



AGENDA

Meeting of the Connect Transit Board of Trustees

October 17, 2016

3:30 P.M.

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

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Public Comments
- D. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting of September 27, 2016 and Executive Session Minutes of August 23, 2016
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business
 - 1. Resolution Urging Illinois State Leaders to Release Downstate Operating Assistance Grants
- G. General Manager's Report
 - 1. Potential Modification to Routes – Revenue Neutral
 - 2. Downstate Operating Assistance Program Funding Issue
- H. Trustee's Comments
- I. Executive Session – ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel Matters
- J. Adjournment

**RESOLUTION URGING ILLINOIS STATE LEADERS TO RELEASE DOWNSTATE
OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS**

Whereas, the State of Illinois has been operating without a State budget since July 1, 2015; and

Whereas, the provision of public transportation service is essential to the people of Illinois; and

Whereas, the Downstate Public Transportation Act (30 ILCS 740/2-1 et seq.) ("Act") authorizes the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation, to provide grants and make funds available to assist in the development and operation of public transportation systems; and

Whereas, Connect Transit relies on consistent funding from the State of Illinois as it represents 65% of Connect Transit's current operating budget; and

Whereas, without these funds, Connect Transit will be forced to suspend service causing many in the Bloomington/Normal community to be unable to access healthcare, education, jobs, and retail.

Whereas, the State of Illinois has not made a payment to Connect Transit in Fiscal Year 2017. This equates to approximately \$5 million dollars that Connect Transit applies toward items such as fuel, salaries, healthcare, facilities management, and maintenance expenses; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CONNECT TRANSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES that we call upon the Governor and General Assembly to take action to immediately release all Downstate Operating Assistance Funds owed to Downstate public transportation providers, which includes Connect Transit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to the Governor, Senate President, Senate Minority Leader, House Speaker, House Minority Leader, as well as the State Senators and Representatives serving the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal.

Passed this 17th Day of October, 2016

APPROVED this 17th Day of October, 2016

Vice Chairman Mike McCurdy

ATTEST:

Secretary Ryan Whitehouse

Potential Route Changes

New Teal – Downtown Bloomington to College Hills via “Former” Purple Route

PRO

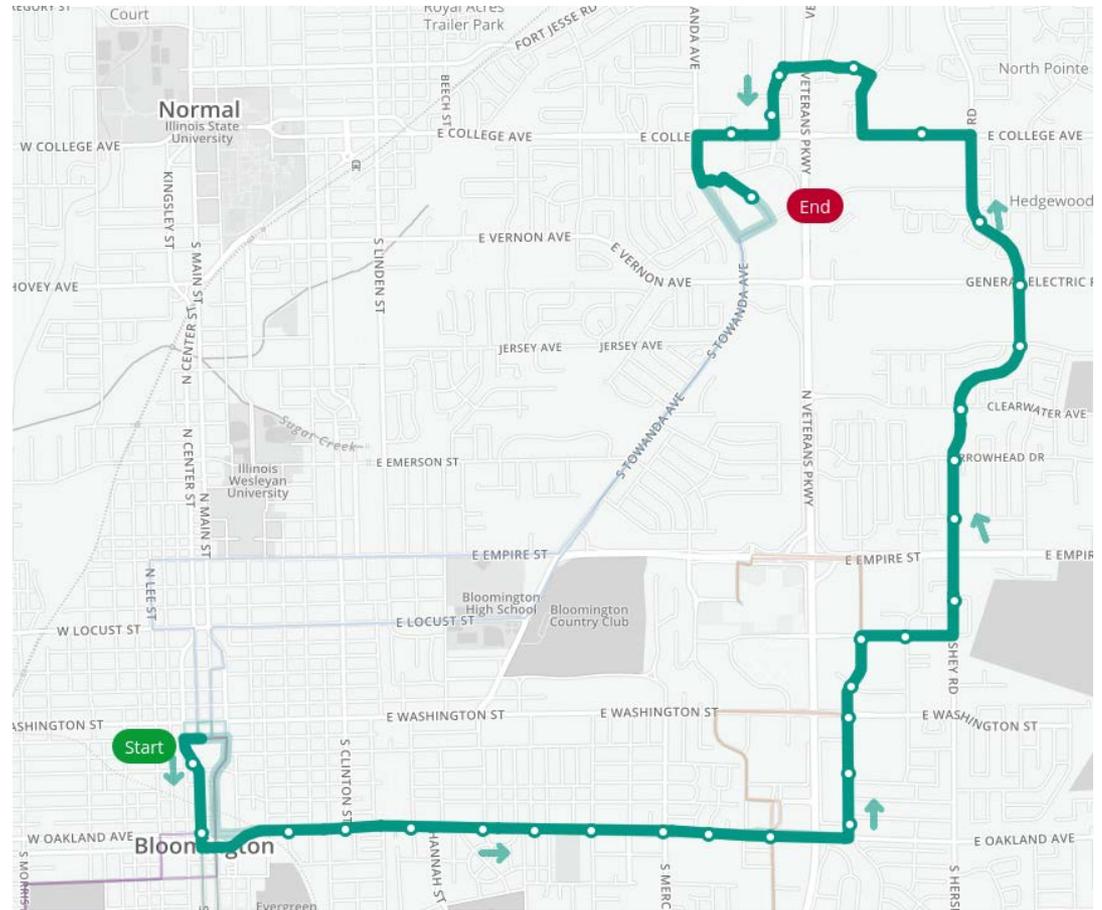
Reduce former “Purple” dwell time during the middle and end of route

New defined market being served = new line

CON

Possible confusion for introducing new line/interline

Space issue downtown



New Orange – Former Orange + Teal

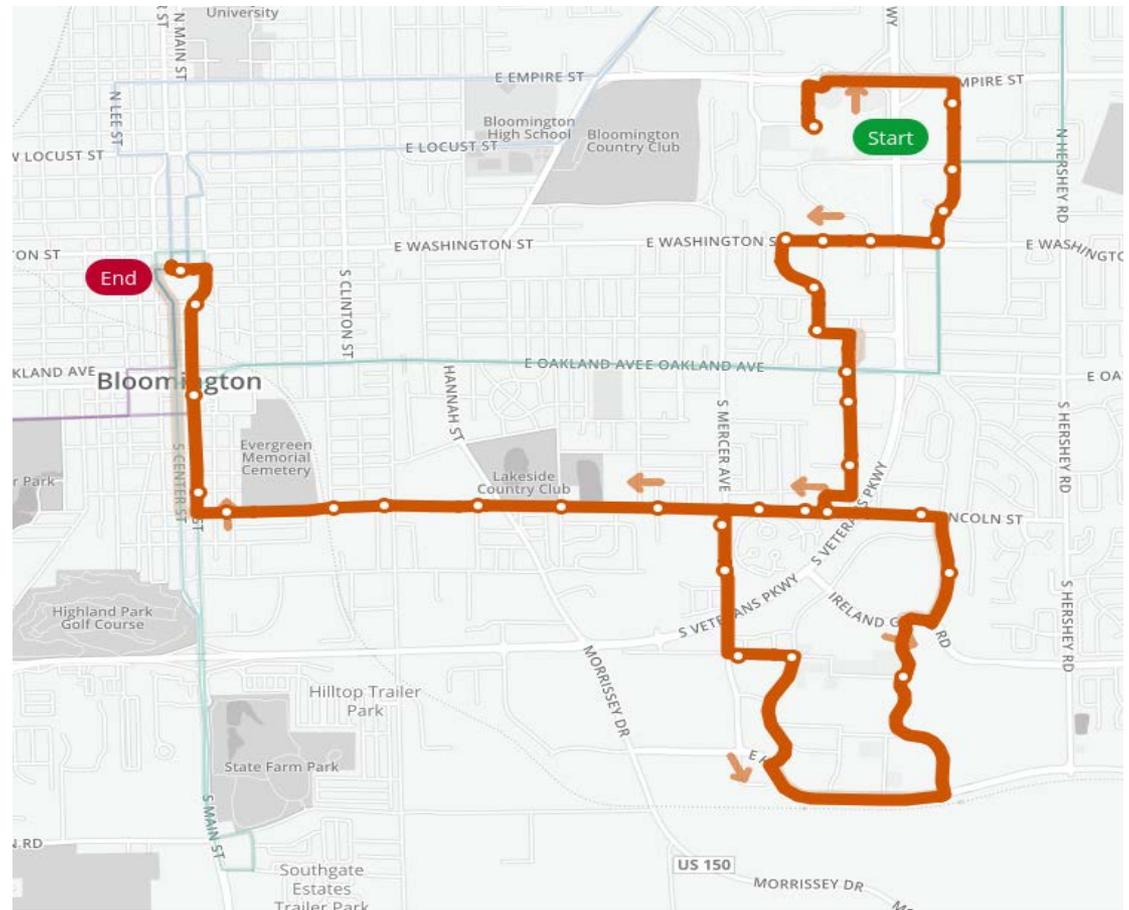
PRO

Reduces interline “layover” on Hamilton road and allows for faster trip for passenger that would have to “ride through” the interline

CON

Route becomes circuitous

Risk of confusion for removal of interline



Downtown Transfer Center – Space Issue

With a proposed additional bus downtown, there is a lack of space for it to dwell along Front Street

- Purple (and Blue) can arrive at a :00 and :30 with the rest of the routes
- Move time points for Gold to :15 and :45 at downtown
 - Most transfers issued from Gold (450/900) in September transferred to Green, which would still meet up, 2nd highest was red (241/900)