

**CONNECT TRANSIT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS OF JULY 25, 2017**

The Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of Connect Transit was held at Uptown Station, 11 Uptown Circle, 4th Floor, Normal, Illinois 61761 on July 25, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mike McCurdy, Chairman
 Ryan Whitehouse, Vice Chairman
 Lauren Lacy, Secretary
 John Bowman
 Jennifer McDade
 John Thomas

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Judy Buchanan

CITY MANAGERS:

STAFF PRESENT: Isaac Thorne, Interim General Manager
 Julie Beer, Executive Assistant

The Public Hearing was called to order by the Chairman at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Chairman Mike McCurdy opened the Public Hearing to take comments regarding the proposed route restructuring that Connect Transit is considering. He noted that person had signed up to speak. He recognized Donna Tewell and asked her to speak.

Donna Tewell addressed the Board. She stressed the importance of approving the premium service option for Connect Mobility services to those that are outside of the Connect Mobility service area. Her son uses the service and also lives outside of the proposed service area. The premium service option will allow him to continue using the service and continue to be a productive member of the community. The fee increase is the simplest solution.

Chairman McCurdy noted that he had inadvertently skipped allowing Connect Transit staff the opportunity to make an opening statement regarding the proposed route restructure. He requested that Isaac Thorne, Interim General Manager address the Board.

Mr. Thorne addressed the Board. Several engagement sessions have been held to discuss and educate the public about the proposed route changes. He noted that there are several proposed small changes.

Town of Normal Manager Mark Peterson arrived at 4:34 p.m.

Chairman McCurdy noted that there would be more discussion regarding the proposed route changes in the regular meeting. He questioned if there were any other individuals at the meeting that wished to make public comment. Seeing none, he requested a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee John Thomas, seconded by Secretary Lauren Lacy to close the Public Hearing.

AYE: All

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Time: 4:35 p.m.

Julie Beer, Executive Assistant