Strupek, Procurement Manager
CC: David Braun, Managing Director
Subject: Recommendation for Authorizing Filing of FTA Applications

Recommendation:

Adopt the resolution authorizing the Managing Director to execute and file an application for federal assistance on behalf of Connect Transit.

Background:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently required transit systems to provide a resolution from its governing body that confirms the applicant's authority to seek and receive federal funds. The resolution demonstrates that the governing body of the applicant (e.g., Board of Trustees) has formally approved the application for FTA funding.

Discussion:

Authorizing the Managing Director to execute and file an application for federal assistance on behalf of Connect Transit improves the responsiveness of the agency and allows funds to be available sooner. Federal assistance is used to support our on-going operations or capital needs.

Financial Impact:

No financial impact, except that we will be able to draw down federal funds when they are available.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATIONS
WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administrator has been delegated authority to award federal financial assistance for a transportation project; and

WHEREAS, the grant or cooperative agreement for federal assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, and may require the applicant to provide the local share of the project cost; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration required for the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees for Connect Transit.

Section 1. That the Managing Director is authorized to execute and file an application for federal assistance on behalf of Connect Transit with the Federal Transit Administration for federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code, or other federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

Section 2. That the Managing Director is authorized to execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Federal Transportation Administration requires before awarding a federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.

Section 3. That the Managing Director is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of Connect Transit.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees for Connect Transit certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Connect Transit on _____, 2025.

Secretary

Date: _____



MEMO

Date: April 3, 2026
To: Board of Trustees
From: David Braun, Managing Director
Patrick Kuebrich, Finance Director
Subject: Recommendation for FY26 Operating and Capital Budget

Recommendation:

Adopt the FY26 Operating and Capital Budget.

Background:

Our Draft FY26 Budget was presented for your review and consideration at the Connect Transit Board of Trustees February meeting.

Discussion:

The FY26 budget includes 110,802 revenue hours for fixed route service, up 3.75% from FY25. The FY26 budget also includes 47,748 revenue hours for Connect Mobility, down 13% from FY25 due to flattening of ridership growth trends and recognizing passenger per hour efficiencies. The budget also includes 9,684 hours for an additional microtransit zone (up 75% from 2025).

Financial Impact:

The total FY26 budget of \$21,545,186 is 7.4% higher than the FY25 budget.