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## AGENDA

### Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Regular Session

October 28, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

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

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

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
  - a. Attendance by Other Means/Virtual – Roll Call Vote
- C. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement
- D. Public Comments
- E. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Minutes for August 26, 2025 – Regular Session
  - b. Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2025 – Special Meeting
  - c. Approval of Financial Information for June 2025
  - d. Approval of Financial Information for July 2025
  - e. Approval of Financial Information for August 2025
  - f. Monthly Statistical Reports for August 2025
  - g. Monthly Statistical Reports for September 2025
  - h. Cardinal Infrastructure; Federal Report
  - i. Cornerstone; Illinois Weekly Update
- F. New Business
  - a. Transit Center Update – Informational
  - b. Projects Update – Informational
  - c. Recommendation for Snow Removal Contract – Roll Call Vote
  - d. Fare and Fare Policy Change – Proposal
- G. Committee Reports
  - a. Marketing and Communications Update
  - b. Operations and Planning Update
- H. Board Chair'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) (5) – Property Acquisition
  - c. (5 ILCS 120/2) (c) (1) – Personnel Matters
- L. Adjournment

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#### 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
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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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
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		
<b>Operating Revenue</b>						
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
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>		<b>\$385,797.30</b>	<b>26.55%</b>	<b>\$1,949,317.33</b>	<b>134.13%</b>	<b>\$1,453,348.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
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
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,895,040.68</b>	<b>9.45%</b>	<b>\$19,357,702.44</b>	<b>96.53%</b>	<b>\$20,054,326.00</b>
<b>Operating Assistance</b>						
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
<b>Total Operating Assistance</b>		<b>\$1,484,796.96</b>	<b>7.98%</b>	<b>\$17,184,621.88</b>	<b>92.39%</b>	<b>\$18,600,978.00</b>



# July 2025

## Financial Reports



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Amazon Capital Service	00060832	25-Jul-25	\$319.15	Computer, Empl Recognition, Mats & Off Supplies
Ancel Glink, P.C.	00060833	25-Jul-25	\$660.00	Legal Service
Angelo Vardinakis	00060754	11-Jul-25	\$525.00	Tool Reimbursement
Anthony Crawford Baldonado	00060834	25-Jul-25	\$200.00	Tool Reimbursement
Anthony Hayes	00060835	25-Jul-25	\$56.83	Uniform Reimbursement
Aric Tackett	00060836	25-Jul-25	\$525.00	Tool Reimbursement
Bailey Summers	00060755	11-Jul-25	\$525.00	Tool Reimbursement
Bailey Summers	00060837	25-Jul-25	\$200.00	Tool Reimbursement
Best One of Central IL	00060756	11-Jul-25	\$639.90	Outside Repair
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Bill.com	ACH	01-Jul-25	\$1,133.03	Bus Parts - DR
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Bill.com	ACH	01-Jul-25	\$742.97	Employee Recognition
Bill.com	ACH	01-Jul-25	\$1,910.40	Advertising - Promotions
Bill.com	ACH	01-Jul-25	\$187.81	Public Notices
Bill.com	ACH	01-Jul-25	\$70.30	Safety/Training
Bill's Key and Lock	00060757	11-Jul-25	\$35.42	Locks & Keys
Blitt and Gaines, P.C.	00060758	11-Jul-25	\$380.38	Payroll Deduction
Blitt and Gaines, P.C.	00060838	25-Jul-25	\$380.38	Payroll Deduction
BloNo Pizza	00060759	11-Jul-25	\$612.00	Travel & Meetings
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00060884	28-Jul-25	\$165,776.24	Insurance
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IllinoisStateUniversity	00060748	01-Jul-25	\$255.00	Advertising
Bridgestone Americas	00060761	11-Jul-25	\$60.00	Tires
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CDM Smith Inc.	00060841	25-Jul-25	\$12,526.72	Construction
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District	00060842	25-Jul-25	\$10,000.00	Consulting Fees
Checkr, Inc.	00060764	11-Jul-25	\$931.39	New Hire Background Checks
CIRBN, LLC	00060765	11-Jul-25	\$147.13	Internet
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City of Bloomington(Water)	00060827	17-Jul-25	\$149.31	Utilities
Clark Baird Smith, LLP	00060844	25-Jul-25	\$12,285.00	Legal Service
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00060767	11-Jul-25	\$846.00	Bus Parts
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00060845	25-Jul-25	\$3,385.00	Bus Parts



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Culligan Water Conditioning	00060847	25-Jul-25	\$105.00	Bottled Water Service
Cummins Sales and Service	00060769	11-Jul-25	\$49,894.78	Bus Parts
Cummins Sales and Service	00060848	25-Jul-25	\$50,426.46	Bus Parts
Dejuan McClelland	00060770	11-Jul-25	\$11.98	Materials & Supplies
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00060771	11-Jul-25	\$29.15	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00060772	11-Jul-25	\$1,171.34	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00060849	25-Jul-25	\$1,076.11	Bus Parts
Ecolane USA, Inc-CID 253	00060850	25-Jul-25	\$1,500.00	Software Licensing
Encova Insurance	00060773	11-Jul-25	\$50,546.00	Insurance
Eric Myer	00060774	11-Jul-25	\$200.00	Tool Reimbursement
Fast Signs Of Bloomington	00060775	11-Jul-25	\$829.45	Bus Parts
Fastenal Company	00060776	11-Jul-25	\$12.37	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00060851	25-Jul-25	\$1,220.46	Maintenance Supplies
FMLASource	00060852	25-Jul-25	\$3,821.40	Consulting Fees
For A Better Tomorrow	00060746	01-Jul-25	\$1,000.00	Advertising
Galls, LLC	00060777	11-Jul-25	\$963.62	Admin & Operations Uniforms
Galls, LLC	00060853	25-Jul-25	\$1,380.78	Admin & Operations Uniforms
Gary Bachman	00060778	11-Jul-25	\$10.84	Uniform Reimbursement
Geiger	00060779	11-Jul-25	\$4,701.77	Uniforms
Genfare, LLC	00060780	11-Jul-25	\$12,908.63	Software and Hardware
Genfare, LLC	00060854	25-Jul-25	\$3,124.03	Software and Hardware
Gerber Collision	00060781	11-Jul-25	\$7,228.50	Outside Repair
Gillig LLC	00060782	11-Jul-25	\$7.75	Bus Parts
Gillig LLC	00060855	25-Jul-25	\$991.75	Bus Parts
Granger	00060783	11-Jul-25	\$1,851.42	Office Cabinets
Heaterz LLC	00060784	11-Jul-25	\$90.00	Employee Recognition
Heritage-Crystal Clean, LLC	00060856	25-Jul-25	\$54.20	Environmental Services
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	14-Jul-25	\$18,605.68	State Taxes
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	28-Jul-25	\$18,248.42	State Taxes
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	10-Jul-25	\$779.27	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	24-Jul-25	\$779.27	Payroll Deduction
InfiPrints LLC	00060785	11-Jul-25	\$1,349.10	Printing
J.G. Stewart Contractors, Inc	00060786	11-Jul-25	\$2,165.00	Construction
John Crago	00060857	25-Jul-25	\$525.00	Tool Reimbursement
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00060787	11-Jul-25	\$60,086.25	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00060858	25-Jul-25	\$22,926.98	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00060788	11-Jul-25	\$2,184.00	Bus Parts
Lewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc	00060789	11-Jul-25	\$203.30	Consulting
Marsh & McLennan Agency, LLC	00060790	11-Jul-25	\$178,954.70	Insurance
Martin One Source	00060859	25-Jul-25	\$930.00	Printed Materials
McLean County Asphalt Co., Inc	00060860	25-Jul-25	\$18,400.00	Concrete Repair
McMaster-Carr Supply Company	00060791	11-Jul-25	\$558.14	Building Maintenance
Menards	00060861	25-Jul-25	\$288.06	Bud Parts, Cleaning Supplies & Materials & Supplies
Midwest Equipment II	00060862	25-Jul-25	\$55.98	Lawn Maintenance Equipment
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00060792	11-Jul-25	\$193.34	Bus Parts
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00060863	25-Jul-25	\$630.54	Bus Parts
Miguel Arevalo	00060793	11-Jul-25	\$525.00	Tool Reimbursement



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Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
Miller Janitor Supply	00060794	11-Jul-25	\$479.30	Maintenance Supplies
MissionSquare	ACH	10-Jul-25	\$37,388.43	Employee Retirement
MissionSquare	ACH	24-Jul-25	\$36,642.27	Employee Retirement
Modal Marketing Inc.	00060795	11-Jul-25	\$93.50	Materials & Supplies
Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc.	00060796	11-Jul-25	\$9,682.30	Safety/ Training
Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co.	00060797	11-Jul-25	\$404.76	Bus Parts
Morris Avenue Garage	00060798	11-Jul-25	\$40.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00060864	25-Jul-25	\$240.00	Vehicle Inspection
Motion Industries, Inc.	00060799	11-Jul-25	\$49.56	Bus Parts
Motion Industries, Inc.	00060865	25-Jul-25	\$163.49	Bus Parts
Mounce Automotive, LLC	00060866	25-Jul-25	\$836.45	Vehicle Inspection
Mutual of Omaha	00060800	11-Jul-25	\$27,182.77	Life, AD&D, STD & LTD
Mutual Wheel	00060867	25-Jul-25	\$321.02	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00060801	11-Jul-25	\$507.16	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00060868	25-Jul-25	\$552.77	Bus Parts
Nicor Gas	00060802	11-Jul-25	\$699.16	Utilities
Nonstop	ACH	07-Jul-25	\$45,794.34	Health Insurance
Nonstop	ACH	07-Jul-25	\$45,794.34	Health Insurance
Norman Ellison	00060869	25-Jul-25	\$396.20	Travel & Meetings
Novardo Walters	00060803	11-Jul-25	\$159.38	Uniform Reimbursement
Oberlander Alarm Systems, Inc.	00060804	11-Jul-25	\$230.00	Security Alarm Service Fee
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00060805	11-Jul-25	\$316.66	Office Supplies
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00060870	25-Jul-25	\$727.66	Office Supplies
O'Reilly Auto Parts	00060806	11-Jul-25	\$304.27	Bus Parts
OSF Medical Group - Occupational Health	00060807	11-Jul-25	\$550.00	Drug Testing
Payroll	ACH	10-Jul-25	\$304,769.53	
Payroll	ACH	24-Jul-25	\$312,663.56	
Peprie Creed	00060871	25-Jul-25	\$198.99	Uniform Reimbursement
Piercy Auto Body	00060808	11-Jul-25	\$3,091.42	Outside Repair
Pitney Bowes Global Finance Services LLC	00060872	25-Jul-25	\$289.14	Office Equipment
Pro Air HVAC/Electrical	00060809	11-Jul-25	\$272.50	HVAC
Pro Air HVAC/Electrical	00060873	25-Jul-25	\$580.00	HVAC
Purchase Power	00060883	25-Jul-25	\$300.00	Postage
Queen City Engineering & Design, PLLC	00060874	25-Jul-25	\$21,150.00	Safety/ Taining
Republic Services # 368	00060747	01-Jul-25	\$1,036.89	Garbage Disposal
Roanoke Motor Co. Inc.	00060875	25-Jul-25	\$134.55	Bus Parts
Safetylane Automotive Equipment	00060810	11-Jul-25	\$11,862.12	Garage Maintenance Equipment & Repair
Sam Lemman Chrysler Dodge Jeep	00060811	11-Jul-25	\$219.80	Bus Parts
Sam Lemman Ford	00060812	11-Jul-25	\$352.10	Outside Repair
Sam Lemman Ford	00060876	25-Jul-25	\$417.14	Outside Repair
Sanco Thermo King	00060813	11-Jul-25	\$1,620.00	Bus Parts
Sanco Thermo King	00060877	25-Jul-25	\$894.14	Bus Parts
Seifert Graphics, Inc	00060878	25-Jul-25	\$236.00	Bus
Sheronda Haymon	00060814	11-Jul-25	\$36.96	Uniform Reimbursement
Southtown Wrecker Service	00060815	11-Jul-25	\$740.00	Towing
Stratus Networks	00060816	11-Jul-25	\$2,793.00	Internet
TeVuert Auto Repair	00060879	25-Jul-25	\$170.00	Materials & Supplies & Support Vehicles
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00060817	11-Jul-25	\$2,263.77	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00060880	25-Jul-25	\$11,841.94	Bus Parts
The Copy Shop	00060818	11-Jul-25	\$180.00	Printing
Town of Normal-Utility Billing	00060819	11-Jul-25	\$672.66	Utilites
Trott Communications Group, Inc.	00060820	11-Jul-25	\$783.75	Consulting Fees
TX Child Support SDU	00060821	11-Jul-25	\$643.59	Payroll Deduction



**Connect Transit**  
**Cash Disbursement Report**  
**July 2025**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
TX Child Support SDU	00060881	25-Jul-25	\$643.59	Payroll Deduction
United States Treasury	ACH	10-Jul-25	\$100,204.75	Federal Taxes
United States Treasury	ACH	24-Jul-25	\$97,533.72	Federal Taxes
UPS United Parcel Service Inc	00060822	11-Jul-25	\$51.00	Shipping
USSC Group	00060823	11-Jul-25	\$164.09	Bus Parts
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00060824	11-Jul-25	\$623.85	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00060882	25-Jul-25	\$317.42	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Via Mobility, LLC	00060825	11-Jul-25	\$2,520.00	Consulting
Wherry Machine and Welding, Inc	00060826	11-Jul-25	\$83.37	Outside Repair
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,929,071.77</b>	

# Bloomington Normal Public Transit Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 7/31/2025

Fiscal Year: 2026 Period: 1 Jul-2025

## Assets

### Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$4,912,843.16
Accounts Receivable	\$5,966,271.41
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$62,006.62
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$494,527.54
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$592,030.54

**Total Current Assets** \$12,027,679.27

Fixed Assets \$28,511,907.16

**Total Assets** \$40,539,586.43

## Liabilities & Equity

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$182,801.91
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,539,428.25
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$1,021,980.48
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

**Total Liabilities** \$2,744,210.64

### 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 \$18,485,109.40

**Total Liabilities & Equity** \$40,539,586.43

# Bloomington Normal Public Transit

## Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2026 Thru Fiscal Year: 2026	From Period 1 Thru Period 1	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss		As of: 7/31/2025		
		Jul-2025	Jul-2025	Approved Budget		
<b>Operating Revenue</b>						
Passenger Fares		\$52,274.45	9.35%	\$52,274.45	9.35%	\$558,825.00
ISU Contract Fare		\$53,126.53	8.75%	\$53,126.53	8.75%	\$607,410.00
Other Contract Fares		\$17,309.39	7.87%	\$17,309.39	7.87%	\$219,840.00
Advertising Revenue		\$11,658.33	9.56%	\$11,658.33	9.56%	\$121,900.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$7,779.42	7.41%	\$7,779.42	7.41%	\$105,000.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>		<b>\$142,148.12</b>	<b>8.81%</b>	<b>\$142,148.12</b>	<b>8.81%</b>	<b>\$1,612,975.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Operators Wages		\$681,234.39	7.30%	\$681,234.39	7.30%	\$9,335,983.51
Maintenance Wages		\$129,036.47	6.67%	\$129,036.47	6.67%	\$1,934,072.46
Administration Wages		\$109,550.96	7.98%	\$109,550.96	7.98%	\$1,372,868.01
Employer Payroll Tax Expense		\$70,901.62	6.97%	\$70,901.62	6.97%	\$1,017,798.78
Retirement Plan		\$34,482.22	5.31%	\$34,482.22	5.31%	\$649,637.32
Group Insurance		\$210,077.77	7.66%	\$210,077.77	7.66%	\$2,742,530.64
Uniform Expense		\$2,391.67	4.24%	\$2,391.67	4.24%	\$56,444.66
Professional Services		\$29,819.41	7.21%	\$29,819.41	7.21%	\$413,815.00
Outside Repair-Labor		\$9,319.81	6.59%	\$9,319.81	6.59%	\$141,500.00
Contract Maintenance Services		\$5,720.33	2.45%	\$5,720.33	2.45%	\$233,028.22
Custodial Services		\$2,504.37	11.85%	\$2,504.37	11.85%	\$21,133.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help		\$430.00	0.96%	\$430.00	0.96%	\$45,000.00
Fuel		\$85,567.09	5.11%	\$85,567.09	5.11%	\$1,675,929.00
Lubricants		\$2,820.15	2.98%	\$2,820.15	2.98%	\$94,610.00
Tires		\$60.00	0.09%	\$60.00	0.09%	\$63,691.00
Bus Repair Parts		\$54,277.89	10.58%	\$54,277.89	10.58%	\$512,974.00
Other Materials & Supplies		\$10,745.74	9.91%	\$10,745.74	9.91%	\$108,473.00
Computer and Office Supplies		\$34,371.74	5.73%	\$34,371.74	5.73%	\$600,092.99
Utilities		\$2,468.99	1.80%	\$2,468.99	1.80%	\$137,277.41
Corporate Insurance		\$57,980.56	7.73%	\$57,980.56	7.73%	\$750,000.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees		\$56,426.31	12.56%	\$56,426.31	12.56%	\$449,168.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,590,187.49</b>	<b>7.11%</b>	<b>\$1,590,187.49</b>	<b>7.11%</b>	<b>\$22,356,027.00</b>
<b>Operating Assistance</b>						
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants		(\$1,448,039.37)	6.98%	(\$1,448,039.37)	6.98%	(\$20,743,052.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance		\$75,833.33	8.33%	\$75,833.33	8.33%	\$910,000.00
Town of Normal Operating Assistance		\$49,166.66	8.33%	\$49,166.66	8.33%	\$590,000.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance		\$1,026,471.00	7.06%	\$1,026,471.00	7.06%	\$14,531,418.00
State Operating 5311		\$12,016.29	4.23%	\$12,016.29	4.23%	\$284,094.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance		\$267,432.71	6.04%	\$267,432.71	6.04%	\$4,427,540.00
<b>Total Operating Assistance</b>		<b>\$1,430,919.99</b>	<b>6.90%</b>	<b>\$1,430,919.99</b>	<b>6.90%</b>	<b>\$20,743,052.00</b>



# August 2025

## Financial Reports



## Connect Transit Cash Disbursement Report August 2025

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
1st Ayd Corporation	00060939	22-Aug-25	\$539.46	Cleaning Supplies
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00060887	08-Aug-25	\$276.26	Payroll Deduction
Abbey Placements LLC	00060888	08-Aug-25	\$2,800.00	Human resources
Abbey Placements LLC	00060940	22-Aug-25	\$2,800.00	Human resources
ABC Bus Companies	00060889	08-Aug-25	\$959.51	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00060941	22-Aug-25	\$2,458.57	Bus Parts
Advance Auto Parts	00060890	08-Aug-25	\$332.83	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00060942	22-Aug-25	\$1,201.41	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00060943	22-Aug-25	\$517.09	Welding Supplies
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00060891	08-Aug-25	\$8,154.00	Payroll Deduction
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00060944	22-Aug-25	\$400.00	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00060892	08-Aug-25	\$217.90	Bus Parts, Computer Hardware, Maintenance & Office Supplies
Amazon Capital Service	00060945	22-Aug-25	\$527.65	Bus Parts, Computer Hardware, Maintenance & Office Supplies
B & B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00060893	08-Aug-25	\$50.75	Employee Recognition
B & B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00060946	22-Aug-25	\$12.55	Employee Recognition
Best One of Central IL	00060947	22-Aug-25	\$323.00	Outside Repair
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$8.00	Consulting Fees
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$48.03	Bus Parts - DR
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$44.97	Shop Tools
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$472.84	Office Supplies
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$292.00	Computer Hardware & Repair
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$2,655.84	Software Licensing
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$2,902.21	Dues & Subscriptions
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$13,134.75	Travel & Meetings
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$154.58	Employee Recognition
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$237.84	Public Notices
Bill.com	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$255.65	Safety/Training
Blitt and Gaines, P.C.	00060894	08-Aug-25	\$380.38	Payroll Deduction
Blitt and Gaines, P.C.	00060948	22-Aug-25	\$380.38	Payroll Deduction
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00060949	22-Aug-25	\$163,329.14	Insurance
Blue Springs, Inc	00060950	22-Aug-25	\$250.00	Portable Restrooms
Bridgestone Americas	00060895	08-Aug-25	\$60.00	Tires
Bridgestone Americas	00060951	22-Aug-25	\$4,293.38	Tires
Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC	00060952	22-Aug-25	\$7,000.00	Consulting
Carle	00060953	22-Aug-25	\$1,780.75	Empl Physicals & Drug Testing
CDM Smith Inc.	00060954	22-Aug-25	\$6,185.60	Construction
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District	00060955	22-Aug-25	\$1,086.77	Bus Parts
Checkr, Inc.	00060896	08-Aug-25	\$337.96	New Hire Background Checks
ChemStation of Indiana	00060897	08-Aug-25	\$365.50	Garage Supplies
Christopher O. Sharkey II	00060898	08-Aug-25	\$525.00	Tool Reimbursement
Christy Gordon	00060956	22-Aug-25	\$103.31	Uniforms
CIRBN, LLC	00060957	22-Aug-25	\$147.13	Internet
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00060899	08-Aug-25	\$4,853.86	Bus Parts
CIT Trucks, LLC - Normal	00060958	22-Aug-25	\$8,001.31	Bus Parts
City of Bloomington(Water)	00060900	08-Aug-25	\$1,206.87	Utilities
City of Bloomington(Water)	00060959	22-Aug-25	\$149.31	Utilities
Clark Baird Smith, LLP	00060960	22-Aug-25	\$11,341.25	Legal Service
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00060961	22-Aug-25	\$1,979.00	Bus Parts
Commerce Bank	ACH	11-Aug-25	\$419.46	Bank Fees
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00060962	22-Aug-25	\$3,782.22	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00060901	08-Aug-25	\$4,000.00	Consulting
Culligan Water Conditioning	00060963	22-Aug-25	\$97.00	Bottled Water Service
Cummins Sales and Service	00060964	22-Aug-25	\$37.52	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00060965	22-Aug-25	\$479.53	Bus Parts
Dwayne Vaughn	00060966	22-Aug-25	\$107.95	Uniform Reimbursement
Eagle Automotive	00060902	08-Aug-25	\$893.01	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00060967	22-Aug-25	\$1,565.10	Bus Parts



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Encova Insurance	00060938	18-Aug-25	\$28,642.00	Insurance
Fastenal Company	00060903	08-Aug-25	\$18.18	Bus Parts
Fastenal Company	00060968	22-Aug-25	\$287.08	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00060969	22-Aug-25	\$2,741.42	Maintenance Supplies
Galls, LLC	00060904	08-Aug-25	\$1,437.40	Admin & Operations Uniforms
Galls, LLC	00060970	22-Aug-25	\$1,073.04	Admin & Operations Uniforms
Genfare, LLC	00060905	08-Aug-25	\$1,679.23	Software and Hardware
Genfare, LLC	ACH	14-Aug-25	\$13.75	Pass Refund
Genfare, LLC	00060971	22-Aug-25	\$3,120.78	Software and Hardware
Gillig LLC	00060906	08-Aug-25	\$183.48	Bus Parts
Gillig LLC	00060972	22-Aug-25	\$223.46	Bus Parts
Grainger	00060907	08-Aug-25	\$201.46	Office Cabinets
Harbor Freight/MSTS Receivables LLC	00060908	08-Aug-25	\$439.89	Shop Tools & Support Vehicles
Heritage Machine & Welding, Inc.	00060973	22-Aug-25	\$2,452.44	Bus Parts
Houck Transit Advertising	00060909	08-Aug-25	\$200.00	Accidents
Illinois Department of Employment	ACH	01-Aug-25	\$6,178.43	SUTA
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	11-Aug-25	\$17,583.68	State Taxes
Illinois Department of Revenue	ACH	22-Aug-25	\$19,342.29	State Taxes
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	07-Aug-25	\$779.27	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Disbursement	ACH	21-Aug-25	\$1,028.68	Payroll Deduction
IllinoisStateUniversity-Board of Trustee	00060974	22-Aug-25	\$470.00	Employee Recognition
IPTA	00060910	08-Aug-25	\$5,100.00	Travel & Meetings
Jennifer Johnson	00060911	08-Aug-25	\$61.46	Uniform Reimbursement
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00060912	08-Aug-25	\$37,113.20	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00060975	22-Aug-25	\$57,994.95	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00060976	22-Aug-25	\$396.00	Bus Parts
Linda Sutton	00060977	22-Aug-25	\$153.94	Uniform Reimbursement
Mark R. Peterson	00060978	22-Aug-25	\$697.50	Consulting
Martin One Source	00060979	22-Aug-25	\$452.22	Printed Materials
Menards	00060913	08-Aug-25	\$136.92	Materials & Supplies
Menards	00060980	22-Aug-25	\$73.87	Cleaning Supplies & Shop Tools
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00060981	22-Aug-25	\$173.32	Bus Parts
Miller Janitor Supply	00060914	08-Aug-25	\$447.50	Maintenance Supplies
Miller Janitor Supply	00060982	22-Aug-25	\$4,745.10	Maintenance Supplies
Missionsquare	ACH	07-Aug-25	\$36,128.37	Retirement Contributions
Missionsquare	ACH	21-Aug-25	\$37,067.25	Retirement Contributions
Mobile Communications America	00060915	08-Aug-25	\$325.00	Telecommunications
Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co.	00060983	22-Aug-25	\$166.98	Bus Parts
Morris Avenue Garage	00060916	08-Aug-25	\$120.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00060984	22-Aug-25	\$240.00	Vehicle Inspection
Motion Industries, Inc.	00060917	08-Aug-25	\$192.21	Bus Parts
Motion Industries, Inc.	00060985	22-Aug-25	\$184.70	Bus Parts
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Mutual of Omaha	00060986	22-Aug-25	\$27,549.63	Life, AD&D, STD & LTD
Mutual Wheel	00060918	08-Aug-25	\$642.04	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00060919	08-Aug-25	\$525.91	Bus Parts
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Nicor Gas	00060988	22-Aug-25	\$214.04	Utilities
Nonstop	ACH	15-Aug-25	\$46,441.08	Health Insurance
Oberlander Alarm Systems, Inc.	00060920	08-Aug-25	\$230.00	Security Alarm Service Fee
Oberlander Alarm Systems, Inc.	00060989	22-Aug-25	\$230.00	Security Alarm Service Fee
ODP Business Solutions, LLC	00060990	22-Aug-25	\$2.49	Office Supplies
OSF Medical Group - Occupational Health	00060991	22-Aug-25	\$430.00	Drug Testing
Pantagraph	00060921	08-Aug-25	\$3,158.76	Media Promotions
Payroll	ACH	07-Aug-25	\$293,381.15	
Payroll	ACH	21-Aug-25	\$323,475.25	
Piercy Auto Body	00060922	08-Aug-25	\$933.80	Outside Repair
Piercy Auto Body	00060992	22-Aug-25	\$9,442.52	Outside Repair



## Connect Transit Cash Disbursement Report August 2025

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
Prairie Pride Coalition, Inc.	00060923	08-Aug-25	\$2,500.00	Media Promotions
Pro Air HVAC/Electrical	00060924	08-Aug-25	\$167.50	HVAC
Purchase Power	00061011	25-Aug-25	\$300.00	Postage
Republic Services # 368	00060925	08-Aug-25	\$975.40	Garbage Disposal
Roanoke Motor Co. Inc.	00060926	08-Aug-25	\$2,199.16	Bus Parts
Roanoke Motor Co. Inc.	00060993	22-Aug-25	\$845.05	Bus Parts
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	00060927	08-Aug-25	\$396.47	Solvent Tank
Sam Leman Chrysler Dodge Jeep	00060928	08-Aug-25	\$139.20	Bus Parts
Sam Leman Ford	00060994	22-Aug-25	\$588.38	Outside Repair
Sanco Thermo King	00060995	22-Aug-25	\$254.49	Bus Parts
Select Screen Prints and Embroidery	00060996	22-Aug-25	\$1,734.16	T-Shirts
Shawn Franklin	00060929	08-Aug-25	\$250.00	Employee Recognition
Southtown Wrecker Service	00060930	08-Aug-25	\$647.50	Towing
Southtown Wrecker Service	00060997	22-Aug-25	\$647.50	Towing
Stratus Networks	00060998	22-Aug-25	\$2,793.55	Internet
Team Torque	00060999	22-Aug-25	\$155.76	Garage Equipment Repair
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00060931	08-Aug-25	\$4,731.07	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00061001	22-Aug-25	\$7,325.40	Bus Parts
The Copy Shop	00061002	22-Aug-25	\$96.43	Printing
Town of Normal-Utility Billing	00060932	08-Aug-25	\$675.37	Utilities
TRAVELERS	00061003	22-Aug-25	\$1,224.00	Property Damage
Trott Communications Group, Inc.	00060933	08-Aug-25	\$1,072.50	Consulting Fees
TX Child Support SDU	00060934	08-Aug-25	\$643.59	Payroll Deduction
TX Child Support SDU	00061004	22-Aug-25	\$643.59	Payroll Deduction
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	00060886	05-Aug-25	\$2,574.59	Office Equipment
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	00061005	22-Aug-25	\$714.37	Office Equipment
Uline	00061006	22-Aug-25	\$1,837.70	Office Supplies
United States Treasury	ACH	08-Aug-25	\$93,625.89	Federal Taxes
United States Treasury	ACH	21-Aug-25	\$108,043.06	Federal Taxes
UPS United Parcel Service Inc	00060935	08-Aug-25	\$46.72	Shipping
UPS United Parcel Service Inc	00061007	22-Aug-25	\$184.96	Shipping
Urban Transportation Associates, INC.	00060936	08-Aug-25	\$18,880.00	Bus Parts & Outside Repair
USSC Group	00061008	22-Aug-25	\$609.86	Bus Parts
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00060937	08-Aug-25	\$823.14	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Vestis Services, LLC (fka Aramark)	00061009	22-Aug-25	\$975.38	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Via Mobility, LLC	00061010	22-Aug-25	\$2,640.00	Consulting
		Total	\$1,534,491.01	

# Bloomington Normal Public Transit

## Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 8/31/2025

Fiscal Year: 2026 Period: 2 Aug-2025

### Assets

#### Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$7,228,615.03
Accounts Receivable	\$3,746,482.34
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$43,735.99
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$501,006.19
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$521,618.80

**Total Current Assets** \$12,041,458.35

Fixed Assets \$28,518,092.76

**Total Assets** \$40,559,551.11

### Liabilities & Equity

#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$156,933.04
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,578,027.59
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$927,302.55
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

**Total Liabilities** \$2,662,263.18

#### 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 \$18,587,021.54

**Total Liabilities & Equity** \$40,559,551.11

# Bloomington Normal Public Transit

## Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2026 Thru Fiscal Year: 2026	From Period 2 Thru Period 2	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss		As of: 8/31/2025		
		Aug-2025	Jul-2025 Aug-2025	Approved Budget		
<b>Operating Revenue</b>						
Passenger Fares		\$39,153.79	7.01%	\$91,428.24	16.36%	\$558,825.00
ISU Contract Fare		\$53,126.53	8.75%	\$106,253.06	17.49%	\$607,410.00
Other Contract Fares		\$18,381.61	8.36%	\$35,691.00	16.23%	\$219,840.00
Advertising Revenue		\$21,625.00	17.74%	\$33,283.33	27.30%	\$121,900.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$4,155.33	3.96%	\$11,934.75	11.37%	\$105,000.00
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>		<b>\$136,442.26</b>	<b>8.46%</b>	<b>\$278,590.38</b>	<b>17.27%</b>	<b>\$1,612,975.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Operators Wages		\$676,819.54	7.25%	\$1,358,053.93	14.55%	\$9,335,983.51
Maintenance Wages		\$131,233.83	6.79%	\$260,270.30	13.46%	\$1,934,072.46
Administration Wages		\$114,548.56	8.34%	\$224,099.52	16.32%	\$1,372,868.01
Employer Payroll Tax Expense		\$70,849.95	6.96%	\$141,751.57	13.93%	\$1,017,798.78
Retirement Plan		\$34,156.42	5.26%	\$68,638.64	10.57%	\$649,637.32
Group Insurance		\$226,216.53	8.25%	\$436,294.30	15.91%	\$2,742,530.64
Uniform Expense		\$5,355.81	9.49%	\$7,747.48	13.73%	\$56,444.66
Professional Services		\$30,873.97	7.46%	\$60,693.38	14.67%	\$413,815.00
Outside Repair-Labor		\$29,445.61	20.81%	\$38,765.42	27.40%	\$141,500.00
Contract Maintenance Services		\$5,711.85	2.45%	\$11,432.18	4.91%	\$233,028.22
Custodial Services		\$1,701.37	8.05%	\$4,205.74	19.90%	\$21,133.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help		\$1,107.25	2.46%	\$1,537.25	3.42%	\$45,000.00
Fuel		\$92,331.05	5.51%	\$177,898.14	10.61%	\$1,675,929.00
Lubricants		\$3,788.10	4.00%	\$6,608.25	6.98%	\$94,610.00
Tires		\$8,720.03	13.69%	\$8,780.03	13.79%	\$63,691.00
Bus Repair Parts		\$57,865.82	11.28%	\$112,143.71	21.86%	\$512,974.00
Other Materials & Supplies		\$11,000.27	10.14%	\$21,746.01	20.05%	\$108,473.00
Computer and Office Supplies		\$23,961.58	3.99%	\$58,333.32	9.72%	\$600,092.99
Utilities		\$8,374.76	6.10%	\$10,843.75	7.90%	\$137,277.41
Corporate Insurance		\$60,601.42	8.08%	\$118,581.98	15.81%	\$750,000.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees		\$28,628.13	6.37%	\$85,054.44	18.94%	\$449,168.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,623,291.85</b>	<b>7.26%</b>	<b>\$3,213,479.34</b>	<b>14.37%</b>	<b>\$22,356,027.00</b>
<b>Operating Assistance</b>						
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants		(\$1,486,849.59)	7.17%	(\$2,934,888.96)	14.15%	(\$20,743,052.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance		\$75,833.33	8.33%	\$151,666.66	16.67%	\$910,000.00
Town of Normal Operating Assistance		\$49,166.66	8.33%	\$98,333.32	16.67%	\$590,000.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance		\$1,047,706.00	7.21%	\$2,074,177.00	14.27%	\$14,531,418.00
State Operating 5311		\$12,246.04	4.31%	\$24,262.33	8.54%	\$284,094.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance		\$288,319.96	6.51%	\$555,752.67	12.55%	\$4,427,540.00
<b>Total Operating Assistance</b>		<b>\$1,473,271.99</b>	<b>7.10%</b>	<b>\$2,904,191.98</b>	<b>14.00%</b>	<b>\$20,743,052.00</b>



<b>August 2025</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Month in Prior Year</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Prior Year to Date</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
<b>System Statistics:</b>						
<b>System Ridership</b>	<b>172,557</b>	<b>188,037</b>	<b>-8.23%</b>	<b>309,685</b>	<b>318,346</b>	<b>-2.72%</b>
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%
<b>System Service Hours</b>	<b>14,068</b>	<b>14,336</b>	<b>-1.87%</b>	<b>27,437</b>	<b>28,636</b>	<b>-4.19%</b>
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%
<b>System Service Miles</b>	<b>184,498</b>	<b>177,897</b>	<b>3.71%</b>	<b>358,738</b>	<b>352,768</b>	<b>1.69%</b>
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%
<b>System Revenue Vehicles</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-19.30%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-12.28%</b>
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%
<b>System Miles/Revenue Vehicle</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>3,121</b>	<b>28.51%</b>	<b>7,175</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>15.93%</b>
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%
<b>System Efficiencies:</b>						
<b>System Ridership/Service Hour</b>	<b>12.27</b>	<b>13.12</b>	<b>-6.48%</b>	<b>11.29</b>	<b>11.12</b>	<b>1.53%</b>
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%
<b>System Percent On-Time Trips</b>	<b>83.58%</b>	<b>88.67%</b>	<b>-5.74%</b>	<b>88.04%</b>	<b>90.74%</b>	<b>-2.98%</b>
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%
<b>System Subsidy/Passenger</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$7.03</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$8.51</b>	<b>*</b>
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$4.93	*	*	\$6.14	*
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$37.64	*	*	\$39.09	*
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$19.48	*	*	\$19.64	*
<b>Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>4.98%</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>7.19%</b>
<b>Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$0.81</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$1.03</b>	<b>*</b>



<b>September 2025</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Month in Prior Year</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Prior Year to Date</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
<b>System Statistics:</b>						
<b>System Ridership</b>	<b>238,029</b>	<b>222,051</b>	<b>7.20%</b>	<b>547,714</b>	<b>540,397</b>	<b>1.35%</b>
Fixed Ridership	222,208	207,162	7.26%	501,590	496,644	1.00%
Mobility Ridership	10,025	9,608	4.34%	29,269	28,410	3.02%
FLEX Ridership	5,796	5,281	9.75%	16,855	15,343	9.85%
<b>System Service Hours</b>	<b>14,334</b>	<b>13,724</b>	<b>4.44%</b>	<b>41,771</b>	<b>41,596</b>	<b>0.42%</b>
Fixed Service Hours	9,104	8,871	2.63%	26,148	26,421	-1.03%
Mobility Service Hours	4,224	3,833	10.20%	12,582	12,010	4.76%
FLEX Service Hours	1,006	1,020	-1.37%	3,041	3,165	-3.91%
<b>System Service Miles</b>	<b>186,054</b>	<b>172,167</b>	<b>8.07%</b>	<b>544,792</b>	<b>514,729</b>	<b>5.84%</b>
Fixed Service Miles	118,739	106,998	10.97%	345,212	322,261	7.12%
Mobility Service Miles	52,440	50,812	3.20%	155,907	150,616	3.51%
FLEX Service Miles	14,875	14,357	3.61%	43,673	41,852	4.35%
<b>System Revenue Vehicles</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-9.09%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-13.79%</b>
Fixed Revenue Vehicles	27	29	-6.90%	27	32	-15.63%
Mobility Revenue Vehicles	18	21	-14.29%	18	21	-14.29%
FLEX Revenue Vehicles	5	5	0.00%	5	5	0.00%
<b>System Miles/Revenue Vehicle</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>3,130</b>	<b>18.87%</b>	<b>10,896</b>	<b>8,875</b>	<b>22.78%</b>
Fixed Miles/Revenue Vehicle	4,398	3,690	19.19%	12,786	10,071	26.96%
Mobility Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,913	2,420	20.40%	8,662	7,172	20.77%
FLEX Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2,975	2,871	3.61%	8,735	8,370	4.35%
<b>System Efficiencies:</b>						
<b>System Ridership/Service Hour</b>	<b>16.61</b>	<b>16.18</b>	<b>2.63%</b>	<b>13.11</b>	<b>12.99</b>	<b>0.93%</b>
Fixed Ridership/Revenue Hour	24.41	23.35	4.52%	19.18	18.80	2.05%
Mobility Ridership/Revenue Hour	2.37	2.51	-5.32%	2.33	2.37	-1.66%
FLEX Ridership/Revenue Hour	5.76	5.18	11.28%	5.54	4.85	14.32%
<b>System Percent On-Time Trips</b>	<b>80.55%</b>	<b>88.07%</b>	<b>-8.54%</b>	<b>86.16%</b>	<b>89.86%</b>	<b>-4.11%</b>
Fixed Percent On-Time Trips	82%	88%	-6.82%	86%	90%	-4.23%
Mobility Percent On-Time Trips	95%	94%	1.06%	96%	96%	0.30%
FLEX Percent On-Time Trips	0%	80%	-100.00%	73%	80%	-8.46%
<b>System Subsidy/Passenger</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$5.97</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$5.36</b>	<b>\$7.47</b>	<b>-28.23%</b>
Fixed Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$4.19	*	\$3.48	\$5.33	-34.60%
Mobility Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$37.27	*	\$32.38	\$38.47	-15.83%
FLEX Subsidy/Passenger	*	\$18.60	*	\$14.20	\$19.28	-26.38%
<b>Operator Pay Hours/Service Hour</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>-3.57%</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>1.62%</b>
<b>Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Mile</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$1.26</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>\$0.89</b>	<b>\$1.11</b>	<b>-19.11%</b>



Federal Update for Connect Transit  
*Prepared October 24th, 2025*

**Shutdown Update**

Congress failed to pass appropriations legislation before the end of the 2025 fiscal year, and as a result, the government has shut down. The House of Representatives passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government through November 21st at the end of September; however, Senate Republicans have been unable to attract enough Democratic votes to pass their CR. Senate Democrats are demanding action on expiring Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies as a condition for any funding deal. Currently, the shutdown has no end in sight - Republicans have said they will not negotiate with Democrats on extending the ACA subsidies until a CR is passed, and Democrats will not back a CR without concessions on said subsidies from the GOP.

The Trump Administration has taken action to ensure that active-duty military are paid during the shutdown, and is tapping money from school nutrition programs to fund WIC, a supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women and children under the age of five. This has removed major pain points; the threat of missed military paychecks is often a key factor in driving Congress to the negotiating table during shutdowns. However, the Administration will need to find a new funding source to cover military paychecks and WIC at the end of October, should the shutdown not be resolved by then. SNAP, commonly referred to as food stamps, will also face funding issues after the end of the month - Texas, California, Pennsylvania, and 22 other states have said that they will be unable to provide benefits in November.

The Administration has also begun reduction-in-force efforts at several agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Homeland Security. So far, this round of federal workforce cuts has spared the Department of Transportation.

During the shutdown, FTA will mostly operate normally, as the agency is funded through the Highway Trust Fund. Formula funds will continue to flow, and reimbursements for previously executed grants should continue without issue. However, new discretionary grants will not be approved until the shutdown ends, as staff at EPA and the Department of Labor have been furloughed.

**DOT Issues Interim Final Rule on DBE Program**

DOT has issued an [interim final rule](#) on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program removing the program's race- and sex-based presumptions of social and economic disadvantage. DOT believes these provisions of the program to be unconstitutional based on a 2024 U.S. District Court determination that the DBE program's statutory race- and sex-based presumptions do not comply with the constitution's promise of equal protection under the law.



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This rule effectively decertifies all DBEs. DOT will eventually release a rulemaking outlining what the new certification process will look like, but in the meantime, DBEs cannot be recertified. The rulemaking also eliminates the requirement for funding recipients to obtain bidders list information about the majority owner's race and sex for all DBEs and non-DBEs who bid as prime contractors and subcontractors on federally assisted contracts.

The consensus from industry lawyers is that recipients of DOT funding no longer have to enforce DBE goals while the agency figures out its new certification process. No further action is required - you do not need to nullify existing contracts or subcontracts that were based on DBE principals. Once DOT has established this new process, recipients will establish new DBE goals based on the number of DBE contractors available to you.

### **DOT Withholding Funds From New York and Chicago Transit Projects**

DOT has paused disbursements for certain Capital Investment Grant transit projects – including [NYC's Second Avenue Subway and Hudson Tunnel](#), and Chicago's Red line extension and Purple line modernization – while they are under administrative review. According to DOT, this review is tied to DOT's recent [interim final rule](#) and [guidance](#) on the DBE program removing the program's race- and sex-based presumptions of social and economic disadvantage as directed by a court order.

### **DOT Nearly Finished with Reviews of Biden-Era Grants**

DOT Deputy Secretary Steven Bradbury has said that DOT has worked through roughly 3,000 of the 3,269 Biden-era awards it placed under review. The Deputy Secretary said that a small number of the grants will be canceled, but most will move forward either in their current form or with an adjusted scope. The remaining awards are receiving cancellation notices from DOT but the Department has not made a formal list available. What we know is that the cancelled grants involved bike and pedestrian infrastructure. According to DOT political leadership, those are local concerns and are not worthy of federal investment.



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**TO:** Connect Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team  
**SUBJECT:** Legislative Update  
**DATE:** October 27, 2025

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## 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 had a conversation with the Speaker’s Chief of Staff to better inform him of the need to get the funding released. We also followed up with a memo describing the history of the grant and the need for release. 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. To date, Leadership has not been allowing one-off legislative proposals to move during the veto session. Given this, we have already been speaking with Representative Chung to file a new bill during the session in 2026.

In addition, our team is continuing to monitor ongoing public transit reform discussions and have briefed Representative Chung and Senator Koehler on the latest proposals to keep them informed of activity that may impact Connect’s work. Illinois legislators are making progress on transit reform. The Senate continues 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. While the House has made progress on the reform piece, coming together to pass the revenue package is proving difficult. While things could change, it looks as if this issue will wait until the 2026 session.

## Transit Items

**[House Executive Memo \(Subject Matter: RTA Fiscal Cliff\)](#)**: Discussions were centered around RTA’s current fiscal cliff and how the region reached its projected 2026 funding shortfall. Key highlights included warnings that without legislative action, service cuts and fare increases will begin in 2026, CMAP findings showing the shortfall is smaller but still significant in future years and calls from labor and advocates to fund and modernize the system now. Witnesses discussed the challenge of maintaining safe, reliable, and equitable transit while addressing the region’s structural funding gap and urged the General Assembly to act this veto session to secure stable, long-term support.

**IDOT Revising Upcoming Letting and Contracting Process:** The Illinois Department of Transportation started the recertification process for firms in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. To support small, disadvantaged businesses, IDOT will remove certain contracts from its November letting, allowing more time for recertification while maintaining access to federal funding. This adjustment is a response to new federal rules from the Trump administration that could hinder local minority- and women-owned firms from participating in state contracts. IDOT will focus on contracts critical to public safety for the November letting, which involve 144 projects valued at approximately \$409 million. The selection of contracts and timelines for the paused contracts are still under review.

## **General Legislative Updates**

### **104<sup>th</sup> ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

The Illinois General Assembly returns for the final week of the two-week Veto Session on October 28 – 30.

This week, Representative Hoffman filed an omnibus energy package on HA #3 to [SB 25](#) (Hastings/Hoffman). The legislation makes numerous changes regarding energy planning and sustainability. It creates the Municipal and Cooperative Electric Utility Transparent Planning Act, mandating integrated resource planning for electric co-ops and municipalities. Tasks the Illinois Commerce Commission with adopting new rules and amending various existing laws to support energy transition and electrification programs. Updates to the Energy Transition Act, Electric Vehicle Act, Illinois Power Agency Act, and more, focusing on energy efficiency, renewable energy resources, and electrification initiatives. Introduces various programs, such as the Thermal Energy Network Revolving Loan Program and the Solar Bill of Rights, as well as changes affecting commercial energy storage, wind, and solar facilities. Modifies requirements for public utilities, permits, greenhouse gas regulations, and nuclear safety, establishing new oversight bodies and program supports. HA #3 is currently pending in the House Rules Committee. SB 25 is scheduled to be heard in the [House Executive Committee](#) next week.

In addition to posting committee hearings on specific legislation, the House has scheduled three subject-matter hearings for next week. A full list of House hearings is available [here](#). Subject-matter hearings are noted below. The Senate does not have any hearings scheduled at this time.

**10/28/2025 4:00 PM - Agriculture & Conservation Committee**

[Details](#)

Room 115 - Capitol Building - Springfield, IL

**Subject Matter:** Global Trade Changes and their impact on Illinois Agriculture

**10/29/2025 8:00 AM - Gun Violence Prevention Committee**

[Details](#)

118 and Virtual Room 2 - Capitol Building - Springfield, IL

**Subject Matter:** Gun Violence Prevention: Community Violence Intervention

**10/29/2025 9:00 AM - Appropriations-Health and Human Services Committee**

[Details](#)

114 and Virtual Room 1 - Capitol Building - Springfield, IL

**Subject Matter:** Effects of Federal Reconciliation Package (HR 1) on Medicaid

**GOVERNORS HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Executive Order:** Governor JB Pritzker signed [Executive Order 2025-06](#) to establish the Illinois Accountability Commission (IAC). This independent board will document the conduct of federal law enforcement agents and recommend actions to hold the federal government accountable for military-style operations in Illinois. The Commission will collect testimonies and information from various community members and experts to highlight misconduct by federal agents under the Trump Administration and create a public record for pursuing justice and accountability. Read more [here](#).

**Illinois Receives Credit Upgrade:** Illinois received its 10th credit rating upgrade in just over four years, with Moody's raising the state's rating to A2 for its general obligation bonds. This upgrade recognizes the state's financial improvements, including passing seven balanced budgets, eliminating the bill backlog, and boosting the rainy-day fund to nearly \$2.4 billion. The Governor celebrated the upgrade, saying it reflects Illinois' commitment to economic growth and fiscal stability. Read more [here](#).

**Next Gen Housing Applications Open:** Applications are now open for the 2026 Next Gen Capacity Building Initiative, offered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation. Next Gen provides training, technical support, and financial guidance to help for-profit and nonprofit developers deliver affordable housing across Illinois, with a focus on Low-Income Housing Tax Credit expertise. Read more [here](#).

**OTHER NEWS:**

**2026 Election Update:**

**Governor:** With only two weeks remaining to gather signatures for the 2026 election cycle, Rick Heidner, a real estate developer and founder of Gold Rush Gaming, has officially filed paperwork to run for governor as a Republican. He has selected Homer Glen Mayor Christina Neitzke-Troike as his running mate for lieutenant governor. Also running on the Republican ticket are former State Senator Darren Bailey, DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick, and conservative activist Ted Dabrowski.

**56<sup>th</sup> Senate District:** Kevin Hall, a former Edwardsville Township supervisor, is running for the Illinois State Senate in the 56th District.

**AG Continues Support of Planned Parenthood:** Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, along with 20 other attorneys general, filed an amicus brief in support of Planned Parenthood's lawsuit against a budget reconciliation law that eliminates federal funding for its health services. The so-called Defund Provision blocks federal Medicaid funding for essential medical services, including cancer screenings and STI testing, despite federal law already prohibiting abortion funding. The attorneys general argue that Planned Parenthood often serves as the only reproductive health care provider in rural and underserved areas due to many other providers not accepting Medicaid patients. Read more [here](#).

**AG Raoul Joins Multistate Lawsuit Seeking to Protect Gender Affirming Care Privacy:** Attorney General Kwame Raoul, along with a coalition of 19 attorneys general, filed an amicus brief opposing the Trump administration's subpoena for documents, including patient records, related to gender-affirming care at Boston Children's Hospital. They urge the court to uphold a previous ruling that quashed the subpoena, arguing that the federal government is attempting to intimidate medical providers from offering necessary care to transgender youth. The coalition warns that accepting the Department of Justice's interpretation of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act could put healthcare practitioners at risk of criminal charges for providing evidence-based treatments, particularly in the pediatric field where off-label prescriptions are common. Read more [here](#).

**SNAP Benefits:** The USDA notified states that if the federal government shutdown persists, November SNAP benefits will not be funded. Starting November 1, 2025, no new food benefits will be available for SNAP recipients during a shutdown. Read more [here](#).



## MEMO

Date: October 28, 2025  
To: Board of Trustees  
From: David Braun, Managing Director  
Subject: Transit Center Update – Informational Item

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### 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: October 28, 2025  
To: Board of Trustees  
From: David Braun, Managing Director  
Subject: Projects Update – Informational Item

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### 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.



## MEMO

Date: October 28, 2025  
To: Board of Trustees  
From: Ashley Strupek, Procurement Manager  
CC: David Braun, Managing Director  
Subject: Recommendation for Snow Removal

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### Recommendation:

Authorize the Managing Director to execute a contract with Blunier Builders for Snow Removal and Salting for a term of three years with two one-year options. This contract will be contingent upon IDOT approval.

### Background:

Every year the Maintenance Department obtains quotes for snow removal and salting. After reviewing that process, the Procurement and Maintenance Departments discussed putting snow removal out for bid to see if we could get a three-year contract. Signing a three-year contract, instead of going out for quotes each year, locks in rates for snow removal and salt, which can help save costs for Connect Transit.

### Discussion:

On August 11, 2025, Connect Transit issued an Invitation for Bid (IFB) seeking bids for snow removal and salting at our Wylie Drive facility. Connect Transit received one bid in response to the IFB.

The evaluation process for an IFB is based on the lowest price and responsiveness of bid documentation. Since there was only one bid, the Procurement Department reached out to the potential bidder's list to determine why they didn't bid on the project. There were three vendors on the potential bidder's list and two sent letters stating why they didn't bid on the project. Blunier Builders was the only bidder, and they were deemed responsive and responsible, thereby eligible for award.

Blunier Builders has served commercial clients in the area for 23 years. Their team is equipped with modern plow trucks, loaders, and salting equipment, along with highly trained staff who are on call 24/7 during winter weather events.

**Financial Impact:**

As in past years, Connect Transit will utilize operating funds for this contract and the expense was included in our FY26 budget.

Blunier Builders provided the following price list, for which we have budgeted an estimated \$30,000 for snow removal and salting services. Due to the unknown amount of snowfall for the season, we are unable to provide an exact amount.

**Pricing Sheet**

The cost sheet breakdown is shown in the tables below. Each bid will need to fill out the cost sheet based on the rates and type of service provided.

**Standard Services**

Type of Service	Rates					
	1-2.99"	3-5.99"	6-8.99"	9-11.99"	12" or >	
Plow Lot	\$765.00	\$1,335.00	\$1,835.00	\$2,330.00	\$238.00	/each addtl. Inch
Shovel &/or Scape Walks	\$255.00	\$445.00	\$610.00	\$777.00	\$87.00	/each addtl. Inch
Salt Lot	\$637.00	X	X	X	X	
Sidewalk Ice Melt	\$200.00	X	X	X	X	

**Hourly Rates for Additional Services**

Parking Lot	Hourly Rates
Pickup with Plow	\$117.00
2-Ton Truck with Plow	\$127.00
Truck for Hauling Snow	\$127.00
Skid Steer with 10' Snow Box	\$166.00
Wheel Loader with Standard Bucket	\$186.00
Wheel Loader with 12' Snow Box	\$245.00

Sidewalks	Hourly Rates
Person with Shovel or Salt Spreader	\$76.00
Person with Snow Blower	\$81.00
ATV or UTV with Blade	\$112.00
Skid Steer with Standard Bucket	\$122.00
Skid Steer with Angle Plow or Broom	\$127.00



## MEMO

Date: October 28, 2025  
To: Board of Trustees  
From: David Braun, Managing Director  
Subject: Proposal to Change the Fare and Fare Policy as Outlined

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### Requested Action

Consider the changes to Connect Transit's fare and fare policy as outlined in the memo below and authorize staff to proceed to the next step involving public engagement.

### Strategic Alignment

- Goal 1: Gain Public and Political Support
  - Objective 3: Develop and Expand Community Partnerships
- Goal 2: Ensure Long-Term Financial Sustainability
  - Objective 3: Continuously evaluate cost management strategies
- Goal 3: Leverage Projects and Initiatives for a Positive Customer Experience.
  - Objective 2: Optimize the User Experience
- Goal 4: Operate Efficiently Without Sacrificing Quality.
  - Objective 2: Regularly Evaluate and Utilize Technology and Data-Driven Solutions for Long Term Optimization.

### Background

Connect Transit staff proposed a new fare collection system that would modernize our fare collection, improve convenience for our passengers, and reduce our operating costs. The proposal was approved by the Board of Trustees in February 2025 and concurred by IDOT in September 2025. We anticipate the implementation of the system to be completed by July 2026. With the modernization of the fare collection system comes the need to modify some fares and fare policies to improve consistency, reduce cost to Connect Transit, and align with current industry practices.

As a recipient of Federal Section 5307 funding, we are required to offer public engagement sessions to explain the fare change and document input prior to formalizing our recommendation to the Board of Trustees. We plan to conduct engagement sessions in early November and bring our final recommendation to the Board at its November meeting.

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal that establishes the governance of Connect Transit requires the following:

" The Board shall take the following actions prior to implementing a rate change: (a) send written correspondence to the managers and mayors of both the City and Town of the proposed rate change at the time the public hearings are scheduled on the proposed rate change; (b) ensure

the rate change is necessary for the overall betterment of the System and in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the City and Town; (c) follow all applicable laws; and (d) provide notice and an opportunity for users of the System to be heard regarding any impacts of the proposed rate change. The notice required under this subsection shall be given: (i) at least ten (10) days in advance of any public hearing on the proposed rate change; and (ii) in as many multiple formats as deemed reasonable by the General Manager to ensure the public, including specifically the users of the system, are aware of the proposed route changes.”

This memo has been sent to the City Managers, as ex-officio Board Members, and will be sent to the Mayor’s upon the Board’s concurrence. Public engagement dates and locations will be shared once they are established.

## Discussion

The new fare collection system offers features that will improve the convenience of riding the bus and will remove some of the mystery about how to ride. The system will provide the ability:

- To pay with a credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay or payment app, in addition to Connect Transit issued cards or cash, allowing people to pay with nearly anything they have in their pocket.
- For passengers to load cards from their own computer, through an account-based system, without having to go to a sales partner or our office to purchase passes.
- To expand our fare card distribution network to employers, non-profits, government agencies, social service providers, as well as convenience and grocery stores, making it easier for passengers to add fares to their cards at locations that are close to them and during hours that are more fitting to their lives, if they do not want to set-up an account or have the ability to self-load the card.
- For some fare distribution partners to print their own tickets or issue cards to their employees or clients as an incentive or benefit.
- For us to issue special event fares and paper “tokens”.

The recommended changes to our fare and fare policy are outlined below for your consideration.

## Proposed Fare Change

**Proposal:** Increase Connect FLEX single ride fare from \$1.00 to \$1.25 for consistency between modes with the implementation of the new fare collection system.

- Justification:
  - One fare for all
  - Reduce confusion between modes
  - Premium on-demand service
- Estimated Impact:
  - 10% initial loss in ridership based on fare elasticity studies

**Proposal:** Create a \$0.50 single ride student fare for students with an ID from a public or private Junior High School or High School to encourage transit use among younger residents.

- Justification:
  - Provides a life skill and develops lifelong transit users.
  - Promotes involvement in after school programs when school bussing is not available.
  - Not a substitute for Yellow School Bus
- Estimated Impact:
  - Unknown

All other cash fares remain the same, as shown in the table below.

Fare Category	Current	Proposed
<b>FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT</b>		
Regular Fare	\$1.25	\$1.25
Reduced Fare	\$0.60	\$0.60
*NEW* Student Fare	\$1.25	<b>\$0.50</b>
Children (5 and under)	\$0	\$0
Senior (65+ with CT Pass)	\$0	\$0
Veteran and Active Military	\$0	\$0
Eligible BEAM/Circuit Breaker Rider	\$0	\$0
ISU (w/ Student/Faculty ID)	\$0	\$0
IL Wesleyan (w/ Student/Faculty ID)	\$0	\$0
HCC (w/ Student/Faculty ID)	\$0	\$0
<b>CONNECT MOBILITY</b>		
Regular Fare	\$1.25	\$1.25
Veteran and Active Military	\$0	\$0
ISU (w/ Student/Faculty ID)	\$0	\$0
IL Wesleyan (w/ Student/Faculty ID)	\$0	\$0
HCC (w/ Student/Faculty ID)	\$0	\$0
<b>CONNECT FLEX</b>		
Regular Fare	\$1.00	<b>\$1.25</b>
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*NEW* Student Fare	\$1.25	<b>\$0.50</b>
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## Proposed Policy Changes

Policy	Current	Proposed
Change Issuance Policy	Change cards are printed by the farebox and issued by the driver when someone deposits more than \$1.25.	Exact fare only.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justification:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We currently spend over \$90,000 per year on farebox maintenance and special paper with magnetic strips (\$0.075 per piece= 6% of fare) that allow us to offer change cards.</li> <li>○ Issuing change cards slows down boardings and impacts on-time performance.</li> <li>○ We are one of three remaining systems in Illinois that offer change, as shown in the table below.</li> <li>○ Will encourage riders to use a pre-paid card, phone app or other digital payment device.</li> <li>○ 25% of cash paying passengers (80,600/322,400) and 3.8% of our total passengers (80,600/2.2 million) use the change card they were issued.</li> <li>○ Additional investment would need to be made in the new fare collection system to allow the continued printing of transfers, which would add capital and operating expenses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

Policy	Current	Proposed
Transfer Policy	Transfers are printed by the farebox and issued at the request of passengers.	Replace transfers with fare capping* for non-cash riders and pay per ride for cash riders. <i>* See explanation below.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justification:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We currently spend over \$90,000 per year on farebox maintenance and special paper with magnetic strips (\$0.075 per piece = 6% of fare) that allow us to offer transfers cards.</li> <li>○ Issuing transfers slows down boardings and effects on-time performance.</li> <li>○ Transfers and transfer abuse are major sources of fare disputes between riders and Operators.</li> <li>○ 36% of cash paying passengers (116,600/322,400) and 5.5% of our total passengers (116,600/2.2 million) use transfers.</li> <li>○ The new pass system and fare capping will encourage people to use a pass, app, or form of payment other than cash.</li> <li>○ Additional investment would need to be made in the new fare collection system to allow the continued printing of transfers, which would add capital and operating expenses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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System	Regular	ADA	Microtransit	Student	Transfers	Exact Fare
<b>Connect Transit Current</b>	<b>\$ 1.25</b>	<b>\$ 1.25</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>	<b>\$ 1.25</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Change card</b>
Champaign-Urbana	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	-	6 rides for \$3	Free	Exact Fare
Danville	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	-	\$ 0.50	Free	Change card
Decatur	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	-	\$ 0.80	Free	Exact Fare
Madison County	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	-	\$15/month	Paid (\$3)	Exact Fare
Peoria	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	-	FREE	Pay per ride	Exact Fare
Rock Island	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	FREE	With pass only	Exact Fare
St. Clair County	\$ 1.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 0.50	Paid (\$3)	Exact Fare
Sangamon County	\$ 1.25	\$ 2.50	-	\$ 0.60	Free	Change card
Rockford	\$ 1.50	\$ 3.00	-	FREE w/ ID; \$0.75 w/out	Free	Exact Fare
PACE	\$ 2.25	\$ 3.25	\$ 2.00	\$1.10 w/ ID	With pass only	Exact Fare
Chicago Transit Authority	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.25	-	\$0.75 w/ Student Pass	With pass only	Exact Fare

Policy	Current	Proposed
Pass Policy	<p>Paper passes with magnetic strips are sold at the Connect Transit office, grocery store partners and Heartland Parking and are good for a specified period of time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$3.00 = One-day Pass</li> <li>\$10.00 = Seven-day Pass</li> <li>\$40.00 = 30-day Pass</li> </ul>	<p>Replace all passes with a single plastic card and allow credit card use or web/app-based account that automatically caps fares at specific amounts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No one would pay more than \$3.00 per day*</li> <li>No one would pay more than \$10 per seven days*</li> <li>No one would pay more than \$40 per 30 days*</li> </ul> <p>* When using the same payment method.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the new card and digital payment acceptance, magnetic-strip paper passes will be obsolete.</li> <li>We spend nearly \$30,000 a year on pre-printed special paper passes with magnetic strips.</li> <li>People do not always have \$3, \$10 or \$40 for a pass.</li> <li>0.7% of riders use a one-day pass, 4.1% of riders use a seven-day pass, and 11% of riders use a 30-day pass.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

Policy	Current	Proposed
<p><b>Pass replacement policy</b></p>	<p>Lost passes are replaced with the existing remaining value added, when possible, but we are typically unable to restore value.</p>	<p>Lost cards will be replaced at no cost for first two cards, but at \$5/card thereafter. The card will reflect the remaining value when possible.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plastic cards will cost us about \$3 per card after our initial order of 20,000. Charging to replace the card offers an incentive to keep track of the card.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

**Scenarios:**

1. Louise currently buys a \$40, 30-day pass from Kroger with her Kroger Visa credit card. On July 1, Louise may use her Kroger Visa credit card to pay for her trip, create an account on a cell phone app with the card, or use a smart phone payment without needing to go to Kroger to buy a special pass. Only \$1.25 will be charged to the card per ride until \$3 is achieved in a day (3 one-way rides) or until \$10 is achieved in 7-days (8 rides) or \$40 is achieved in 30-days (32 rides). If Louise does want to use her credit card, she can receive a Connect Transit issued card once from Kroger, and reload the card at home, or with cash or credit at grocery, convenience stores, or other locations throughout town.
2. A social service agency provides passes for its clients. They often purchase fifty 30-day passes at a time from Hy-Vee. The passes are issued to their clients, but they never know how often the passes are used. After July 1, the agency can issue passes tied to a central account from their office and track the number of rides on each card. Like all cards, no one will pay more than \$3/day; \$10/seven days or \$40/30 days, however, they are not losing any remaining funds if the card is underutilized, since they are only paying \$1.25/ride.
3. Chestnut Health Systems provides one-ride passes for people they see who need a ride to their home, care agency, or shelter. They come to the Connect Transit office to buy the passes in bulk. Our staff takes the time to count and stack the preprinted passes that cost us about \$0.10 per pass, logs the pass sale, and collects the cash or check, which is then tracked and deposited. After July 1, Chestnut will be able to print its own single ride passes (paper tokens) with a unique QR code that can be issued to the people they see who need a ride. The system will bill Chestnut for the value of passes printed each month, reducing their up-front payments, saving them time, and offering them more flexibility.
4. Henry currently pays cash to go to work each day, because he cannot afford to pay for a pass all at once. Henry transfers once each way to get to work (4 trips). Currently, he pays \$1.25 and receives a free transfer each way for a total of \$2.50 per day. On July 1, if Henry continues to pay cash, the cost of the trip will be \$5. However, he will have the option to pay with a Connect Transit issued card, or other digital method and to pay no more than \$3.00 without a large initial outlay of funds. He can get the card for free and load it with cash for any amount at local grocery,

convenience stores, social service agencies or government agencies. Over a month, Henry will save \$15 over the current cash fare, without needing to tie up \$40 at one time.

## Financial Impact

The changes outlined above will save over \$90,000 in materials costs and maintenance expenses. It may also produce a slight increase in revenue from FLEX fares and the new transfer policy. Revenue gains could be absorbed if passengers shift from cash to a card system.