

## Notice of Public Hearing

### Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (DBA Connect Transit)

RE: Capital Assistance Grant Application, Bus Transfer Center in Downtown Bloomington. The new Connect Transit Downtown Transfer Station is planned to be located within or adjacent to the Downtown Bloomington area called "The Buckle". "The Buckle" is a geographic area defined by four roads and/or State routes. These roads include the north/south State Route Business 51 (N. Madison St. & N. East St.) and the east/west Route 9 (E. Locust St.) and E. Olive St., respectively.

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

Date: April 28, 2020  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Room: Training Room  
Place: Connect Transit, 451 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Board Members will attend the meeting via remote access for the purpose of considering a project for which financial assistance is being sought from the Illinois Department of Transportation pursuant to its Capital Grants Program.

The project is generally described as follows:

- A. **Project Description:** Bus Transfer Center in Downtown Bloomington. The new Connect Transit Downtown Transfer Station is planned to be located within or adjacent to the Downtown Bloomington area called "The Buckle". "The Buckle" is a geographic area defined by four roads and/or State routes. These roads include the north/south State Route Business 51 (N. Madison St. & N. East St.) and the east/west Route 9 (E. Locust St.) and E. Olive St., respectively. This area houses many local amenities including but not limited to the following: Local Businesses and Dining, Farmer's Market, Performing Arts Center, Arena, Corporate Office, and Local Government. Additionally, the Transfer Station is planned to occupy approximately one to two city blocks within the defined area while being flanked by all the Downtown area has to offer.
- 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](mailto:trustees@connect-transit.com). The Public Hearing will be limited to ten (10) individuals in the room at a time due to the coronavirus pandemic and individuals attending the Public Hearing will be required to be six (6) feet apart. Persons attending the Hearing will be given an opportunity to offer public comment.

III. Connect Transit requests that any hearing-impaired person wishing to attend this Public Hearing should notify Jill Bower 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](mailto:pkuebrich@connect-transit.com) to schedule a date and time for inspection.