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AGENDA

Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Regular Session

September 23, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

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

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
 - a. Attendance by Other Means/Virtual – Roll Call Vote
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement
- D. Public Comments
- E. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes for August 26, 2025 – Regular Session
 - b. Approval of Financial Information for June 2025
 - c. ~~Approval of Financial Information for July 2025~~ – delayed due to year end closing
 - d. ~~Approval of Financial Information for August 2025~~ – delayed due to year end closing
 - e. Monthly Statistical Reports for August 2025
 - f. Cardinal Infrastructure; Federal Report
 - g. Cornerstone; Illinois Weekly Update
- F. New Business
 - a. Transit Center Update – Informational
 - b. Projects Update – Informational
- G. Committee Reports
 - a. Marketing and Communications Update
 - b. Operations and Planning Update
- H. Chairman’s Report
- I. Managing Director’s Report
- J. Trustee Comments
- K. Executive Session
 - a. (ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel Matters
 - b. (5 ILCS 120/2.06) (d) – Review of Closed Session Minutes
- L. Adjournment

Mission:

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





June 2025

Financial Reports



Connect Transit Cash Disbursement Report June 2025

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
1st Ayd Corporation	00060692	27-Jun-25	\$552.80	Cleaning Supplies
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00060624	13-Jun-25	\$262.76	Payroll Deduction
Abbey Placements LLC	00060625	13-Jun-25	\$5,800.00	Human resources
ABC Bus Companies	00060626	13-Jun-25	\$711.64	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00060693	27-Jun-25	\$2,408.00	Bus Parts
Ace-Hi Glass Co.	00060627	13-Jun-25	\$120.00	Glass
Advance Auto Parts	00060628	13-Jun-25	\$878.54	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00060694	27-Jun-25	\$1,069.19	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00060695	27-Jun-25	\$415.19	Welding Supplies
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00060629	13-Jun-25	\$7,700.40	Payroll Deduction
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00060696	27-Jun-25	\$450.00	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00060630	13-Jun-25	\$947.35	Bus Parts, Computer Hardware Materials & Supplies & Office Supplies
Amazon Capital Service	00060697	27-Jun-25	\$1,663.78	Bus Parts, Computer Hardware Materials & Supplies & Office Supplies
Ancel Glink, P.C.	00060698	27-Jun-25	\$717.53	Legal Service
Angela Pearl	00060699	27-Jun-25	\$347.50	Travel Reimbursement
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$106.19	Mechanics Uniforms
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$2,174.57	Bus Parts - DR
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$1.99	Bus Shelters, Benches, Signs
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$1,800.33	Computer Hardware & Repair
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$2,299.16	Software Licensing
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$3,064.99	Dues & Subscriptions
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$2,798.95	Travel & Meetings
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$159.62	Employee Recognition
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$468.00	Media Promotions
Bill.com	ACH	02-Jun-25	\$207.25	Safety/Training
Birkey's Farm Store, Inc	00060631	13-Jun-25	\$37.60	Bus Parts
Blitt and Gaines, P.C.	00060632	13-Jun-25	\$380.38	Payroll Deduction
Blitt and Gaines, P.C.	00060700	27-Jun-25	\$380.38	Payroll Deduction
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00060745	26-Jun-25	\$150,591.50	Insurance
Blue Springs, Inc	00060633	13-Jun-25	\$200.00	Portable Restrooms
Bridgestone Americas	00060701	27-Jun-25	\$4,192.70	Tires
Burden Enterprises LLC	00060702	27-Jun-25	\$689.00	Tools & Equipment
Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC	00060634	13-Jun-25	\$7,000.00	Consulting
Carle	00060635	13-Jun-25	\$333.50	Empl Physicals & Drug Testing
Carle	00060703	27-Jun-25	\$756.75	Empl Physicals & Drug Testing
CDM Smith Inc.	00060636	13-Jun-25	\$170,558.43	A & E Contractor
Checkr, Inc.	00060637	13-Jun-25	\$818.40	New Hire Background Checks
ChemStation of Indiana	00060638	13-Jun-25	\$1,344.90	Garage Supplies
CIRBN, LLC	00060639	13-Jun-25	\$147.13	Internet
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00060640	13-Jun-25	\$15,648.96	Bus Parts
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00060704	27-Jun-25	\$1,960.07	Bus Parts
City of Bloomington(Water)	00060641	13-Jun-25	\$149.31	Utilities
City of Bloomington(Water)	00060705	27-Jun-25	\$1,479.82	Utilities
Clark Baird Smith, LLP	00060642	13-Jun-25	\$9,330.00	Legal Service
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00060643	13-Jun-25	\$926.00	Bus Parts
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00060706	27-Jun-25	\$2,111.00	Bus Parts
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00060707	27-Jun-25	\$2,944.09	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00060644	13-Jun-25	\$4,000.00	Consulting
Culligan Water Conditioning	00060708	27-Jun-25	\$120.00	Bottled Water Service
Cummins Sales and Service	00060645	13-Jun-25	\$950.31	Bus Parts
David Calhoun	00060646	13-Jun-25	\$245.72	Uniform Reimbursement
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00060709	27-Jun-25	\$26.65	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00060647	13-Jun-25	\$605.07	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00060710	27-Jun-25	\$966.03	Bus Parts
East Penn Manufacturing Co.	00060648	13-Jun-25	\$2,845.08	Bus Parts
Fastenal Company	00060649	13-Jun-25	\$2.60	Bus Parts
Fastenal Company	00060711	27-Jun-25	\$9.12	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00060712	27-Jun-25	\$579.68	Maintenance Supplies
Galls, LLC	00060650	13-Jun-25	\$351.90	Admin & Operations Uniforms
Galls, LLC	00060713	27-Jun-25	\$816.08	Admin & Operations Uniforms
Genfare, LLC	00060651	13-Jun-25	\$3,240.34	Software and Hardware
Genfare, LLC	00060714	27-Jun-25	\$639.22	Software and Hardware



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Gillig LLC	00060715	27-Jun-25	\$836.80	Bus Parts
Gobis & Company	00060652	13-Jun-25	\$9,200.00	Consulting
Government Finance Officers Association	00060716	27-Jun-25	\$460.00	Dues & Subscriptions
Grainger	00060653	13-Jun-25	\$308.93	Office Cabinets
Grainger	00060717	27-Jun-25	\$116.85	Office Cabinets
Heaterz LLC	00060691	25-Jun-25	\$1,634.70	Employee Recognition
HicksGas Bloomington LLC	00060654	13-Jun-25	\$913.09	LP Gas
John Born	00060718	27-Jun-25	\$55.00	Uniform Reimbursement
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00060655	13-Jun-25	\$38,633.14	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00060719	27-Jun-25	\$23,190.58	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00060656	13-Jun-25	\$2,297.00	Bus Parts
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00060720	27-Jun-25	\$4,087.00	Bus Parts
Larry Spence	00060657	13-Jun-25	\$191.35	Uniform Reimbursement
Lewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc	00060658	13-Jun-25	\$3,396.70	Consulting
Limelite Graphics	00060721	27-Jun-25	\$336.25	Decals
Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC	00060722	27-Jun-25	\$9,963.00	Insurance
Martin One Source	00060723	27-Jun-25	\$52.54	Printed Materials
Menards	00060659	13-Jun-25	\$231.82	Materials & Supplies
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00060660	13-Jun-25	\$2,584.19	Bus Parts
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00060724	27-Jun-25	\$706.27	Bus Parts
Mildred Williams	00060661	13-Jun-25	\$21.73	Uniform Reimbursement
Miller Janitor Supply	00060725	27-Jun-25	\$359.55	Maintenance Supplies
Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co.	00060726	27-Jun-25	\$178.74	Bus Parts
Morris Avenue Garage	00060662	13-Jun-25	\$200.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00060727	27-Jun-25	\$400.00	Vehicle Inspection
Motion Industries, Inc.	00060663	13-Jun-25	\$56.35	Bus Parts
Motion Industries, Inc.	00060728	27-Jun-25	\$691.05	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00060664	13-Jun-25	\$908.23	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00060729	27-Jun-25	\$792.53	Bus Parts
Nicor Gas	00060665	13-Jun-25	\$1,457.19	Utilities
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00060666	13-Jun-25	\$594.25	Office Supplies
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00060730	27-Jun-25	\$184.80	Office Supplies
O'Reilly Auto Parts	00060667	13-Jun-25	\$324.27	Bus Parts
Orkin Pest Control	00060668	13-Jun-25	\$3,144.96	Pest Control
OSF Medical Group - Occupational Health	00060669	13-Jun-25	\$745.00	Drug Testing
Piercy Auto Body	00060670	13-Jun-25	\$4,508.29	Outside Repair
Preteck, Inc.	00060671	13-Jun-25	\$3,000.00	Software
Pro Air HVAC/Electrical	00060672	13-Jun-25	\$2,757.56	HVAC
Purchase Power	00060623	03-Jun-25	\$300.00	Postage
Queen City Engineering & Design, PLLC	00060673	13-Jun-25	\$4,475.00	Safety & Training
Roanoke Motor Co. Inc.	00060674	13-Jun-25	\$1,122.75	Bus Parts
Roanoke Motor Co. Inc.	00060731	27-Jun-25	\$15.90	Bus Parts
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	00060675	13-Jun-25	\$419.86	Solvent Tank
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	00060732	27-Jun-25	\$369.25	Lubricant Waste
Sam Leman Chrysler Dodge Jeep	00060733	27-Jun-25	\$92.96	Bus Parts
Sam Leman Ford	00060676	13-Jun-25	\$391.37	Outside Repair
Sam Leman Ford	00060734	27-Jun-25	\$575.13	Outside Repair
Secretary of State	00060689	25-Jun-25	\$53.00	Vehicle Registration
Southtown Wrecker Service	00060677	13-Jun-25	\$370.00	Towing
Stratus Networks	00060678	13-Jun-25	\$3,314.59	Internet
Sunny Communications, Inc,	00060735	27-Jun-25	\$1,584.67	Radio Maintenance
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00060679	13-Jun-25	\$10,401.85	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00060736	27-Jun-25	\$8,893.42	Bus Parts
The Copy Shop	00060737	27-Jun-25	\$852.05	Printing
Tomkat Roofing, Inc.	00060738	27-Jun-25	\$295.00	Roofing
TransitTalent.com	00060680	13-Jun-25	\$135.00	Public Notices
TX Child Support SDU	00060681	13-Jun-25	\$643.59	Payroll Deduction
TX Child Support SDU	00060739	27-Jun-25	\$643.59	Payroll Deduction
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	00060740	27-Jun-25	\$1,981.43	Office Equipment
UPS United Parcel Service Inc	00060682	13-Jun-25	\$121.65	Shipping
UPS United Parcel Service Inc	00060741	27-Jun-25	\$21.25	Shipping
VAPOR - WABTEC	00060683	13-Jun-25	\$1,318.68	Bus Parts
Verizon Wireless	00060684	13-Jun-25	\$1,687.28	Mobile Data Terminals for SS



**Connect Transit
Cash Disbursement Report
June 2025**

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00060685	13-Jun-25	\$616.82	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00060742	27-Jun-25	\$654.41	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Via Mobility, LLC	00060686	13-Jun-25	\$2,520.00	Consulting
Wayfinder, LLC	00060743	27-Jun-25	\$9,925.00	Office Space
Wherry Machine and Welding, Inc	00060744	27-Jun-25	\$80.00	Outside Repair
Wilcox Electric & Service, Inc	00060687	13-Jun-25	\$3,894.00	Building Maintenance
William Masters, Inc	00060688	13-Jun-25	\$8,069.00	HVAC
			\$609,861.66	

Bloomington Normal Public Transit

Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 6/30/2025

Fiscal Year: 2025 Period: 12 Jun-2025

Assets

Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$6,365,700.47
Accounts Receivable	\$4,688,364.52
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$56,382.42
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$482,916.99
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$169,002.72

Total Current Assets \$11,762,367.12

Fixed Assets \$28,217,573.66

Total Assets \$39,979,940.78

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$107,546.07
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,494,415.05
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$1,115,195.78
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

Total Liabilities \$2,717,156.90

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 \$17,952,517.49

Total Liabilities & Equity \$39,979,940.78

Bloomington Normal Public Transit

Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2025 Thru Fiscal Year: 2025	From Period 12 Thru Period 12	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss		As of: 6/30/2025		
		Jun-2025	Jul-2024 Jun-2025	Approved Budget		
Operating Revenue						
Passenger Fares		\$50,472.94	9.30%	\$541,386.35	99.79%	\$542,500.00
ISU Contract Fare		\$48,670.68	8.33%	\$584,048.16	100.00%	\$584,048.00
Other Contract Fares		\$15,966.04	7.98%	\$233,204.12	116.60%	\$200,000.00
Advertising Revenue		\$11,466.67	9.78%	\$133,675.05	113.96%	\$117,300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$259,220.97	2728.64%	\$457,003.65	4810.56%	\$9,500.00
Total Operating Revenue		\$385,797.30	26.55%	\$1,949,317.33	134.13%	\$1,453,348.00
Operating Expenses						
Operators Wages		\$724,397.93	8.49%	\$8,251,105.39	96.73%	\$8,529,928.00
Maintenance Wages		\$133,175.91	8.60%	\$1,572,282.13	101.50%	\$1,549,005.00
Administration Wages		\$143,482.45	10.53%	\$1,280,224.42	93.94%	\$1,362,807.00
Employer Payroll Tax Expense		\$71,674.53	7.79%	\$889,852.43	96.68%	\$920,380.00
Retirement Plan		\$68,704.38	11.66%	\$465,308.09	78.99%	\$589,087.00
Group Insurance		\$147,170.65	6.17%	\$2,092,543.10	87.67%	\$2,386,762.00
Uniform Expense		\$2,774.45	5.16%	\$40,000.35	74.38%	\$53,775.00
Professional Services		\$66,610.60	19.45%	\$525,938.88	153.56%	\$342,500.00
Outside Repair-Labor		\$129,615.16	100.67%	\$347,262.43	269.72%	\$128,750.00
Contract Maintenance Services		\$45,581.73	19.37%	\$228,338.98	97.01%	\$235,376.00
Custodial Services		(\$3,144.96)	-15.45%	\$21,713.92	106.65%	\$20,360.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help		\$3,692.50	8.21%	\$16,714.00	37.14%	\$45,000.00
Fuel		\$159,005.40	10.70%	\$1,076,847.03	72.46%	\$1,486,212.00
Lubricants		(\$36,442.78)	-41.74%	\$58,239.01	66.70%	\$87,316.00
Tires		\$4,161.35	6.96%	\$54,107.23	90.51%	\$59,781.00
Bus Repair Parts		\$88,066.43	17.13%	\$817,315.92	158.98%	\$514,093.00
Other Materials & Supplies		\$5,775.21	7.39%	\$88,080.81	112.64%	\$78,200.00
Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools		\$2,912.16	14.56%	\$18,646.65	93.23%	\$20,000.00
Computer and Office Supplies		\$27,111.15	5.95%	\$336,403.65	73.87%	\$455,419.00
Utilities		\$9,605.40	7.42%	\$169,887.44	131.29%	\$129,400.00
Corporate Insurance		\$62,583.82	9.93%	\$651,014.44	103.32%	\$630,100.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees		\$21,957.99	44.23%	\$45,684.93	92.01%	\$49,650.00
Printing/Marketing/Training		\$16,569.22	4.36%	\$310,191.21	81.54%	\$380,425.00
Total Operating Expenses		\$1,895,040.68	9.45%	\$19,357,702.44	96.53%	\$20,054,326.00
Operating Assistance						
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants		(\$1,509,243.38)	8.11%	(\$17,408,385.11)	93.59%	(\$18,600,978.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance		\$75,833.33	8.33%	\$909,999.96	100.00%	\$910,000.00
Town of Normal Operating Assistance		\$49,166.66	8.33%	\$589,999.92	100.00%	\$590,000.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance		\$1,249,322.38	9.58%	\$12,479,268.00	95.73%	\$13,035,312.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance		\$110,474.59	2.72%	\$3,205,354.00	78.84%	\$4,065,666.00
Total Operating Assistance		\$1,484,796.96	7.98%	\$17,184,621.88	92.39%	\$18,600,978.00



August 2025	Current Month	Month in Prior Year	Percent Change	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	% Change YTD
System Statistics:						
System Ridership	172,557	188,037	-8.23%	309,685	318,346	-2.72%
Fixed Ridership	157,084	173,130	-9.27%	279,382	289,482	-3.49%
Mobility Ridership	9,969	9,826	1.46%	19,244	18,802	2.35%
FLEX Ridership	5,504	5,081	8.33%	11,059	10,062	9.91%
System Service Hours	14,068	14,336	-1.87%	27,437	28,636	-4.19%
Fixed Service Hours	8,800	9,077	-3.05%	17,044	18,314	-6.93%
Mobility Service Hours	4,209	4,181	0.67%	8,358	8,177	2.21%
FLEX Service Hours	1,059	1,078	-1.76%	2,035	2,145	-5.11%
System Service Miles	184,498	177,897	3.71%	358,738	352,768	1.69%
Fixed Service Miles	117,307	111,367	5.33%	226,473	225,469	0.45%
Mobility Service Miles	52,529	52,311	0.42%	103,467	99,804	3.67%
FLEX Service Miles	14,662	14,219	3.12%	28,798	27,495	4.74%
System Revenue Vehicles	46	57	-19.30%	50	57	-12.28%
Fixed Revenue Vehicles	24	32	-25.00%	27	32	-15.63%
Mobility Revenue Vehicles	18	20	-10.00%	18	20	-10.00%
FLEX Revenue Vehicles	4	5	-20.00%	5	5	0.00%
System Miles/Revenue Vehicle	4,011	3,121	28.51%	7,175	6,189	15.93%
Fixed Miles/Revenue Vehicle	4,888	3,480	40.44%	8,388	7,046	19.05%
Mobility Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,918	2,616	11.57%	5,748	4,990	15.19%
FLEX Miles/Revenue Vehicle	3,666	2,844	28.89%	5,760	5,499	4.74%
System Efficiencies:						
System Ridership/Service Hour	12.27	13.12	-6.48%	11.29	11.12	1.53%
Fixed Ridership/Revenue Hour	17.85	19.07	-6.41%	16.39	15.81	3.70%
Mobility Ridership/Revenue Hour	2.37	2.35	0.78%	2.30	2.30	0.13%
FLEX Ridership/Revenue Hour	5.20	4.71	10.27%	5.43	4.69	15.83%
System Percent On-Time Trips	83.58%	88.67%	-5.74%	88.04%	90.74%	-2.98%
Fixed Percent On-Time Trips	83%	89%	-6.10%	88%	91%	-2.98%
Mobility Percent On-Time Trips	96%	96%	-0.15%	96%	97%	-0.07%
FLEX Percent On-Time Trips	75%	80%	-6.59%	73%	80%	-8.34%
System Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$7.03	*	*	\$8.51	*
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$4.93	*	*	\$6.14	*
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$37.64	*	*	\$39.09	*
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$19.48	*	*	\$19.64	*
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour	1.35	1.29	4.98%	1.39	1.30	7.19%
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile	*	\$0.81	*	*	\$1.03	*



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Federal Update for Connect Transit

Prepared September 19th, 2025

Appropriations Update

As discussed in last month's report, Congress will likely need to pass a Continuing Resolution (CR) to give themselves more time to pass the 2026 appropriations bills. Just one of the twelve annual appropriations bills has passed both the House and Senate, and most bills have not yet received approval from either chamber. Earlier this week, House Republicans unveiled and passed their stopgap funding bill. The legislation funds the government through November 21st and adds new security funding: \$30 million for lawmakers, and \$58 million for the Supreme Court and executive branch employees. Speaker Johnson has now recessed the chamber, which will return after the September 30th deadline.

Senate Democrats have said they will not back a bill that does not include concessions on healthcare tax credits that are set to expire at the end of the year. However, Senate Republicans are holding firm, urging the Democrats to support the House's short-term funding bill. Assuming the House does not return from recess early, one of two things will happen: the Senate will pass the House's bill with some Democratic support, or the government will shut down.

Department of Transportation funding is among the bills that are not expected to pass prior to the end of the fiscal year. Unlike other federal agencies, FTA has advance appropriations funding that allow them to continue to operate in case of a shutdown. There should be little or no interruption to either program under a short-term shutdown.

DOT Terminating OST Grants

The Department of Transportation has begun issuing a wave of grant terminations.. These terminations are cancellations of existing grants with signed grant agreements and legally recorded federal funding obligations. The termination letters are not based on violation of grant agreements. Instead, they cite a regulation that allows agencies to terminate a grant "if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities." The terminations are expected to center on programs operated through the Office of the Secretary such as BUILD, MEGA, INFRA, Safe Streets and Roads for All, and Neighborhood Access and Equity, and will likely target pedestrian-focused projects. Republicans have criticized IJJA projects funding pedestrian improvements in the past, and shifting transportation away from these is a major priority for the Trump Department of Transportation. Cardinal will be following these terminations closely to assess their extent and implications for future grants.

FTA Sends Letter to Charlotte Mayor After Stabbing on Light Rail

FTA Administrator Marc Molinaro sent a letter to Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles in the wake of a stabbing on the city's light rail system that left a Ukrainian refugee dead. The letter demands that Charlotte release a plan to improve the security of their buses, trains, and stations. This plan would include reductions to crime and to fare evasion as well as funds that the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) has



programmed for security in FY25 and FY26. The letter also urges CATS to increase uniformed presence onboard vehicles and at stations, prioritizing late-night service and high-risk corridors. FTA will also be conducting an assessment of actions taken by CATS to reduce assaults on transit workers.

Senate Republicans Eye Rule Change to Confirm Appointees

Senate Republicans have taken the first steps in deploying a rule change to allow for batch confirmation of nominees, rather than confirming them one at a time. The rule would apply to sub-Cabinet executive branch nominees and ambassadors, but would not extend to judicial nominations or Cabinet positions. With the new rule, Senate Republicans will be able to advance more of President Trump's appointees for vacant positions across the government, including several within DOT. The initial package of 48 nominees includes Sean McMaster, the nominee for FHWA Administrator, as well as Jonathan Morrison, who is slated to lead the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The proposed bundle of nominees does not advance the Trump Administration's nominees for FRA Administrator or DOT General Counsel.

Deputy Administrator Bokhari Leaves FTA

Tariq Bokhari has left the Federal Transit Administration after being appointed Deputy Administrator of FTA earlier this year. He will support his wife in her campaign for Bokhari's former seat on the Charlotte City Council.

FTA Withdraws Environmental Justice Guidance

The Federal Transit Administration has [withdrawn](#) its Environmental Justice guidance document. This was an Obama-era circular that provided guidance to state DOTs, MPOs, and transit agencies on engaging environmental justice populations and ensuring that they are not disproportionately affected by the environmental and human health harms of transportation projects and activities.

DOT Seeks to Expand Drug Testing List

DOT has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would add fentanyl and norfentanyl to the list of drugs for which transit agencies must test.

FTA Requests Nominations for Transit Advisory Committee for Safety

FTA has posted a [request for nominations](#) for its Transit Advisory Committee for Safety in the Federal Register. Nominations are due October 2nd.



TO: Connect Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team
SUBJECT: Legislative Update
DATE: September 22, 2025

Summary

This month, our team continued ongoing efforts to support the release of the \$3 million funding allocated to Connect in the FY26 state budget. We remain in communication with leadership and their Chief of Staff to encourage timely disbursement of the funds.

Our team spoke with Representative Chung, who has requested that the eMirror legislation be advanced during the upcoming veto session. Leadership is currently reviewing the request and evaluating whether there is an existing vehicle bill that could be used or if a new piece of legislation can be introduced at that time. We will continue to follow up with the Representative and provide you with updates as things progress.

In addition, we are continuing to monitor ongoing public transit reform discussions and briefed Representative Chung on transit funding proposals to keep her informed of activity that may impact Connect’s work. Illinois legislators are making progress on transit reform. The Senate is waiting for a formal response from the House regarding the proposal sent at the end of session, but no active negotiations between the chambers have begun. However, the House appears to be getting close to a deal which includes both RTA-region items and the downstate transit provisions. Speaker Welch has confirmed that downstate transit will benefit from the Chicago transit bill, though the specific details are not yet finalized. We will discuss the status of negotiations on our call. Further information can be found [here](#).

Bill Tracking

The Governor has officially concluded acting on all legislation passed during the 2025 Spring Legislative Session. In total, 436 bills passed the General Assembly this spring (233 House Bills/203 Senate Bills). A complete list of the new laws and veto action is available [here](#).

Below are bills of interest in your filed that passed this session and have been signed into law.

[HB 1616](#)

Short Description: ORGAN DONOR LEAVE-PART-TIME

House Sponsors

Rep. [Nabeela Syed](#), [Camille Y. Lilly](#), [Katie Stuart](#), [Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez](#), [Joyce Mason](#), [Harry Benton](#), [Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.](#), [Barbara Hernandez](#), [Emanuel "Chris" Welch](#), [Jay Hoffman](#), [Nicolle Grasse](#), [Tracy Katz Muhl](#), [Maura Hirschauer](#), [Kevin John Olickal](#), [Bob Morgan](#), [Hoan Huynh](#), [Abdelnasser Rashid](#), [Anna Moeller](#) and [Janet Yang Rohr](#)

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. [Christopher Belt](#), [Mattie Hunter](#), [Lakesia Collins](#), [Paul Faraci](#), [Emil Jones, III](#), [Adriane Johnson](#), [Mike Simmons](#), [Michael E. Hastings](#), [Patrick J. Joyce](#), [Karina Villa](#), [Doris Turner](#) and [Mary Edly-Allen](#))

Statutes Amended In Order of Appearance

[820 ILCS 149/10](#)

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Employee Blood and Organ Donation Leave Act. Provides that a participating employee or part-time employee (rather than an employee) may use up to 10 days of leave in any 12-month period to serve as an organ donor. Provides that, for a part-time employee using leave to serve as an organ donor, the employer shall calculate the daily average pay the part-time employee received during his or her previous 2 months of employment and compensate the part-time employee in the amount of the daily average pay for the leave days used.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
8/15/2025	House	Public Act - 104-0193

[HB 2978](#)

Short Description: NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE LEAVE

House Sponsors

Rep. [Laura Faver Dias](#), [Nicole La Ha](#), [Kimberly Du Buclet](#), [Mary Beth Canty](#), [Barbara Hernandez](#), [Maura Hirschauer](#), [Dagmara Avelar](#), [Maurice A. West, II](#), [Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez](#), [Will Guzzardi](#), [Edgar González, Jr.](#), [Kelly M. Cassidy](#), [Nicolle Grasse](#), [Nabeela Syed](#), [Abdelnasser Rashid](#), [Justin Slaughter](#), [Kevin John Olickal](#), [Sonya M. Harper](#), [Martha Deuter](#), [Diane Blair-Sherlock](#), [Jennifer Sanalidro](#), [Anna Moeller](#), [Sue Scherer](#), [Camille Y. Lilly](#) and [Hoan Huynh](#)

Senate Sponsors

(Sen. [Bill Cunningham](#), [Julie A. Morrison](#) and [Meg Loughran Cappel](#))

Statutes Amended In Order of Appearance

New Act

30 ILCS 105/5.1030 new

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Family Neonatal Intensive Care Leave Act. Provides that an employee of an employer with 16 or more employees and no more than 50 employees shall be entitled to use a maximum of 10 days of unpaid neonatal intensive care leave while any child of the employee is a patient in a neonatal intensive care unit. Provides that an employee of an employer with 51 or more employees shall be entitled to use 20 days of unpaid neonatal intensive care leave while a child of the employee is a patient in a neonatal intensive care unit. Provides that, upon the conclusion of leave taken under the Act, an employee shall be reinstated to his or her former position or a substantially equivalent one with no loss of benefits held or accrued prior to taking leave. Sets forth provisions concerning unlawful employer practices; Department of Labor responsibilities; and enforcement. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Neonatal Intensive Care Leave Fund.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
8/15/2025	House	Public Act - 104-0259

[SB 1976](#)

Short Description: WORKERS RIGHTS AND SAFETY

House Sponsors

(Rep. [Marcus C. Evans, Jr.](#) - [Harry Benton](#) - [Stephanie A. Kifowit](#) - [Jawaharial Williams](#), [Rick Ryan](#), [Gregg Johnson](#), [Lisa Davis](#), [Diane Blair-Sherlock](#), [Matt Hanson](#) and [Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.](#))

Senate Sponsors

Sen. [Robert Peters](#) - [Graciela Guzmán](#) - [Celina Villanueva](#), [Mark L. Walker](#), [Mike Simmons](#), [Mike Porfirio](#) and [Adriane Johnson](#)

Statutes Amended In Order of Appearance

[820 ILCS 219/25](#)

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Workers' Rights and Worker Safety Act. Provides that, except as authorized by State law enacted after April 28, 2025, a State agency may not amend or revise the State agency's rules in a manner that is less stringent in its protection of workers' rights or worker safety than requirements established under federal wage and hour law or federal coal mine safety law as the federal law existed on April 28, 2025. Creates the Illinois Safe and Healthy Workplace Act. Provides that the Department of Labor shall adopt rules to incorporate federal occupational health or safety standards that are repealed or revoked to address occupational safety or health issues. Sets forth rights of action and penalties. Amends the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Provides that the Director Labor may adopt a standard that incorporates a federal occupational health or safety standard as it existed prior to being repealed, revoked, amended, or newly interpreted and addresses the occupational safety or health issue that the repealed, revoked, amended, or newly interpreted federal Occupational Safety and Health Act standard had addressed.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
8/15/2025	House	Public Act - 104-0259

General Legislative Updates**104th ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

The Illinois General Assembly remains on summer break. Both chambers return for a two-week Veto Session on October 14-16 and October 28-30.

A shooter fired a shot into Senator Meg Loughran Cappel’s home in the early morning hours of Tuesday. The Senator and her family are safe and were not injured in the incident. Police have taken a suspect into custody and confirmed the incident does not appear to be politically motivated. Another neighboring house was also hit by gunfire. Read more [here](#).

Upcoming Committee Hearings:

The House Gun Violence Prevention Committee will hold a hearing on September 22 at 11:00am in the Bilandic Building in Chicago to discuss gun violence prevention and community violence intervention.

The House Ethics and Elections Committee will hold a virtual hearing on September 24 at 11:00 am to discuss voter engagement, the process of aligning local elections, and [HB 2718](#).

GOVERNORS HIGHLIGHTS:

Executive Order: Governor JB Pritzker issued [Executive Order 2025-04](#), launching a statewide initiative to ensure access to vaccines during the fall respiratory virus season. The order establishes the Statewide Vaccine Access Initiative, led by the Illinois Department of Public Health in collaboration with various state agencies. The goal is to ensure that residents of Illinois can receive the vaccines they need and can rely on science-based guidance.

The order also directs IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra to issue a Standing Order that allows eligible providers in pharmacies and other appropriate clinical settings to administer vaccines recommended by IDPH, following consultation with its expert Immunization Advisory Committee. Read more [here](#).

Governor Heading to London: Illinois Governor JB Pritzker will travel to London next week for the Global Progress Action Summit hosted by the Center for American Progress and other British progressive organizations.

New Pathway for International Physician Licensing: The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation introduced a new licensure process for internationally trained physicians. They can now apply for an International Medical Graduate Limited License, enabling them to practice under a supervising physician for two years, during which they work towards full licensure. After the two-year supervised practice, IMGs can obtain an International Medical Graduate Restricted License that allows for more independent practice in certain shortage areas. Following this, they may then apply for a full medical license in Illinois. Learn more [here](#).

Illinois Gaming Board: The Illinois Gaming Board held its September monthly meeting. A recap of the meeting is [here](#).

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grants Awarded: A total of \$18.4 million in grants was awarded for the construction of twenty-five electric vehicle charging stations along interstate corridors in Illinois. This funding is provided through the second round of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, which supports community investment and economic development. The initiative also advances the objective of registering one million electric vehicles in Illinois by 2030. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

First West Nile Death Reported for 2025: The Cook County Department of Public Health confirmed the first death related to the West Nile virus in suburban Cook County and the state of Illinois this year. Read more [here](#).

Stewardship Grants Awarded: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources awarded nearly \$1 million in grants to support 15 stewardship programs run by land trusts on land protected by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC). These grants are part of the Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Grant program, which aims to enhance essential land and water stewardship activities in natural areas that are permanently protected within the INPC system. This grant program funds projects that enable land trusts to expand their staff and purchase necessary equipment for these activities. Read more, including a list of awardees, [here](#).

Soil Health Assessment: The Illinois Department of Agriculture officially designated the STAR Tool as the required soil health assessment for all state-funded conservation practices, in accordance with the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act. According to the Department, this decision marks a significant milestone in the commitment to sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship in Illinois.

The STAR Tool is essential for supporting conservation programs in Illinois, including the Partners-for-Conservation Cost-Share program and the Illinois Healthy Soils Initiative. It assesses field-level management practices like tillage and cover cropping, assigning STAR Ratings from 1 to 5, with 5 indicating best practices for soil health and water quality. In Crop Year 2024, 498 producers received ratings for 1,197 fields totaling 65,698 acres, with an average rating of 3.45. Notably, 87% of the producers and 67% of the fields were part of the PFC program. Read more [here](#).

OTHER NEWS:

2026 Election Update: Candidates continue to announce their intentions for the 2026 election cycle. Highlights include:

17th Congressional District: Rockford native Montez Soliz is challenging Democratic Congressman Eric Sorensen in the March primary. He is running on a platform of economic justice, health care, rights, and building strong communities.

34th House District: Representative Nick Smith announced he will not run for reelection in 2026. He was first appointed in 2018.

55th House District: Joseph Johnson, a small business owner and first-time candidate, announced that he is running for State Representative on the Republican ticket. Johnson will face Representative Marty Moylan in the November election.

118th House District: Conservative business owner Joe DeBose is running to replace Representative Paul Jacobs, who is running for the Illinois Senate. DeBose previously served as the spokesperson for failed Republican gubernatorial candidate Darren Bailey. DeBose will face Scott Doody in the Republican primary.

42nd Senate District: Democrat Justin Breaux has filed campaign finance documents to run for the 42nd Senate District. A science writer and digital communications specialist at Argonne National Laboratory, Breaux has no previous political office experience. Breaux will face Senator Linda Holmes in the March Primary Election.

Former Governor Jim Edgar: Former two-term Republican Governor Jim Edgar died Sunday of complications from cancer treatment, according to his family. Edgar served as Governor from 1991 through 1999. Prior to that, he served as Secretary of State. Edgar was 79. Read more [here](#).

AG Raoul Files Lawsuit Against Ticketmaster: Attorney General Kwame Raoul, alongside the FTC and a bipartisan coalition of state attorneys general, filed a lawsuit against Live Nation Entertainment and its subsidiary, Ticketmaster, for allegedly unlawfully coordinating with ticket brokers to inflate ticket prices in resale markets. The lawsuit claims Ticketmaster deceives customers by displaying lower ticket prices online, only to charge higher amounts at checkout due to hidden fees. Raoul highlighted that despite Ticketmaster's assertion of limiting bulk purchases by brokers, the company benefits when brokers bypass these limits, leading to increased resale prices. The complaint, lodged in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, accuses Ticketmaster and Live Nation of enabling brokers to exploit ticket limits, harming consumers who face unexpected fees of up to 30%. Read more [here](#).

OPmobility Opening in Rivian Supplier Park: OPmobility is set to open its first facility in Normal, Illinois, where it will assemble bumpers for Rivian's upcoming R2 model, scheduled for consumer availability in 2026. As the first company to establish operations in Rivian's new supplier park—

announced in May 2025—OPmobility plans to make a significant capital investment. This investment will be supported by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Reimagining Energy and Vehicles in Illinois (REV Illinois) program, which aims to help the company establish its operations in the state and create eighty-one new full-time jobs. Read more [here](#).



MEMO

Date: September 23, 2025
To: Board of Trustees
From: David Braun, Managing Director
Subject: Transit Center Update – Informational Item

Strategic Alignment:

This informational item aligns with:

- Goal 1, Objective 2, Activity: Communicate “talking points” to the Board concerning Connect Transit services and issues facing Connect.
- Goal 3: Leverage Projects and Initiatives for a Positive Customer Experience.

Background and Discussion:

Between 2019 and 2020, Connect Transit was awarded a \$7 million grant from Rebuild Illinois Funding, a \$3 million grant from Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and an \$8 million Federal Bus and Bus Facilities grant for the purpose of building a transit center in Downtown Bloomington.

In mid-2021, the Farnsworth Group completed a site feasibility study and concluded that the former Pantagraph building, parking lot, and Pantagraph Printing building would meet the size and space needs for a transit center. In late 2021, CDM Smith began the required National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) study on the former Pantagraph site. CDM Smith had immediate concerns about the historic nature of the building, and the environmental remediation required (both known and unknown) due to the age of the building and its use. They anticipated a cost for required historic preservation, construction, and environmental remediation at \$40 million or more – significantly more than the \$18 million that was awarded to us.

In early 2022, the City of Bloomington suggested that we consider the aging Market Street parking deck property in a joint development to include parking and a transit center. We shifted CDM Smith’s NEPA efforts to the new site, and it was determined to be a more reasonable site for the construction of a combined transit and parking facility. Some of the NEPA study remained valid, and the NEPA study concluded in mid-2023 and was approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in late 2023. Connect Transit prepared an RFP for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Services, gained IDOT pre-bid concurrence, issued the RFP, accepted and evaluated proposals and gained IDOT pre-award concurrence by May

2024. The Board awarded the contract for A&E services in June 2024. During this time, the City of Bloomington changed its expectations concerning leasing the property versus purchasing, and the number of parking levels, if any, a few times.

We moved forward in summer 2024 with the design work and held multiple workshops to consider all aspects of the facility, including accessibility, aesthetics, market analysis, parking, security, sustainability, and downtown stakeholders. CDM Smith introduced the 30% design to our Board of Trustees in February 2025 and received the estimated cost of the project.

The costs of steel, concrete, and materials have increased in recent years at higher than inflationary rates, so we were not surprised that the estimate was more than we have available. The high cost prompted the City to modify its expectations again, and we are currently designing the transit center to be within our available funding, while still meeting our needs and maintaining a strong partnership with the City.

The draft Purchase Agreement between the City and Connect Transit for the land has been sent to the FTA for concurrence. They are ensuring that their long-term interests are being protected, and our funding is being used for transit purposes. The draft Lease Agreement is also being reviewed by the FTA to ensure it is fair to the transit system. We will be leasing a portion of the property back to the City to use for parking in exchange for maintenance of the parking lot and surrounding sidewalks and public spaces.

We have a meeting scheduled with our FTA Project Manager to discuss the agreements and update him on the project. The last time we did this, it took several months for concurrence. We will work with our FTA Project Manager and legislative consultant to urge the FTA to complete the approvals as soon as possible.

In the meantime, the City will be responsible for securing the deck and will continue to secure it for six months between closing and demolition. After six months, we will share responsibility for the cost of securement, and we will be fully responsible after a year.

We plan to have a 30% design plan by the end of this year. As you might recall, a 30% plan will show the final layout, structural engineering, and proposed amenities and aesthetic design. Between 30%-100%, CDM Smith will include the mechanicals, electrical, and minor modifications to the design. After that, CDM Smith will prepare construction documents and an RFP for construction. We will need to review and evaluate proposals and award the contractor prior to construction. The RFP will need IDOT's pre-issuance approval and pre-award concurrence. Brady Lange and I plan to meet with the Director of the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation, which reviews transit projects, to discuss our plans and timeline and ask them to approve it with urgency.

We have applied for three additional grants to supplement the project. We applied for an IDOT Local Project Funding Opportunity – a highly competitive grant from IDOT to supplement highway, road and transit projects that were underfunded due to increases in



materials and other costs. We applied for additional Federal Bus and Bus Facilities funding with the justification of additional expenses due to the cost of materials and other costs. Finally, Senator Durbin recommended Connect Transit for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funds for accessible features at the facility. We expect to hear about the funding before we finalize design and bid for construction. We anticipate awards of IDOT and federal funding by October or November, and the CDS funds with the federal budget, potentially late this year or early next.

Talking Points:

- The transit center project is moving forward at the Market Street Garage location.
- The project will include 85-95 parking spaces with the transit center.
- The transit center will include indoor and outdoor waiting areas for passengers, public restrooms, meeting rooms, and a security office for the Bloomington Police Department.
- We will have the funds needed to build the facility.
- We anticipate a spring 2026 groundbreaking and a fall 2027 opening.



MEMO

Date: September 23, 2025
To: Board of Trustees
From: David Braun, Managing Director
Subject: Projects Update – Informational Item

Strategic Alignment:

This informational item aligns with:

- Goal 1, Objective 2, Activity: Communicate “talking points” to the Board concerning Connect Transit services and issues facing Connect.
- Goal 3: Leverage Projects and Initiatives for a Positive Customer Experience.

Background and Discussion:

In the previous four years, Connect Transit has been awarded several state and federal capital grants and staff has pursued and proposed several major initiatives. While not all initiatives moved forward as expected, many did and are nearly ready for implementation. The following items are the projects moving forward, their purpose, funding source, stage and next steps for implementation, and anticipated completion.

Training and Storage Facility

- **Purpose:** Develop an adequate training room to conduct internal training and communications more efficiently and be able to host regional and national trainings in Normal. Expand internal storage for vehicles as we add microtransit and expand Mobility services. Leverage facility to potentially partner with a local institution to develop a regional heavy-duty EV and diesel training program to create a mechanic pipeline and add lease revenue.
- **Funding Source:** State Rebuild Illinois Grant and Federal Bus and Bus Facilities Grant
- **Stage:**
 - The NEPA study for the property has been completed and a Categorical Exclusion (CE) was recommended. A CE means a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment...and...for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

- **Next Steps:**
 - Identify space requirements and needs.
 - Identify potential community partners who might also use the facility.
 - Prepare RFQ for Design, Bid, Build, or Design, Build proposal.
 - Issue and evaluate proposals.
 - Award contract.
- **Estimated Completion:** Mid-2028.

Heavy-Duty Fixed Route Vehicles

- **Purpose:** Replace our aging fleet for a better passenger experience.
- **Funding Source:** State Rebuild Illinois Grant and Federal Bus and Bus Facilities Grant
- **Stage:**
 - Approved by Connect Transit Board of Trustees
 - Agreement with manufacturer for design and equipment installations
 - Awaiting IDOT Concurrence
- **Next Steps:**
 - Sign contract
 - On-site vehicle inspection prior to delivery
 - Delivery, upfit with CAD/AVL technology and fare collection equipment
 - Permitting and commissioning
- **Estimated Timeframe:**
 - Delivery by May 2026.
 - Operational by July 2026.

Medium-Duty Connect FLEX Vehicles

- **Purpose:** Expand popular FLEX service in areas that are difficult to serve with fixed route service.
- **Funding Source:** State Rebuild Illinois Grant and Federal Bus and Bus Facilities Grant
- **Stage:**
 - Approved by Connect Transit Board of Trustees.
 - Agreement with manufacturer for design and equipment installations.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Vehicle inspection after delivery.
 - Upfit with Wi-Fi Router, dispatch and communications technology and fare collection equipment.
 - Permitting and commissioning.
- **Estimated Timeframe:**
 - Delivery by May 2026.

- Operational by July 2026.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) Systems

- **Purpose:** Update and improve operational management systems, including Human Resources, Finance, Operations and Maintenance. Improve data collection accuracy and functionality, reduce time needed to process payments and receivables and improve tracking.
- **Funding Source:** FTA 5307 Formula Funding and IDOT DOAP Debt Service
- **Stage:**
 - ERP RFP issued; proposals received and are currently being evaluated
- **Next Steps:**
 - Recommend ERP system and vendor and to the Connect Transit Board of Trustees.
 - Develop and issue RFP for EAM System; receive and evaluate proposals; prepare recommendations to the Connect Transit Board of Trustees and IDOT.
 - Sign contract with the vendor, if approved.
 - Vendor begins configuration.
- **Estimated Timeframe:**
 - Project complete by December 2026.

Fare Collection System Modernization

- **Purpose:** Reduce passenger confusion and improve passenger experience while improving vehicle reliability and reducing vehicle downtime.
- **Funding Source:** FTA 5307 Formula Funding and IDOT DOAP Debt Service
- **Stage:**
 - Fare collection system RFP issued; proposals received and evaluated; vendor recommendation made to the Connect Transit Board of Trustees and approved; awaiting IDOT concurrence.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Sign contract with the vendor.
 - Vendor orders equipment and begins configuration.
 - Staff coordinates with vendor to plan passenger education and expand pass distribution locations.
 - Vendor installs and tests equipment.
- **Estimated Timeframe:**
 - Project complete by June 2026.

Administrative Office Roof Replacement

- **Purpose:** Replace aging residential roof system and reduce long-term costs.
- **Funding Source:** FTA 5307 Formula Funding and IDOT DOAP Debt Service.
- **Stage:**
 - RFP issued, proposals received and evaluated, awaiting IDOT concurrence.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Recommend roof replacement vendor to Connect Transit Board of Trustees.
 - Construction/replacement.
- **Estimated Timeframe:**
 - May 2026.

Safety and Security Improvements

- Radio System Replacement.
- On-Board Safety and Security Systems.
- On-Site Safety and Security Improvements.
- **Purpose:** Improve on-board communications and security for passenger and employee safety. Improve on-site security to improve employee safety and equipment security.
- **Funding Source:** Congressionally Directed Funding.
- **Stage:**
 - Radio system RFP issued, proposals received and evaluated, awaiting IDOT concurrence.
 - On-board safety and security equipment is currently being tested in a no-cost/low-cost trial to determine effectiveness of potential solutions.
 - On-site safety and security improvements are being tested and evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the solutions in a multi-facility setting to prepare for the transit center and training and storage facility.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Radio system recommendation to Board, and implementation.
 - RFP for on-board safety and security equipment to be developed, issued, evaluated and presented to IDOT for concurrence and Connect Transit Board of Trustees for approval.
 - RFP for on-site safety and security improvements to be developed, issued, evaluated and presented to IDOT for concurrence and Connect Transit Board of Trustees for approval.
- **Estimated Timeframe:**
 - Radio system recommended by January 2026; implemented by July 2026.

- On-board safety and security equipment recommended by November 2026 and implemented by February 2027, if approved.
- On-site safety and security improvements recommended by November 2026 and implemented by February 2027, if approved.

Financial Impact:

All projects have been budgeted, with grant funds or formula funds awarded or allocated to the projects.