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AGENDA

Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Regular Session

February 22, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.

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

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
 - a. Attendance by Other Means/Virtual – Roll Call Vote
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Public Comments
- E. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of January 24, 2023, Regular Session Minutes
 - b. Approval of Financial Information for January 2023
 - c. Monthly Statistical Reports for January 2023
 - d. Cardinal Infrastructure Federal Report
 - e. Cornerstone – Illinois Weekly Update
- F. New Business
 - a. Recommendation to Award Contract for Microtransit Service Planning and Operations Software – Roll Call Vote
 - b. Updated Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement – Informational
- G. Chairman’s Report
- H. General Manager’s Report
- I. Executive Session
- J. Trustee Comments
- K. Adjournment

Mission:

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



January 2023

Financial Reports



Connect Transit Cash Disbursement Report January 2023

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
1st Ayd Corporation	00056640	03-Jan-23	\$123.65	Cleaning Supplies
1st Ayd Corporation	00056691	13-Jan-23	\$133.29	Cleaning Supplies
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00056692	13-Jan-23	\$137.19	Payroll Deduction
ABC Bus Companies	00056641	03-Jan-23	\$1,458.64	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00056693	13-Jan-23	\$1,906.08	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00056733	27-Jan-23	\$3,766.64	Bus Parts
Advance Auto Parts	00056642	03-Jan-23	\$518.23	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00056694	13-Jan-23	\$1,315.36	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00056734	27-Jan-23	\$1,481.33	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00056643	03-Jan-23	\$244.22	Welding Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00056735	27-Jan-23	\$258.42	Welding Supplies
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00056695	13-Jan-23	\$6,969.40	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00056644	03-Jan-23	\$1,714.32	Bldg. main., Bus Parts, Comp. Hardware & Software, Garage Main. Equip., Ofc. Supplies, Shop Tools
Amazon Capital Service	00056696	13-Jan-23	\$693.65	Office Supplies & Shop Tools
Amazon Capital Service	00056736	27-Jan-23	\$922.39	Comp. Hardware & Repair, Office Supplies & Shop Tools
Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni &	00056737	27-Jan-23	\$431.25	Legal Service
Aramark Uniform Services	00056645	03-Jan-23	\$862.49	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Aramark Uniform Services	00056697	13-Jan-23	\$1,018.37	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Aramark Uniform Services	00056738	27-Jan-23	\$874.37	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Arthur N. Gaudet & Assoc., Inc.	00056698	13-Jan-23	\$850.00	Safety/ Training
Avail Technologies	00056699	13-Jan-23	\$10,467.78	Software & Tech Support
B & B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00056700	13-Jan-23	\$14.25	Printed Materials
Bellas Landscaping	00056646	03-Jan-23	\$3,475.00	Snow Removal
Bellas Landscaping	00056701	13-Jan-23	\$800.00	Snow Removal
Bellas Landscaping	00056739	27-Jan-23	\$800.00	Snow Removal
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00056740	27-Jan-23	\$130,920.03	Insurance
Blue Springs, Inc	00056741	27-Jan-23	\$180.00	Portable Restrooms
Bridgestone Americas	00056702	13-Jan-23	\$2,735.06	Tires
Cardinal Infrastructure, LLC	00056742	27-Jan-23	\$6,000.00	Consulting
CARRIE BAILEY	00056743	27-Jan-23	\$173.03	Travel Reimbursement
CDM Smith Inc.	00056647	03-Jan-23	\$32,110.25	Downtown Transfer Center
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00056705	13-Jan-23	\$7,785.20	Bus Parts
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00056744	27-Jan-23	\$6,821.45	Bus Parts
CHARLIE BUSSE	00056706	13-Jan-23	\$301.01	Travel Reimbursement
Checkr, Inc.	00056707	13-Jan-23	\$1,001.74	New Hire Background Checks
CHEMSEARCH H2O SOLUTIONS	00056745	27-Jan-23	\$756.00	Water Treatment
CIRBN, LLC	00056708	13-Jan-23	\$147.13	Internet
City of Bloomington	00056648	03-Jan-23	\$1,142.24	Utilities
City of Bloomington	00056709	13-Jan-23	\$134.19	Utilities
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00056649	03-Jan-23	\$719.00	Bus Parts
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00056710	13-Jan-23	\$2,297.00	Bus Parts
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00056746	27-Jan-23	\$9,789.78	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00056711	13-Jan-23	\$3,958.33	Consulting
Cummins Sales and Service	00056650	03-Jan-23	\$289.43	Bus Parts
Cummins Sales and Service	00056747	27-Jan-23	\$1,754.31	Bus Parts
Cybernautic	00056651	03-Jan-23	\$3,960.00	Website
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00056652	03-Jan-23	\$400.34	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00056748	27-Jan-23	\$600.00	Bus Parts
Dovetail, Inc.	00056712	13-Jan-23	\$10,557.21	Consulting
Eagle Automotive	00056653	03-Jan-23	\$1,033.46	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00056713	13-Jan-23	\$102.23	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00056749	27-Jan-23	\$846.21	Bus Parts
Economic Development Council	00056750	27-Jan-23	\$1,600.00	Travel & Meetings
Edelman Electric, Inc.	00056751	27-Jan-23	\$87.72	Garage Equipment repair
Engraving Express	00056654	03-Jan-23	\$19.00	Driver's Uniforms
Evergreen FS	00056655	03-Jan-23	\$1,765.54	Fuel
Evergreen FS	00056752	27-Jan-23	\$1,521.32	Fuel
Express Services, Inc.	00056714	13-Jan-23	\$492.80	Temp Service
Express Services, Inc.	00056753	27-Jan-23	\$206.08	Temp Service
Fastenal Company	00056656	03-Jan-23	\$13.64	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00056754	27-Jan-23	\$411.00	Maintenance Supplies
Friends of the Constitution Trail	00056657	03-Jan-23	\$750.00	Advertising- Promotions
Frontier	00056755	27-Jan-23	\$47.83	Telephone
Genfare, LLC	00056658	03-Jan-23	\$798.96	Software and Hardware
Gillig LLC	00056659	03-Jan-23	\$89.56	Bus Parts
Great Plains Media	00056660	03-Jan-23	\$1,600.00	Radio Advertising
HOI Vending	00056715	13-Jan-23	\$246.00	Office Supplies
Illinois Department of Employment Security	ACH	30-Jan-23	\$3,148.84	SUTA Payment
Illinois Department of Revenue	00056661	03-Jan-23	\$16,346.37	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00056716	13-Jan-23	\$17,136.20	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00056756	27-Jan-23	\$16,779.23	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00056782	30-Jan-23	\$3.90	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Oil Marketing Equipment, Inc.	00056717	13-Jan-23	\$838.21	Fuel Station



**Connect Transit
Cash Disbursement Report
January 2023**

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
United States Treasury	00056783	30-Jan-23	\$575.80	Federal Taxes
United States Treasury	ACH	31-Jan-23	\$91,039.49	Federal Taxes
Verizon Wireless	00056687	03-Jan-23	\$3,422.05	Mobile Data Terminals for SS
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	(\$148.30)	Cash Back Rebate
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$86.98	Legal
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$1,627.22	Advertising- Employment
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$9.00	Freight
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$629.85	Building Maintenance
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$2,126.98	Office Equipment
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$592.49	Office Supplies
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$946.25	Software Licensing
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$83.18	Cable
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$1,509.56	Dues & Subscriptions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$3,624.28	Travel & Meetings
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$2,558.61	Employee Recognition
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$744.89	Advertising- Promotions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00056690	05-Jan-23	\$291.59	Safety & Training
Vision Service Plan (IL)	00056781	27-Jan-23	\$1,079.92	Vision Insurance
Weber Electric	00056688	03-Jan-23	\$298.50	Bus Shelters, Benches and Signs
WGLT	00056689	03-Jan-23	\$400.00	Radio Advertising
		Total	\$4,288,951.86	

Bloomington Normal Public Transit Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 1/31/2023

Fiscal Year: 2023 Period: 7 Jan-2023

Assets

Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$7,253,073.14
Accounts Receivable	\$2,241,113.29
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$71,318.11
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$293,428.52
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$367,189.61

Total Current Assets \$10,226,122.67

Fixed Assets \$24,854,299.18

Total Assets \$35,080,421.85

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$236,627.27
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,113,468.67
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$192,608.98
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

Total Liabilities \$1,542,704.92

EQUITY

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

Total Equity \$19,253,945.39

Retained Earnings \$14,283,771.54

Total Liabilities & Equity \$35,080,421.85

Bloomington Normal Public Transit Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2023 Thru Fiscal Year: 2023	From Period 7 Thru Period 7	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss	As of: 1/31/2023	Approved Budget	
		Jan-2023	Jul-2022 Jan-2023	Approved Budget	
Operating Revenue					
Passenger Fares	\$47,292.29	9.01%	\$320,973.92	61.14%	\$525,000.00
ISU Contract Fare	\$48,670.68	8.17%	\$340,694.76	57.19%	\$595,678.00
Other Contract Fares	\$19,506.75	11.21%	\$117,467.26	67.51%	\$174,000.00
Advertising Revenue	\$33,597.43	29.22%	\$97,847.41	85.08%	\$115,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$15.04	0.60%	\$5,524.28	220.97%	\$2,500.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$149,082.19	10.56%	\$882,507.63	62.49%	\$1,412,178.00
Operating Expenses					
Operators Wages	\$615,234.91	8.23%	\$4,416,506.95	59.08%	\$7,475,429.00
Maintenance Wages	\$117,557.60	7.65%	\$700,797.65	45.61%	\$1,536,370.00
Administration Wages	\$83,766.63	6.97%	\$595,499.14	49.57%	\$1,201,253.00
Employer Payroll Tax Expense	\$84,141.81	10.13%	\$459,686.81	55.32%	\$831,015.00
Retirement Plan	\$31,199.80	6.11%	\$222,126.92	43.50%	\$510,654.00
Group Insurance	\$138,491.04	6.90%	\$1,007,152.42	50.20%	\$2,006,474.00
Uniform Expense	\$1,354.21	2.19%	\$13,969.60	22.60%	\$61,800.00
Professional Services	\$11,079.40	3.64%	\$193,836.27	63.76%	\$304,000.00
Outside Repair-Labor	\$15,650.52	16.05%	\$34,468.28	35.35%	\$97,500.00
Contract Maintenance Services	\$19,860.65	10.85%	\$69,496.03	37.98%	\$182,976.00
Custodial Services	\$1,521.65	10.64%	\$9,977.86	69.78%	\$14,300.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help	\$13,543.61	59.93%	\$104,623.98	462.94%	\$22,600.00
Fuel	\$90,042.70	5.67%	\$648,912.69	40.85%	\$1,588,418.00
Lubricants	\$1,910.02	2.11%	\$23,254.58	25.65%	\$90,675.00
Tires	\$4,470.00	7.78%	\$30,658.45	53.38%	\$57,436.00
Bus Repair Parts	\$44,518.68	10.56%	\$287,990.28	68.28%	\$421,751.00
Other Materials & Supplies	\$6,099.70	7.44%	\$38,119.85	46.49%	\$82,000.00
Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools	\$2,080.04	10.40%	\$5,489.20	27.45%	\$20,000.00
Computer and Office Supplies	\$39,029.23	15.17%	\$130,921.15	50.90%	\$257,213.00
Utilities	\$20,564.15	11.25%	\$99,491.52	54.45%	\$182,720.00
Corporate Insurance	\$38,711.58	9.06%	\$283,850.84	66.40%	\$427,480.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees	\$4,060.03	9.12%	\$24,305.06	54.62%	\$44,500.00
Printing/Marketing/Training	\$36,716.11	10.60%	\$179,547.02	51.81%	\$346,535.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,421,604.07	8.00%	\$9,580,682.55	53.94%	\$17,763,099.00
Operating Assistance					
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants	(\$1,272,521.88)	7.78%	(\$8,698,174.92)	53.20%	(\$16,350,921.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance	\$63,333.33	8.33%	\$443,333.31	58.33%	\$760,000.00
Town of Normal Operating Assistance	\$49,166.66	8.33%	\$344,166.62	58.33%	\$590,000.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance	\$910,707.00	7.89%	\$6,174,291.00	53.48%	\$11,546,014.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance	\$228,235.00	6.61%	\$1,638,317.00	47.42%	\$3,454,907.00
Total Operating Assistance	\$1,251,441.99	7.65%	\$8,600,107.93	52.60%	\$16,350,921.00



Fixed Route

January 2023		Current Month	Prior Month	% Change	Month in Prior Year	% Change	Year to Date	Prior YTD	% Change
Total Ridership	158228	146229	8.21%	129374	22.30%	1196067	1009137	18.52%	
Total Service Hours	9050	9116	-0.72%	8369	8.14%	64080	60687	5.59%	
Total Service Miles	109394	111187	-1.61%	102394	6.84%	783509	750612	4.38%	
# Operations Employees									
Operators									
Operators In Training									
# Maintenance Employees									
Mechanics									
# Administrative Employees									
# Revenue Vehicles	37	37	0.00%	35	5.71%	40	42	-4.76%	
Total Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2957	3005	-1.61%	2926	1.06%	19588	17872	9.60%	
SYSTEM: EFFICIENCIES									
Percent Farebox Recovery	8.81%	8.31%	5.99%	9.06%	-2.77%	9.11%	10.57%	-13.81%	
Subsidy/Passenger	\$6.23	\$7.25	-14.14%	\$6.31	-1.36%	\$5.58	\$5.82	-4.04%	
Work Compensation Hours									
TRANSPORTATION: EFFICIENCIES									
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hours									
Percent Operator Overtime									
Percent Unscheduled Operator Absences									
TRANSPORTATION: EFFECTIVENESS									
Percent On-Time Trips	94%	95%	-1.05%	96%	-2.08%	94%	94%	-0.46%	
Valid Complaints per 100K Passengers	3.16	2.05	54.03%	0.77	308.82%	1.25	0.99	26.56%	
Passenger Accidents/100K Passengers	0.63	2.05	-69.19%	0.77	-18.24%	1.09	1.88	-42.27%	
Vehicle Collisions/100,000 Miles	4.57	2.70	69.40%	1.95	134.00%	3.19	2.53	26.05%	
MAINTENANCE: EFFICIENCIES									
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Total Miles	\$1.33	\$0.91	46.17%	\$0.89	49.14%	\$1.02	\$0.92	11.35%	
Percent Maintenance Overtime									
Parts Expense/Total Miles	\$0.40	\$0.19	114.61%	\$0.24	65.24%	\$0.34	\$0.25	33.97%	

January 2023									
	Current Month	Prior Month	% Change	Month in Prior Year	% Change	Year to Date	Prior YTD	% Change	
MAINTENANCE: EFFECTIVENESS									
Miles/Road Call	3237.53	4868.64	-33.50%	2788.57	16.10%	2615.10	3088.84	-15.34%	
Actual/Scheduled Inspections	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	
Average Bus Cleanliness Score									
GREEN TECHNOLOGY									
Solar Energy Created (MWh)									
Facility Electric Usage (MWh)									
Facility Electric Costs									

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Connect Mobility

January 2023		Current Month	Prior Month	% Change	Month in Prior Year	% Change	Year to Date	Prior YTD	% Change
Total Ridership	8233	7541	9.18%	5532	48.83%	57316	40992	39.82%	
Total Service Hours	3718	3712	0.16%	3073	20.99%	25479	20241	25.88%	
Total Service Miles	44893	42358	5.98%	34014	31.98%	307803	232481	32.40%	
# Operations Employees									
Operators									
Operators In Training									
# Maintenance Employees									
Mechanics									
# Administrative Employees									
# Revenue Vehicles	19	19	0.00%	17	11.76%	19	19	0.00%	
Total Miles/Revenue Vehicle	2363	2229	5.98%	2001	18.09%	16200	12236	32.40%	
SYSTEM: EFFICIENCIES									
Percent Farebox Recovery	5.74%	4.27%	34.37%	2.60%	120.89%	4.78%	4.24%	12.70%	
Subsidy/Passenger	\$34.90	\$43.10	-19.02%	\$45.32	-22.99%	\$35.21	\$44.34	-20.59%	
Work Compensation Hours									
TRANSPORTATION: EFFICIENCIES									
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hours									
Percent Operator Overtime									
Percent Unscheduled Operator Absences									
TRANSPORTATION: EFFECTIVENESS									
Percent On-Time Trips	99%	99%	0.00%	99%	0.00%	99%	98%	0.15%	
Valid Complaints per 100K Passengers	36.44	13.26	174.78%	0.00	*	10.47	4.88	114.56%	
Passenger Accidents/100K Passengers	12.15	0.00	*	0.00	*	5.23	12.20	-57.09%	
Vehicle Collisions/100,000 Miles	0.00	7.08	-100.00%	5.88	-100.00%	3.57	3.44	3.85%	
MAINTENANCE: EFFICIENCIES									
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Total Miles	\$0.98	\$1.06	-7.91%	\$0.86	12.80%	\$0.86	\$1.01	-14.88%	
Percent Maintenance Overtime									
Parts Expense/Total Miles	\$0.07	\$0.06	12.30%	\$0.01	1086.47%	\$0.09	\$0.08	19.21%	

January 2023									
	Current Month	Prior Month	% Change	Month in Prior Year	% Change	Year to Date	Prior YTD	% Change	
MAINTENANCE: EFFECTIVENESS									
Miles/Road Call	15285.00	42963.00	-64.42%	33592.00	-54.50%	16538.47	46648.80	-64.55%	
Actual/Scheduled Inspections	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	
Average Bus Cleanliness Score									
GREEN TECHNOLOGY									
Solar Energy Created (MWh)									
Facility Electric Usage (MWh)									
Facility Electric Costs									

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System Totals

January 2023		Current Month	Prior Month	% Change	Month in Prior Year	% Change	Year to Date	Prior YTD	% Change
Total Ridership	166461	153770	8.25%	134906	23.39%	1253383	1050129	19.36%	
Total Service Hours	12768	12828	-0.47%	11442	11.59%	89559	80928	10.66%	
Total Service Miles	154287	153545	0.48%	136408	13.11%	1091312	983093	11.01%	
# Operations Employees	120	111	8.11%	110	9.09%	133	120	10.83%	
Operators	101	91	10.99%	92	9.78%	111	102	8.82%	
Operators In Training	10	5	100.00%	4	150.00%	22	14	57.14%	
# Maintenance Employees	24	21	14.29%	20	20.00%	30	24	25.00%	
Mechanics	8	8	0.00%	8	0.00%	10	9	11.11%	
# Administrative Employees	14	14	0.00%	10	40.00%	15	14	7.14%	
# Revenue Vehicles	56	56	0.00%	52	7.69%	59	61	-3.28%	
Total Miles/Revenue Vehicle	5319	5234	1.62%	4926	7.98%	35788	30108	18.87%	
SYSTEM: EFFICIENCIES									
Percent Farebox Recovery	8.12%	7.39%	9.92%	7.61%	6.72%	8.14%	9.15%	-11.04%	
Subsidy/Passenger	\$7.64	\$9.01	-15.15%	\$7.91	-3.38%	\$6.94	\$7.32	-5.24%	
Work Compensation Hours	32	0	*	288	-88.89%	56	1672	-96.65%	
TRANSPORTATION: EFFICIENCIES									
Operator Pay Hours/Service Hours	144.15%	136.29%	5.77%	141.83%	1.63%	135.82%	140.54%	-3.36%	
Percent Operator Overtime	3.23%	6.88%	-52.98%	3.19%	1.47%	6.52%	4.32%	50.87%	
Percent Unscheduled Operator Absences	3.29%	3.95%	-16.74%	6.60%	-50.25%	4.40%	7.18%	-38.65%	
TRANSPORTATION: EFFECTIVENESS									
Percent On-Time Trips									
Valid Complaints per 100K Passengers	4.81	2.60	84.75%	0.74	548.35%	1.68	1.14	46.62%	
Passenger Accidents/100K Passengers	1.20	1.95	-38.42%	0.74	62.09%	1.28	2.29	-44.14%	
Vehicle Collisions/100,000 Miles	3.24	3.91	-17.07%	2.93	10.51%	3.30	2.75	20.11%	
MAINTENANCE: EFFICIENCIES									
Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Total Miles	\$1.22	\$0.95	28.17%	\$0.88	37.97%	\$0.98	\$0.94	3.71%	
Percent Maintenance Overtime	4.83%	8.63%	-44.08%	6.13%	-21.26%	7.58%	4.64%	63.25%	
Parts Expense/Total Miles	\$0.30	\$0.15	97.85%	\$0.18	62.50%	\$0.27	\$0.21	26.70%	

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MAINTENANCE: EFFECTIVENESS										
Miles/Road Call	4,270.17	6,821.50	-37.40%	3,696.46	15.52%	3,463.00	3,977.82	-12.94%		
Actual/Scheduled Inspections	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%		
Average Bus Cleanliness Score	*	0.00%	*	92.50%	*	*	87.78%	*		
GREEN TECHNOLOGY										
Solar Energy Created (MWh)	9.01	13.15	-31.48%	13.01	-30.75%	163.48	13.01	1156.57%		
Facility Electric Usage (MWh)	57.523	60.92	-5.58%	29.5	94.99%	306.873	191.3	60.41%		
Facility Electric Costs	8830.83	9789.78	-9.80%	3115.43	183.45%	53085.56	22056.58	140.68%		

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Monthly Federal Update for Connect Transit

Prepared by Cardinal Infrastructure

Prepared February 17, 2023

Congressional Update

Following a raucous beginning to the first week of January with the prolonged election of Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House, there has been little action since. The Senate has focused on confirmation of the President's judicial nominees and filling vacancies in the Executive Branch, while the House has focused on the routine organization of its committees. The House recessed for a two week district work period and the Senate plans to take a one week break President's Day week with both Houses set to resume work February 27th.

Appropriations Process Gets a Late Start

Despite the approval by the new House Republican Majority of the continued use of Congressionally Directed Spending, (earmarks) in appropriations bills, House Republicans are negotiating new rules for earmarks for this year's Appropriations process. It has been reported that "the chamber's new majority plans to limit the types of projects that are eligible for guaranteed cash. For instance, they would prevent lawmakers from locking in funding for items like city parks and county museums — things that might brandish a member's name." This change is not expected to change transportation and transit requests; however, agreement on the new rules has delayed the entire process. With Congress on recess until February 27th it is likely the start of the annual process will be delayed until March. Connect is evaluating which projects will be submitted for these requests.

President Delivers State of the Union Address

President Biden delivered his State of the Union address February 7th with a full chamber and no COVID restrictions for the first time since becoming president. Below are some of the key themes from his speech, along with the rebuttal from Arkansas Governor, Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

Key Message Points:

- Everything in America is a possibility; time and again, Democrats and Republicans have come together. From passing the Infrastructure law to helping victims exposed to toxic burn pits, as well as protecting the freedom to marry the person you love—all made possible by working together.
- Inflation, while a global problem, is coming down, including food and gas inflation, while take-home pay is going up.
- "Jobs are coming back, pride is coming back."
- Democracy is an American issue, and one to be protected.

Speech Highlights:

- 3.4% unemployment rate, a 50-year low. Near record unemployment for Black and Hispanic workers, and a turnaround in creating new manufacturing jobs.
- A record 10 million Americans in 2022 applied for small business licenses.
- We now produce 10% of all chips, up from where we were during the pandemic; the bipartisan Chips legislation will keep us moving forward in this area.
- Emphasized the importance of rebuilding our infrastructure; we're now 13th in the world in infrastructure (used to be 1st), but "we're coming back." We've already funded 20,000 infrastructure projects and "we're just getting started."
- The freight route bridge (Brent Spence Bridge) across the Ohio River in Kentucky is being rebuilt, using \$1.6 billion in Federal infrastructure monies to fund it.
- Replacing poisonous lead pipes, especially those providing water to schools and homes is very important to the administration.

- Making sure every home has access to high-speed Internet (we're not there but working towards it).
- All infrastructure projects funded with federal money will be built with materials made in America, as a requirement.
- Stressed the importance of cutting shipping costs, and that the White House will continue to work on ways to do so.
- We need to protect the dignity of work, and the right to form a union.

Republican Rebuttal:

As is expected throughout the 118th Congress, Republicans will continue to investigate COVID spending, the withdrawal from Afghanistan, the origins of COVID, and implementation of recently passed legislation such as the bipartisan infrastructure law. Gov. Huckabee Sanders did not mention former President Trump by name during her speech, but the rhetorical and political legacy of Trump was obvious throughout. Oversight of big-tech is an area where both parties have a legislative appetite, but it remains to be seen whether they can come together on a regulatory framework.

House Transportation & Infrastructure Holds First Hearing

On February 1st The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held its first hearing of the 118th Congress on "The State of Transportation Infrastructure and Supply Chain Challenges."

Hearing Witness List:

- Mr. Chris Spear, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Trucking Associations | [Written Testimony](#)
- Mr. Ian Jefferies, President and Chief Executive Officer, Association of American Railroads | [Written Testimony](#)
- Mr. Jeff Firth, Vice President, Hamilton Construction, on behalf of Associated General Contractors of America | [Written Testimony](#)
- Mr. Roger Guenther, Executive Director, Port Houston | [Written Testimony](#)
- Mr. Greg Regan, President, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO | [Written Testimony](#)

Chairman Graves Announces Sub-Committee Chairs

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO) announced the vice chairs for the Committee's six subcommittees.

The six subcommittee vice chairs are:

- Aviation: Rep. Rudy Yakym (R-IN)
- Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation: Rep. Mike Ezell (R-MS)
- Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management: Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR)
- Highways and Transit: Rep. John S. Duarte (R-CA)
- Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials: Rep. Brandon Williams (R-NY)
- Water Resources and Environment: Rep. John James (R-MI)

Chairman Graves named Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ) as Vice Chairman of the full Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

2023 Low/No and BBF NOFO

FTA announced on January 27th the funding opportunity for 2023 Low or No Emission and Bus and Bus Facilities programs. The application deadline is April 13th.

FTA's [Low or No Emission \(Low-No\) Program](#) helps transit agencies buy or lease U.S.-built zero-emission and low-emission transit buses along with charging equipment and supporting facilities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$5.5 billion over five years for the program – more than six times greater than the previous five years of funding. For Fiscal Year 2023, approximately \$1.22 billion will be available for grants under this program.

FTA's [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#) supports transit agencies in buying and rehabilitating buses, vans, and related equipment and building bus facilities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides nearly \$2 billion over five years for the program. For Fiscal Year 2023, approximately \$469 million for grants will be available. Both programs support buses that reduce air pollution and help meet President Biden's goal of net-zero emissions by 2050.

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program

EPA announced it will release a Notice of Funding Opportunity March 1 for the new CPRG program created by the Inflation Reduction Act. The program will provide grants to states, territories, tribes, air pollution control agencies, and local governments to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act provides an investment of \$5 billion to support efforts by states, territories, municipalities, tribes, and groups thereof to develop and implement strong, local greenhouse gas reduction strategies. This two-staged grant program provides funding of \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants, and \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants.

Mega Grant Awards Announced

President Biden and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced that the Biden-Harris Administration has awarded nearly \$1.2 billion from the new **National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) discretionary grant program** for nine projects across the country.

The Mega grant program, created by President Biden's infrastructure law, funds projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs. Eligible projects include highway, bridge, freight, port, passenger rail, and public transportation projects that are a part of one of the other project types.

The Mega program will invest a total of \$5 billion through 2026 to help rebuild the United States' infrastructure for the benefit of Americans now and for generations to come. For this application cycle specifically, the U.S. Department of Transportation received applications requesting approximately \$30 billion in funding, far exceeding the \$1 billion of funding available in 2022.



TO: Connect Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team
SUBJECT: Legislative Update
DATE: February 21, 2023

Summary

Over the past month, our team had conversations with the House Speaker, Representative Chung, and legislative staff to urge the release of Connect’s \$3 million appropriation. We drafted a letter for Rep. Chung to send to the House Speaker regarding the issue. Once the letter is approved by Connect, our plan is to work with Rep. Chung to have this conversation with the House Speaker on behalf of Connect and the many residents it will benefit in the Bloomington-Normal area. As session continues, we will continue to keep Connect updated with legislation that could impact Connect’s goals.

Bill Tracking

Abbreviated Bill List

Bill Number	Sponsor	Title	Date of Last Action	Current Chamber	Last Action
HB0148	Emanuel "Chris" Welch	\$EX IG AG-TECH	1/12/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1066	Daniel Didech	OPEN MEETINGS-CHILDCARE	2/7/2023	House	Assigned to Executive Committee
HB1237	Kam Buckner	AGING EQUITY ACT	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1263	Jeff Keicher	PROP TX-DISCLOSURE OF RATES	2/15/2023	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
HB1271	John M. Cabello	LOCAL CLOSED-DOOR TAX INCREASE	2/15/2023	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
HB1272	Rita Mayfield	GENDER INQUIRY-EMPLOY/HOUSING	2/15/2023	House	Assigned to Immigration & Human Rights Committee
<p>**** HB 1272 Immigration & Human Rights Committee Hearing Feb 22 2023 2:00PM Capitol Building Room 122B Springfield, IL</p>					

HB1342	Eva-Dina Delgado	TRANSIT RIDING PRIVILEGES/FARE	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1353	Dan Ugaste	SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1354	Dan Ugaste	PROP TX-TAX DISTRICT SURPLUS	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1356	Dan Ugaste	CONSOLIDATE RTA SERVICE BOARDS	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1363	Will Guzzardi	GENDER VIOLENCE-EMPLOYER DUTY	2/7/2023	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Civil Committee
**** HB 1363 Judiciary - Civil Committee Hearing Feb 22 2023 8:00AM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL					
HB1379	John M. Cabello	VEHICLE TAMPERING & DAMAGE	2/15/2023	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Criminal Committee
**** HB 1379 Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Feb 21 2023 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL					
HB1381	Kam Buckner	RIGHT TO KNOW ACT	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1403	Marcus C. Evans, Jr.	AUTONOMOUS VEH REQUIREMENTS	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1410	Dave Vella	INC TX-PAID FAMILY LEAVE	2/15/2023	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
HB1429	Patrick Windhorst	CONCEAL CARRY-PUBLIC TRANSPORT	2/15/2023	House	Assigned to Judiciary - Criminal Committee
**** HB 1429 Judiciary - Criminal Committee Hearing Feb 21 2023 4:00PM Stratton Building Room C-1 Springfield, IL					
HB1514	Tony M. McCombie	STATE FINANCE-MOTOR VEHICLES	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1530	Sonya M. Harper	FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM	2/15/2023	House	Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee
**** HB 1530 Labor & Commerce Committee Hearing Feb 22 2023 2:00PM Capitol Building Room 114 Springfield, IL					
HB1543	Dan Ugaste	WORKERS COMP-CAUSATION	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1544	Dan Ugaste	WORKERS COMP-COUMPOUND DRUGS	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1545	Dan Ugaste	WORKERS COMP EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB1546	Dan Ugaste	WORKER COMP-DRUG FORMULARY	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1547	Dan Ugaste	WORKERS COMP-BENEFIT RATES	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1548	Dan Ugaste	WORKERS COMP-FEE SCHEDULE	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1549	Dan Ugaste	WORKERS COMP-SHOULDER-HIP	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1550	Dan Ugaste	WORKERS COMP-PRIOR INJURY	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1551	Curtis J. Tarver, II	FOIA-PREVAIL-NO ORDER REQUIRED	2/7/2023	House	Assigned to Executive Committee
HB1552	Curtis J. Tarver, II	PEN CD-FELONY FORFEITURE	2/7/2023	House	Assigned to Personnel & Pensions Committee
HB1575	Adam M. Niemerg	MOTOR FUEL TAX-RATE	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1577	Adam M. Niemerg	COVID-19 RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION	1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1634	Edgar Gonzalez, Jr.	VEH CD-CALI EMISSION STANDARDS	2/1/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB1641	Blaine Wilhour	ETHICS-REP CASE AND RECUSAL	2/1/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2032	Gregg Johnson	LOW-WAGE EMPLOYER-RECOUP COSTS	2/1/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2033	Brad Stephens	LOCAL GOV BONDS-ORDINANCE	2/7/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2058	Kelly M. Burke	PUBLIC FUNDS-AUTH INVESTMENTS	2/15/2023	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
HB2068	Theresa Mah	TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT PROGRAM	2/7/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2161	Will Guzzardi	UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION-FAMILY	2/7/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2193	Barbara Hernandez	COMMUTER RAIL BD-STUDENT RATE	2/8/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2196	Cyril Nichols	COOK CO-STREET LIGHTING POLES	2/8/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2244	Laura Faver Dias	EMPLOYMENT&ACCOMODATION-WEIGHT	2/14/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB2252	Dan Ugaste	BIPA-PROCEDURE-LIMIT DAMAGES	2/14/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2259	Dan Ugaste	BIPA-SECURITY PURPOSES	2/14/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2264	Katie Stuart	ELEC CD-USE OF PUBLIC BUILDING	2/14/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2265	Ryan Spain	OPEN MEETINGS-NOTICE VIOLATION	2/14/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2335	Jeff Keicher	BIPA-SECURITY PURPOSES	2/14/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2362	Jay Hoffman	CRIM CD-CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTRE	2/14/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2378	Dave Vella	MUNI CD-AUTOMATED CAMERA DATA	2/14/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2413	John M. Cabello	PUBLIC OFFICIALS-BODY CAMERAS	2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2437	Camille Y. Lilly	CTA-YOUTH PROGRAM TRANSPORT	2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2440	Anne Stava-Murray	FOIA-RESPONSE-FORMAT OF DATA	2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2444	Daniel Didech	FOIA-RECORDS OF ATTORNEY GEN	2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2459	Martin J. Moylan	EPA-ELECTRIC TRUCK VOUCHERS	2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2462	Matt Hanson	VEH CD-CRASH REPORTING	2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2485	Jay Hoffman	MECHANICAL INSULATION AUDITS	2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2493	Aaron M. Ortiz	VICTIM ECON SECURITY&SAFETY	2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2620	Terra Costa Howard	FOIA-DEADLINES, LICENSE PLATES	2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2778	Natalie A. Manley	PRO STEEL ERECTION LICENSE ACT	2/16/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2795	Gregg Johnson	SUICIDE PREVENTION-VETERANS	2/16/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2952	Daniel Didech	ONE DAY OF REST-MEAL PERIODS	2/16/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB2981	Amy Elik	EQUAL PAY-APPLICATION FEE	2/16/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee
HB3129	Mary Beth Canty	EQUAL PAY ACT-PAY SCALE	2/16/2023	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Mary Beth Canty

HB3134	Daniel Didech	VICTIMS SAFETY-ELECTRONICS	2/16/2023	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Daniel Didech
HB3192	Tom Weber	INC TX-WAGES PAID TO SENIORS	2/16/2023	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Tom Weber
HB3199	Jeff Keicher	BIPA-VARIOUS	2/16/2023	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Jeff Keicher
HB3204	Tony M. McCombie	BIPA-1-YEAR LIMITATION	2/16/2023	House	Filed with the Clerk by Rep. Tony M. McCombie
SB0047	Linda Holmes	GOV IMMUNITY-DATA BREACHES	1/20/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB0103	Cristina Castro	OPEN MTGS-AUDIO AND VIDEO MTGS	1/31/2023	Senate	Assigned to Executive
SB0105	Cristina Castro	WAGE PAYMENT-DIRECT DEPOSIT	1/24/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB0133	Linda Holmes	PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION BONDS	2/8/2023	Senate	Postponed - Judiciary
SB0157	Ram Villivalam	PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION BONDS	1/31/2023	Senate	Assigned to Executive
SB0170	Ram Villivalam	TRANSIT RIDING PRIVILEGES/FARE	1/31/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB0173	Sara Feigenholtz	WORKPLACE PRIVACY-MONITORING	1/31/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB0194	Robert Peters	COMPASSIONATE USE-CANNABIS	2/16/2023	Senate	To Subcommittee on Cannabis
SB0228	Adriane Johnson	STATE AGENCY-INTERN MIN WAGE	1/31/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB0243	Karina Villa	GENDER VIOLENCE-EMPLOYER DUTY	1/31/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB0291	Celina Villanueva	SECURE JOBS ACT	2/2/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB0306	Ram Villivalam	AUTONOMOUS VEH REQUIREMENTS	2/2/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB0316	Laura M. Murphy	PROP TX-RAILROAD	2/7/2023	Senate	Assigned to Revenue
SB0325	Bill Cunningham	FOIA-RECORDS OF ATTORNEY GEN	2/16/2023	Senate	Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading February 21, 2023
SB0329	Jil Tracy	TAX COMPLIANCE FUND-TRANSFER	2/2/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB1236	Michael W. Halpin	HUMAN TRAFFIC NO STATE MONEY	2/7/2023	Senate	Assigned to State Government
**** SB 1236 State Government Hearing Feb 22 2023 1:00PM Capitol 409 Springfield, IL					
SB1238	Omar Aquino	ELEC CD-USE OF PUBLIC BUILDING	2/16/2023	Senate	To Subcommittee on Elections
SB1312	Sue Rezin	CRIM CD-CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTRE	2/6/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1327	Dale Fowler	CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS	2/6/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1331	Dale Fowler	CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS	2/6/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1365	Michael W. Halpin	RIGHT TO KNOW ACT	2/14/2023	Senate	Assigned to Judiciary
SB1375	Ram Villivalam	CORPORATE GIVEAWAYS COMPACT	2/14/2023	Senate	Assigned to Executive
SB1429	Ram Villivalam	\$CMAP-VARIOUS FUNDING	2/14/2023	Senate	Assigned to Appropriations-Public Safety and Infrastructure
SB1458	Laura M. Murphy	EPA-ELECTRIC TRUCK VOUCHERS	2/7/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1480	Ann Gillespie	STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST	2/14/2023	Senate	Assigned to Executive
SB1506	Bill Cunningham	BIPA-SECURITY PURPOSES	2/14/2023	Senate	Assigned to Judiciary
SB1513	Mike Porfirio	VEH CD-RAIL NOISE AND DELAY	2/7/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1515	Javier L. Cervantes	WORKPLACE PRIVACY-VERIFICATION	2/14/2023	Senate	Assigned to Labor
SB1537	Christopher Belt	OMA-REMOTE MEETINGS	2/14/2023	Senate	Assigned to Executive
SB1555	David Koehler	PACKAGING & PAPER STEWARDSHIP	2/8/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1556	David Koehler	EPA-CLEAN TRANSPORT STANDARD	2/8/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1619	Julie A. Morrison	OPEN MTG DURING EMERGENCY	2/14/2023	Senate	Assigned to Executive
SB1634	Jason Plummer	LOCAL-COMPENSATION POSTING	2/8/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB1684	Laura M. Murphy	OPEN MEETINGS-PUBLIC OFFICIALS	2/8/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1703	Ram Villivalam	VEH CD-VARIOUS	2/8/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1740	Steve Stadelman	RANSOMWARE ATTACK ACT	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1769	Rachel Ventura	GOVT ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1771	Julie A. Morrison	ECONOMIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1800	Laura M. Murphy	EPA-FLEET ELECTRIFICATION	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1829	Mike Porfirio	CHILD CARE-LOCAL GOVT GRANT	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1864	Mike Simmons	RTA-ZERO-EMISSION BUS CONTRACT	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1892	Mike Simmons	RTA-CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1900	Seth Lewis	LOCAL GOVERNMENT TERM LIMITS	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1921	Rachel Ventura	ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB1960	David Koehler	VEH CD-ELECTRIC SCOOTERS	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2014	Mike Simmons	IDOT-SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2034	Karina Villa	CHILD EXTENDED BEREAVEMENT	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2038	Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas	EQUAL PAY-SALARY TRANSPARENCY	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2041	Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas	FREELANCE WORKER PROTECTION	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2043	Steve Stadelman	EPA-ELECTRIC TRUCK VOUCHERS	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2046	Craig Wilcox	FOIA OFFICERS	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2049	Ram Villivalam	MECHANICAL INSULATION AUDITS	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2087	Donald P. DeWitte	FOIA-LIST OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2109	Neil Anderson	CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB2111	Neil Anderson	CONCEAL CARRY-PUBLIC TRANSPORT	2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2196	Elgie R. Sims, Jr.	REVENUE-TAXATION OF CANNABIS	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2201	Donald P. DeWitte	USE/OCC TX-LEASES	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2217	Cristina Castro	FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2266	Steve Stadelman	VEH CD-AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2279	Robert F. Martwick	INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR PAYMENT	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2321	Robert Peters	RIGHT TO PRIVACY-DRUG TEST	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2332	Craig Wilcox	FOIA-PUBLIC BODY OFFICIALS	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2377	Mary Edly-Allen	PROCUREMENT-FOREIGN TERRORIST	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2403	Ram Villivalam	DOM VIOLENCE-TRANSPORTATION	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SB2430	Ram Villivalam	LABOR RELATIONS-REFUSE BARGAIN	2/10/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SR0050	Win Stoller	URGES-SUPPORT RAILS-TO-TRAILS	2/6/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments
SJR0018	Win Stoller	URGES-SUPPORT RAILS-TO-TRAILS	2/6/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

Top Bills

HB 1342

Short Description: TRANSIT RIDING PRIVILEGES/FARE

House Sponsors

Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado-Matt Hanson

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Provides that the powers of the Chicago Transit Board include the power to pass ordinances or adopt rules and regulations concerning the suspension of riding privileges or confiscation of fare media. Amends the Local Mass Transit District Act and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that a local mass transit district's board and the Suburban Bus Board may adopt all ordinances and make all rules proper or necessary to regulate the use, operation, and maintenance of its property and facilities, and to carry into effect the powers granted to each board with any necessary fines or penalties, including ordinances, rules, or regulations concerning the suspension of riding privileges or confiscation of fare media, as each board deems proper. Includes similar provisions for the Chief of Police of the Metra Police Department.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 2068

Short Description: TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT PROGRAM

House Sponsors

Rep. Theresa Mah

Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Transportation Benefits Program Act. Requires all covered employers to provide a program that allows a covered employee to elect to exclude from taxable wages and compensation the employee's commuting costs incurred for the purchase of a transit pass to use public transit or for the purchase of qualified parking, up to a maximum level allowed by federal tax law. Provides that all transit agencies shall market the existence of this program and the Act to their riders in order to inform affected employees and their employers. Provides that nothing in the Act shall be deemed to interfere with, impede, or in any way diminish the right of employees to bargain collectively with their employers or affect the validity or change the terms of bona fide collective bargaining agreements in force on the effective date of the Act. Defines terms. Effective January 1, 2024.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/7/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee

HB 2437

Short Description: CTA-YOUTH PROGRAM TRANSPORT

House Sponsors

Rep. Camille Y. Lilly

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Provides that the Chicago Transit Authority shall, no later than July 1, 2022, establish a program, similar to the U-Pass program, for allowing persons 18 or younger to use the Authority's buses and trains for transportation to youth programs or youth services. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement from the State. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/15/2023	House	Referred to Rules Committee

SB 170

Short Description: TRANSIT RIDING PRIVILEGES/FARE

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Ram Villivalam

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Provides that the powers of the Chicago Transit Board include the power to pass ordinances or adopt rules and regulations concerning the suspension of riding privileges or confiscation of fare media. Amends the Local Mass Transit District Act and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that a local mass transit district's board and the Suburban Bus Board may adopt all ordinances and make all rules proper or necessary to regulate the use, operation, and maintenance of its property and facilities, and to carry into effect the powers granted to each board with any necessary fines or penalties, including ordinances, rules, or regulations concerning the suspension of riding privileges or confiscation of fare media, as each board deems proper. Includes similar provisions for the Chief of Police of the Metra Police Department.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
1/31/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 1327**Short Description:** CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dale Fowler

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that the prohibition against a licensee carrying a firearm into any building, parking area, or portion of a building under the control of an officer of the executive or legislative branch of government does not apply to any rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation or to buildings located in rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation. Eliminates provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds. Eliminates a provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm in any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a municipality or park district. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 1331**Short Description:** CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS**Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Dale Fowler

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that the prohibition against a licensee carrying a firearm into any building, parking area, or portion of a building under the control of an officer of the executive or legislative branch of government does not apply to any rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation or to buildings located in rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation. Eliminates a provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in

part with public funds. Eliminates a provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm in any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a municipality or park district. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/6/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 1480

Short Description: STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Ann Gillespie

Synopsis As Introduced

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

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/14/2023	Senate	Assigned to Executive

SB 1960

Short Description: VEH CD-ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. David Koehler

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "low-speed electric scooter". Makes changes to the definitions of "motor vehicle" and "vehicle". Provides that a person may not operate a low-speed electric scooter without a driver's license, instruction permit, or State identification card and unless he or she is 16 years of age or older. Provides that a person may operate a low-speed electric scooter where the operation of bicycles is permitted, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle. Provides requirements for lamps and reflectors for use at nighttime.

Prohibits the equipping or use of sirens, with the exception of scooters that are police vehicles or fire department vehicles. Provides a requirement for brakes. Restricts an entity from operating a low-speed electric scooter business within a municipality unless the municipality authorizes such by local ordinance. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 2109

Short Description: CONCEAL CARRY-TRANSPORT-PARKS

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Neil Anderson

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that the prohibition against a licensee carrying a firearm into any building, parking area, or portion of a building under the control of an officer of the executive or legislative branch of government does not apply to any rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation or to buildings located in rest areas under the control of the Department of Transportation. Eliminates a provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds. Eliminates a provision that a licensee shall not knowingly carry a firearm in any public park, athletic area, or athletic facility under the control of a municipality or park district. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

SB 2111

Short Description: CONCEAL CARRY-PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Senate Sponsors

Sen. Neil Anderson

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Eliminates a provision that a licensee under the Act shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, or in any building, real property, or parking area under the control of a public

transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds. Effective immediately.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
2/9/2023	Senate	Referred to Assignments

General Legislative Updates

GOVERNOR’S HIGHLIGHTS:

On Wednesday, Democratic Governor JB Pritzker delivered his fifth Budget and State of the State Address to a joint session of the Illinois General Assembly. This marks the first budget of the Governor’s second term and the first time in two years that the Governor was able to present his speech in-person in the House chamber. The last two budgets were delivered in alternative formats due to COVID restrictions in 2021 and then a massive snowstorm which cancelled session in 2022.

The Governor’s speech struck an optimistic tone, highlighting the fiscal accomplishments of his first term including eliminating the \$17 billion bill backlog, allocating \$2.3 billion into the Rainy Day Fund, and using fiscal restraint to position Illinois for six credit rating upgrades. The Governor also noted that Illinois is using budget surpluses to chip away at long-term liabilities including pension debt.

The proposed FY24 budget allocates \$118.9 billion All Funds spending, including \$49.642 billion General Revenue Funds -- down \$349 million over FY23. Surpluses are projected in both the current and upcoming fiscal year: \$303 million surplus for FY24 and \$1.368 billion for FY23.

The Governor insists the proposed budget is predicated on conservative revenue estimate, in light of predictions of a looming recession. The FY24 budget assumes \$49.944 billion in base General Funds revenue, which is a \$1.4 billion (2.8%) decrease from revised FY23 estimates. Individual income taxes are forecast to grow \$778 million (3.3%). Offsetting that projected increase are predicted declines: corporate income tax forecasts assume lower corporate profits, sales tax growth is projected to remain flat, transfers-in are expected to drop by \$1.279 billion, and federal revenues are expected to remain flat over last year.

Rainy Day Fund: The FY24 proposed budget continues to prioritize putting funds into the State’s Budget Stabilization Fund (commonly referred to as the Rainy Day Fund). FY24 targets \$138 million for the Budget Stabilization Fund, while the FY23 budget is expected to receive \$1.174 billion from surpluses.

Pensions: The FY24 proposed budget fully funds the state’s pension obligations while also setting aside \$200 million for the Pension Stabilization Fund.

Smart Start Illinois/Early Childhood Education: Pritzker is proposing a four-year Smart Start Illinois plan that will ultimately create 20,000 additional seats for 3- and 4-year-olds in preschool programs. The proposed FY24 budget allocates \$250 million for its first year, distributed as follows:

- \$75 million additional for the Early Childhood Block Grant at ISBE to create 5,000 preschool spots.
- \$130 million to begin funding Childcare Workforce Compensation Contracts to offer raises to childcare workers.
- \$40 million increase for early intervention programs to maintain services and offer provider wage increases.
- \$5 million to expand DHS' Home Visiting Program to reach families in need of support.

In addition to the Smart Start Illinois funding, Governor Pritzker is proposing additional early childhood education funding, including:

- \$100 million to improve early childhood provider buildings and facilities.
- \$70 million to cover increases in the Child Care Assistant Program.
- \$20 million for DHS to revamp the payment system to providers.

K – 12 Funding: The FY24 budget includes an additional \$571 million for the Illinois State Board of Education. The Evidence-Based Funding Formula is increased by \$350 million. An additional \$86.4 million is allocated for transportation grants and special education grants. Another \$70 million is directed towards a new three-year pilot program to improve the teacher pipeline.

Higher Education: The FY24 proposed budget includes a \$219 million increase for higher education. MAP funding is increased by \$100 million. The Governor believes this boost -- combined with federally funded Pell grants -- is sufficient to allow attendance of college free of tuition and fees for nearly every community college student and 40 percent of public university students (whose household incomes are at or below median income levels).

Public Universities and community college operations will receive a 7% increase (\$100 million) in the Governor's proposed budget. Community college investments include: \$8.3 million for dual credit and one-credit workforce grant programs, \$11 million for development of advanced manufacturing, EV technology and data center workforce training programs, and \$750,000 to expand English language services.

Healthcare and Family Services: The FY 24 proposed budget allocates \$37.188 billion All Funds, including \$9.070 billion GRF to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

FY24 Medicaid liability is projected to total \$25.88 billion All Funds, with a total program enrollment of more than 3.7 million (up 1.2% over FY 23). The FY24 budget proposal allows for the end of the federal public health emergency; redeterminations will begin this Spring. The budget also reflects the Spring 2023 phase-out of the enhanced federal Medicaid match.

The proposed budget includes \$8 million for a "Ready to Renew" campaign to help Medicaid enrollees maintain their coverage or transition to other health insurance. The proposed budget includes funding to

raise the asset limit for senior enrollees or those with a disability. Also included is \$100 million for increases in reimbursement rates for providers.

The “Healthcare Works Illinois” program will receive \$450 million over multiple years, aimed at preserving and expanding the healthcare workforce. Hospitals, clinics, behavioral health providers, home health workers, and others will be eligible for the funding -- monies can be used for such areas as expanding entry pipeline for healthcare workers, continuing education trainings for providers, and other vital investments in staff retention and recruitment. Other noteworthy investments include a \$3 million allocation towards the Healthcare Workforce Loan Repayment and Scholarship program; a \$25 million rate increase for physicians to broaden access to critical healthcare services; \$25 million of continued funding for the Pipeline for the Advancement of Healthcare Workforce Program to train new nurses, medical assistants, lab techs, EMTs and others.

Homeless Prevention: The Governor is proposing a “Home Illinois” program, housed at the Department of Human Services, which will target the prevention of homelessness, provide crisis response, expand housing support and increase job opportunities for the homeless. An initial investment of \$350 million will include:

- \$26 million to provide homeless prevention services to 5,000 families.
- \$30 million to maintain court-based rental assistance.
- Over \$155 million to support unhoused populations seeking shelter and services.
- \$25 million in rapid re-housing services to 1,000 households.
- \$40 million for Permanent Supportive Housing.
- \$12.5 million to create 500 new scattered site permanent supportive housing units.
- \$37 million for Emergency Shelter Capital to create over 460 non-congregate shelter units.
- \$30 million to provide street outreach, medical respite, and other shelter diversion supports.
- \$5 million for a new workforce development pilot program to help homeless adults attain and retain employment.

DHS: The FY 24 proposed budget includes \$2 billion (\$200 million increase) for services for people with developmental disabilities in support of the *Ligas* consent decree. Also included is a \$50 million increase for TANF. The proposed budget includes \$10 million to fund the Children’s Behavioral Health Transformation for Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services and \$1.5 million for a care intake portal. An additional \$30.8 million is in the proposed budget to address growing caseloads with the Home Services Program and \$10 million is budgeted to support the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. Another \$32.5 million is targeted to increase forensic inpatient and outpatient services and support the *Williams* and *Colbert* consent decrees.

DCFS: The FY24 budget increases the DCFS budget by \$54.6 million. The proposed budget:

- Continues rate reform for private sector providers in order to address staffing shortages of social service workers at DCFS partner agencies.
- Allocates \$10 million towards the Lone Worker Safety Devices program for emergency communication and supportive partnership contracts with local sheriff offices, enhancing safety protocols and the acquisition and training in the use of items like defensive sprays.

- Increases by \$41 million increase the main rollout of the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System.
- Earmarks \$30 million for Level of Care Support Services capital grants to provider, helping to increase capacity for youth placement in the most clinically appropriate settings.

IDPH: The proposed FY24 budget includes \$45 million to support IT replacement for the Illinois' National Electronic Disease Surveillance Systems and Long-Term Care systems. Another \$8.5 million is targeted to respond to unexpected public health threats and emergencies; \$18 million to support reproductive health initiatives (see below); \$7 million to improve public health communications in order to reduce health disparities; and \$2 million for mental health training for front-line workers in the pediatric field.

Reproductive Health: Reproductive health continues to be a priority for the Pritzker administration. The Governor calls for creating a new Reproductive Health Public Navigation Hotline to enable patients to call ahead for a risk assessment and find services such as transportation, lodging, and insurance coverage options. The proposed budget also allocates \$5 million toward learning collaboratives for worker training to address the shortage of reproductive healthcare workers.

Other Funding Increase:

- \$27.4 million for the Community Care Program to serve an estimated 68,000 seniors
- \$8 million for the Home-Delivered-Meals Program
- \$17.5 million for two Illinois State Police Cadet Classes
- \$5.2 million for motor vehicle and body camera cloud storage
- \$30 million for camera grants to local law enforcement
- \$10 million for resources to local law enforcement agencies for recruitment of new officers and retention plans
- \$20 million for the new Illinois Grocery Initiative to address food insecurity
- \$40 million to support the Social Equity Cannabis Loan program
- \$20 million to support Illinois entities seeking competitive federal awards that align with the state's economic development plan
- \$20 million for Fast-Track Workforce program to help employers do employee screening, recruitment, and job training
- Carries forward the \$400 million set aside in FY23 for efforts that support job creation and business development through the Invest in Illinois Act closing fund
- \$10 million for a multi-year initiative to develop and implement a one-stop business portal to assist individuals wishing to create new businesses or relocate a business to Illinois
- \$10 million to start a Clean Energy Career and Technical Education pilot program, helping high schools to develop technical education programming on electric vehicle manufacturing.
- Maintains OSLAD grants for local government for community park projects at its current level of \$56 million
- LGDF is held flat to FY 23
- \$20.5 million for addition Electric Vehicle rebates
- \$10 million in capital funding for new Lead Service Line Replacement Inventory grants

Capital Budget: The proposed FY 24 budget includes \$46.5 billion in total capital appropriations (\$4.97 billion in new capital appropriations), including: \$3.3 billion for the Department of Transportation; \$1.1 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency; \$244.6 million for the Department of Natural Resource; \$151.5 million for the Capital Development Board; \$97.0 million for the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity; and \$85.5 million for other State agencies. Highlights include \$100 million in new funding for early childhood education facilities, \$20 million for new Rebuild Illinois Downtowns and Main Streets awards for community revitalization and \$25 million to bolster the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Key budget documents are available: [Budget in Brief](#), the [Operating Budget](#), and the [Capital Budget](#).

New Laws: The Governor continues to sign legislation from the January lame-duck session. The latest bill signings include:

[HB 45](#) Amends the Election Code surrounding Judicial Subcircuits.

[HB 268](#) Creates the Tourism Preservation and Sustainability District Act.

[HB 1064](#) Abolishes life without parole for people under 21 years of age.

[HB 1563](#) Amends the CMS Services Law of the Civil Administration Code to remove the preference for location of jobs in Sangamon County.

[HB 1688](#) Allows cars, vans, and other first division vehicles to operate as school buses under a Secretary of State permit.

[HB 1859](#) Amends the Cook County Forest Preserve Article of the Illinois Pension Code.

[HB 2369](#) Amends the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act regarding Veterans Assistance Commissions.

[HB 2542](#) Allows qualifying individuals who previously had a felony conviction to legally change their name.

[HB 2870](#) Amends the Regional Water Commissions Division of the Illinois Municipal Code.

[HB 3878](#) Makes changes to the Rental Housing Support Program.

[HB 4228](#) Amends the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act.

[HB 4245](#) Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law to ensure that lawn irrigation and lawn sprinkler system installation is well regulated in perpetuity past the current sunset date of January 1, 2024.

[HB 5107](#) Allows school principals to be eligible for collective bargaining exclusively in Chicago.

[HB 5285](#) Creates transparency in the process of hiring school principals in an effort to ensure schools have the necessary information to hire the most qualified candidate exclusively in Chicago.

[HB 5542](#) Makes various changes regarding the operations of the Illinois Joint Forces Foundation Fund.

Gubernatorial Appointments: The Governor appointed the following:

- Efi James will serve as an Arbitrator for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.
- Harold Mays will continue to serve as Director of the Illinois Department of the Lottery.

103rd ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly was in Session Tuesday through Thursday of this week. Both chambers return to session on Tuesday, February 21. Friday, February 17 is the deadline to introduce substantive House Bills.

The focus this week was on the Governor's combined Budget and State of the State Address. The Legislature will now begin considering legislation at the committee level and reviewing agency budget requests.

The House Energy and Environment Committee will hold a hearing on February 21 at 3:00 pm in Room 114 of the Capitol to discuss the IPA and ICC.

The House Gaming Committee will hold a subject matter hearing on February 22 at 4:00 pm in Room 114 of the Capitol Building to discuss the Gaming Board, the Racing Board, and the Lottery.

House Democratic Budget Working Group: Speaker Pro Tempore Jehan Gordon-Booth, Majority Leader Robyn Gabel, Assistant Majority Leader Kelly Burke, Deputy Majority Leader Lisa Hernandez, and Representatives Will Guzzardi and Mark Walker will lead the House Democratic caucus budget negotiations. Representative Gordon-Booth said she wants to work toward a "budget that is both fiscally and socially responsible."

New House GOP Working Groups: House Republican Leader Tony McCombie created five working groups to focus in key areas:

- Sustaining & Protecting At-Risk Kids: to protect children in the state's care from abuse and neglect.
- Supporting Women and Families: to make Illinois a place where families can move and grow for generations.

- Reigniting Illinois' Strong Economy: to improve Illinois' business climate, while still protecting workers and using strengths – geography, workforce, and resources – to bring job creators and opportunity home.
- Literacy Improves Future Endeavors: to address learning loss, improve reading literacy, and restore Illinois students to competitiveness.
- Improving Public Safety: to make neighborhoods safe again, protect law-abiding citizens, and respect law enforcement.

2023 Key Dates:

February 17: Deadline – Introduction of Substantive House Bills in the House
 February 28: Consolidated Primary Election
 March 10: Deadline – Substantive Bills Out of Committee in both chambers
 March 24: Deadline – Third Reading Deadline – Substantive House Bills in the House
 March 31: Deadline – Third Reading Deadline – Substantive Senate Bills in the Senate
 April 4: Consolidated Election
 April 28: Deadline – Substantive Bills out of Committee in both chambers
 May 11: Deadline – Third Reading Substantive House Bills in Senate
 May 12: Deadline – Third Reading Substantive Senate Bills in House
 May 19: Adjournment



MEMO

DATE: February 22, 2023

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Brady Lange, Procurement Director

CC: David Braun, General Manager

Subject: Contract for Microtransit Service Planning and Operations Software

Recommendation:

Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Via Mobility to provide microtransit planning services and operating software for a term of five years, with two optional contracts for two years each.

Background:

Connect Transit is striving to increase access to public transit services within the Connect Transit service area. Implementing an on-demand/demand responsive public transportation service (microtransit) will support this goal. The objective of the microtransit service will be to provide transportation options to the many areas of the community that do not currently have access to it, with the ability to connect to our existing network of services.

Discussion:

On November 16, 2022, we released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking proposals for planning services and operating software for microtransit services. The RFP detailed our goals for the planning phase of this project, including the evaluation of our current fixed route system and how adding microtransit zones can supplement our existing services. The primary goals detailed for the software component of this project included a reservation system that provides a single mobile app allowing customers to book trips on the microtransit service, as well as providing an integration for real-time fixed route bus information and payment processing.

We received six proposals in response to this RFP. Our evaluation team of four staff members conducted a two-phased evaluation of the proposals. Phase I evaluated various elements of the proposals submitted. The team reviewed each proposer's approach to the technical and functional requirements of the planning phase, proposed software and support, references and related experience, and finally, the cost proposal. After evaluators completed scoring the elements of Phase I, the field of proposers was narrowed to the top three, who moved on to Phase II.

Phase II of the evaluation process engaged the proposers in an on-site demonstration of the proposed solution. Each proposer was asked to provide a brief presentation of their solution which was followed by a real world demonstration of the software solution in our community. Our staff ventured out into the community and staged five trips so they could evaluate the user experience of the mobile application while another staff member followed the instructions provided in the mobile driver app to provide service to those riders.

Below is a summary of the total evaluation scores from the top three proposers for this project:

Vendor Name	Total Score (200 Points Possible)
Via Mobility	171.78
Liftango Inc.	164.19
Cityway Transdev	155.54

Via Mobility achieved the highest overall score for both phases of the evaluation of this project. Our staff is familiar with Via Mobility due to our long-time relationship with Remix, a scheduling and planning software product provided by Via Mobility.

Via Mobility will utilize their dedicated in-house consulting team, Via Strategies, to evaluate the existing fixed route network performance and prepare a service plan. This service plan will include recommendations for improvement, as well as determine how on-demand microtransit can best integrate with the system to supplement current services.

In addition, Via Mobility will deliver their Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution to allow us to operate the microtransit service. This SaaS solution will provide a white-labeled rider app and web portal, web-based administrative console, driver app and a comprehensive reporting suite. The SaaS platform also provides routing and ride matching algorithms integration with third-party application programming interface (API) that will deliver a single unified platform. This platform will include multimodal and intermodal trip planning that allows riders to discover, plan and book trips on fixed route buses in the same app they use for microtransit services.

Via Mobility can utilize the same SaaS solution to assist us in providing paratransit services as well. While we currently have a provider that has been a valuable partner for paratransit software, we are also seeking Board approval of the option to add paratransit services to this contract upon expiration of the existing service contract if staff decides that providing a cohesive software and service is advantageous for our operations and our passengers.

Financial Impact:

The planning and software elements of this project will total \$75,500 and will be funded by \$60,400 FTA 5307 (annual federal appropriation) and \$15,100 local capital funding. Based on current projections for service hours for the upcoming microtransit service, the on-going software costs will

total approximately \$45,000 for the first year of this contract. Each year, the price will scale up (or down) based on the number of vehicles and hours that are operated for microtransit services. The software costs will be a new annual operating expense.

We also propose to include our current Remix software for the duration of the base contract. The cost for this software will be an average of \$35,630 annually, which is funded with operating funds. This represents a savings of \$7,311 annually from our stand-alone contract renewal rate.

The optional cost for the paratransit solution would include additional software implementation costs of \$45,000 for the first year of implementation and an average operating cost of \$82,675 per year thereafter based on the number of vehicle hours we currently operate. Similar to the microtransit services, software costs would be funded by FTA 5307 and local capital funds, and the operating costs would be included in our annual budget. Please note that we do not intend to exercise this option in 2024 but are including this in our contract to improve procurement efficiency when the current contract for paratransit software expires in October 2023.



MEMO

DATE: February 22, 2023
TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: David Braun, General Manager
Subject: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agreement

Background:

During our 2022 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Triennial Review, we received one finding. The finding concerned our lack of a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the McLean County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) and missing required clauses in the 2018 agreement. Neither Connect Transit nor the MCRPC had a signed copy of our 2018 MOU. The new requirements were issued by the FTA in 2019 and the agreement was not changed at that time.

Discussion:

In August 2022, Jacob Smith, Connect Transit's Transportation Planner, provided the required clauses to the MCRPC, our local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Due to the number of participants in the MPO Agreement, including IDOT, Central Illinois Regional Airport (CIRA), the Town, the City and others, it has taken some time for the MCRPC to develop the document and gather necessary input.

Changes to the document are shown on the following page and include the required language concerning the sharing of data.

The MPO Agreement has been passed by the Technical Committee of the MCRPC and will be on the agenda at the February 24, 2023, Policy Committee for approval and signature.

The finalized document was due at the end of February however, I have asked for a one-month extension in the event the Policy Committee has any concerns.



***From Comprehensive Review Contractors Manual:
19. Section 5307: Program Requirements Pages 19-2/19-3***

DETAILED EXPLANATION FOR REVIEWER

The planning regulations require that the MPO, the state(s), and the public transportation operator(s) cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. These responsibilities shall be clearly identified in written agreements among the MPO, the state(s), and the public transportation operator(s) serving the metropolitan planning area. Written agreements are required to address at least: 1) the recipient's responsibilities, 2) the development and sharing of information for financial plans, and 3) the development of the annual listing of obligated projects.

If the recipient intends to rely on the MPO's public involvement process to meet Section 5307 public involvement requirements, FTA encourages it to state so in the agreement.

Recipients must jointly agree upon and develop specific written provisions to cooperatively develop and share information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance targets, the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the region of the MPO, and the collection of data for the State asset management plan. These provisions shall be documented either (1) as part of the metropolitan planning agreements; or (2) in some other means outside of the metropolitan planning agreements as determined cooperatively by the MPO(s), State(s), and providers of public transportation.

General responsibilities made clear from original contract. No additions made.

Specific financial documents and annual objectives added to item nine of agreement on pg. 3 of *19a Cooperative Agreement*

Item eleven created and added to pg. 3 of *19a Cooperative agreement* in accordance with §5307 regarding public involvement.

Annual objectives (TIP, triennial report, other requests) added to item nine of agreement on pg. 3 of *19a Cooperative Agreement*

Documented through this agreement, once signed.