



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Connect Transit Trustees may remotely participate in this meeting. Written comments may be submitted via regular mail, email, or in-person. Comments sent via email should be sent to: trustees@connect-transit.com. Connect Transit will read public comments received in writing which were received at least two (2) hours prior to the meeting. The meeting will be limited to six (6) individuals in the room at a time due to the pandemic and individuals attending will be required to be six (6) feet apart. Those attending in-person will be given an opportunity to offer public comment. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend the meeting. Persons attending in person are required to wear a face covering.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

**Connect Transit Board of Trustees
August 24, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Connect Transit Training Room
351 Wylie Drive, Normal, Illinois 61761**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Public Comments
- D. New Business
 - 1. Public Hearing
 - i. Consideration of Capital Assistance Grant Application, Electric Buses, Electric Bus Charging, and Maintenance Facility Improvements.*
- E. Adjournment

Notice of Public Hearing

Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (DBA Connect Transit)

RE: Capital Assistance Grant Application, Electric Buses, Electric Bus Charging, and Maintenance Facility Improvements.

I. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by Connect Transit.

Date: August 24, 2021
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Room: Training Room
Place: Connect Transit, 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761

Board Members will attend the meeting for the purpose of considering projects for which financial assistance is being sought from the Illinois Department of Transportation pursuant to its Capital Grants Program.

The projects are generally described as follows:

- A. Project Description: Electric Buses: Connect Transit is seeking funding for 40 foot electric buses to replace 40 foot diesel buses.
Electric Bus Charging: Connect Transit is seeking funding for Electric Bus On-route Charging at the future Downtown Bloomington Transfer Center. On-route charging supplements energy for buses in service to increase range to better service customers.
Maintenance Facility Improvements: Connect Transit is seeking funding for inground vehicle lifts that will assist in the maintenance of vehicles. The inground lifts will provide a safe and efficient method of lifting vehicles.
- B. Relocation: Relocation Assistance will not be required.
- C. Environment: This project is being implemented to minimize environmental impacts.
- D. Comprehensive Planning: This project is in conformance with comprehensive transportation planning in the area.
- E. Elderly and Handicapped: All new facilities included in this project will be accessible to the elderly and handicapped.

II. At the hearing, Connect Transit will read public comments from interested persons or agencies with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit in writing at least two (2) hours prior to the meeting any public comments with respect to said project. Written comments may be submitted via mail, email, or in-person. Comments sent via email should be sent to: trustees@connect-transit.com.

III. Connect Transit requests that any hearing-impaired person wishing to attend this Public Hearing should notify Jill Baxter at 309.829.1155 at least one (1) week in advance of the scheduled hearing so that arrangements can be made to provide an interpreter.

IV. A copy of the application for a state grant for the proposed project will be made available for public inspection at Connect Transit Administration office, 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761. Please contact Patrick Kuebrich, Finance Director at 309.829.1124 or pkuebrich@connect-transit.com to schedule a date and time for inspection.