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#### Mission:

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

# AGENDA

#### Connect Transit Board of Trustees, Regular Session June 28, 2022 – 4:30 P.M. Connect Transit Board Room, 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Public Comments
- E. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of May 24, 2022, Regular Session Minutes
  - b. Financial Information for May 2022
  - c. Monthly Statistical Reports for May 2022
  - d. Cardinal Infrastructure Federal Report
  - e. Cornerstone Illinois Weekly Update
- F. New Business
  - a. Recommendation for HCC Universal Access Agreement Roll Call Vote
  - b. Recommendation for Additional Check Signatory Roll Call Vote
  - c. Recommendation for Connect Transit Ambassador Group Roll Call Vote
  - d. Recommendation for FY23 Labor Negotiations Results Roll Call Vote
- G. Chairman's Report
- H. General Manager's Report
  - a. New Employees
  - b. Strategic Plan Update
  - c. McLean County Long Range Transportation Plan Recap of Findings to Date
  - d. West Bloomington Normal Route Update
- I. Executive Session (cite)
- J. Trustee Comments
- K. Adjournment



# May 2022

# **Financial and Statistical Reports**



#### Connect Transit Cash Disbursement Report May 2022

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
A.T.U C.O.P.E.	00055553	06-May-22	\$125.64	Payroll Deduction
ABC Bus Companies	00055554	06-May-22	\$139.04	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00055618	20-May-22	\$374.73	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00055653	27-May-22	\$1,036.70	Bus Parts
Ace-Hi Glass Co.	00055654	27-May-22	\$270.00	Glass
Advance Auto Parts	00055555	06-May-22	\$284.23	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00055619	20-May-22	\$575.47	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00055655	27-May-22	\$1,994.74	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00055620	20-May-22	\$243.02	Welding Supplies
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00055556	06-May-22	\$6,626.92	Payroll Deduction
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00055621	20-May-22	\$100.00	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00055557	06-May-22	\$1,466.83	Computer Hardware, Office Equipment & Supplies
Amazon Capital Service	00055592	13-May-22	\$519.66	Computer Hardware, Office Equipment & Supplies
Amazon Capital Service	00055622	20-May-22	\$260.68	Computer Hardware, Office Supplies & Property Dam
Amazon Capital Service	00055656	27-May-22	\$270.00	Computer Hardware & Repair
merican Management Association Int.	00055558	06-May-22	\$6,990.00	Professional Development
Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni &	00055593	13-May-22	\$250.00	Legal Service
warity	00055594	13-May-22	\$299.00	Advertising
& B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00055559	06-May-22	\$184.00	Printed Materials
ill's Key and Lock	00055595	13-May-22	\$34.50	Locks & Keys
irkey's Farm Store, Inc	00055596	13-May-22	\$498.00	Bus Parts
lue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois	00055657	27-May-22	\$115,502.20	Insurance
lue Springs, Inc	00055597	13-May-22	\$180.00	Portable Restroom
ridgestone Americas	00055658	27-May-22	\$6,611.40	Tires
rink's Incorporated	00055598	13-May-22	\$57.19	Armored Services
ardinal Infrastructure	00055560	06-May-22	\$6,000.00	Consulting
	00055561	06-May-22	\$450.00	Building Maintenance
arlson Siding & Construction	00055623	20-May-22	\$6,899.13	Transit Center
central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00055562	06-May-22	\$81.67	Bus Parts
central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00055599	13-May-22	\$9.94	Bus Parts
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00055624	20-May-22	\$1,028.74	Bus Parts
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00055659	27-May-22	\$3,778,44	Bus Parts
CIRBN, LLC	00055600	13-May-22	\$147.13	Internet
CIRBN, LLC	00055660	27-May-22	\$147.13	Internet
Tity of Bloomington	00055601	13-May-22	\$130.41	Utilities
ity of Bloomington	00055661	27-May-22	\$999.69	Utilities
lark Baird Smith, LLP	00055602	13-May-22	\$612,50	Legal Service
	00055563	06-May-22	\$1,013.00	Bus Parts
ilean Exhaust Specialist	00055625		\$1,282.00	Bus Parts
ilean Exhaust Specialist		20-May-22	\$613.00	Bus Parts
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00055662	27-May-22		
Comet Loans	00055626	20-May-22	\$167.94	Payroll Deduction
Commerce Bank	ACH	02-May-22	\$2.77	Interest Payment
Commerce Bank	ACH	10-May-22	\$177.95	Banking Fees
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00055627	20-Maγ-22	\$4,435.77	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00055603	13-May-22	\$3,958.33	Consulting
Department of Unemployment Security	ACH	02-May-22	\$36,636.90	SUTA Payment
OH Pace Company, Inc.	00055564	06-May-22	\$195.00	Door Repair
on Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00055604	13-May-22	\$263.34	Bus Parts
on Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00055628	20-May-22	\$1,843.38	Bus Parts
on Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00055663	27-May-22	\$184.03	Bus Parts
agle Automotive	00055565	06-May-22	\$54.33	Bus Parts
agle Automotive	00055629	20-May-22	\$21.00	Bus Parts
agle Automotive	00055664	27-May-22	\$262.07	Bus Parts
delman Electric, Inc.	00055566	06-May-22	\$684.25	Building Maintenance
ngraving Express	00055567	06-May-22	\$141.50	Driver's Uniforms
vergreen FS	00055568	06-May-22	\$810.83	Fuel
vergreen FS	00055605	13-May-22	\$672.59	Fuel



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Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
Evergreen FS	00055630	20-May-22	\$820.83	Fuel
Evergreen FS	00055665	27-May-22	\$800.07	Fuel
Express Services, Inc.	00055606	13-May-22	\$145.60	Temp Service
Express Services, Inc.	00055631	20-May-22	\$268.80	Temp Service
Fastenal Company	00055666	27-May-22	\$60.65	Bus Parts
Fasteners Etc.	00055569	06-May-22	\$343.19	Maintenance Supplies
Frontier	00055667	27-May-22	\$46.28	Telephone
Genfare	ACH	02-May-22	\$13.00	Fare Refund
Genfare	ACH	04-May-22	\$12.50	Fare Refund
Genfare	00055607	13-May-22	\$243.38	Software and Hardware
Genfare	00055668	27-May-22	\$1,817.76	Software and Hardware
Gillig LLC	00055608	13-May-22	\$900.30	Bus Parts
Gilkig LLC	00055632	20-May-22	\$635.02	Bus Parts
Gillig LLC	00055669	27-May-22	\$1,095.69	Bus Parts
Great Plains Media	00055570	06-May-22	\$1,600.00	Radio Advertising
СМА	ACH	05-May-22	\$32,025.90	457 Retirement Trust
СМА	ACH	19-May-22	\$31,319.61	457 Retirement Trust
llinois Department of Revenue	00055571	06-May-22	\$13,670.25	Payroll Deduction
llinois Department of Revenue	00055633	20-May-22	\$13,375.11	Payroll Deduction
Ilinois Dept of Revenue Wage Levy Unit	00055634	20-May-22	\$167.94	Payroll Deduction
llinois State Disbursement Unit	00055572	06-May-22	\$145.48	Payroll Deduction
llinois State Disbursement Unit	00055635	20-May-22	\$70.24	Payroll Deduction
endy Solutions	00055573	06-May-22	\$11,853.60	Safety & Training & Software Licensing
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00055574	06-May-22	\$18,341.61	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00055609	13-May-22	\$376.92	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00055636	20-May-22	\$19,467.78	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00055670	27-May-22	\$20,038.15	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Kirk's Automotive, Inc	00055575	06-May-22	\$530.00	Bus Parts
ewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc	00055610	13-May-22	\$8,000.00	Bus Stops
_ewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc	ACH	17-May-22	\$8,700.00	FY 22 Bus Stops
.ewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc	ACH	27-May-22	\$51,430.00	FY 22 Bus Stops
Magaldi and Magaldi, Inc.	00055611	13-May-22	\$523.64	Bus Parts
Marsha L Combs-Skinner	00055576	06-May-22	\$600.00	Payroll Deduction
Marsha L Combs-Skinner	00055637	20-May-22	\$600.00	Payroll Deduction
Menards	00055577	06-May-22	\$47.90	Building Maintenance
Menards	00055638	20-May-22	\$92,45	Building Maintenance
Vienards	00055671	27-May-22	\$59.98	Office Equipment
Vichelin North America, Inc	00055639	20-May-22	\$1,699.25	Tires
Midwest Equipment II	00055640	20-May-22	\$68.01	Lawn Maintenance Equipment
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00055641	20-May-22	\$1,223.38	Bus Parts
Miller Janitor Supply	00055642	20-May-22	\$373.10	Maintenance Supplies
Minerva Promotions	00055578	06-May-22	\$2,401.28	Uniforms
Minerva Promotions	00055672	27-May-22	\$196.25	Uniforms
Morris Avenue Garage	00055579	06-May-22	\$245.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00055643	20-May-22	\$175.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage Morton Community Bank	00055673	27-May-22 13-May-22	\$35.00 \$300.00	Vehicle Inspection Health Savings Accounts
Morton Community Bank	00055612			· ·
Morton Community Bank	00055644	20-May-22	\$200.00	Health Savings Accounts
Motion Industries, Inc.	00055645	20-May-22	\$49.50	Bus Parts
Mutual of Omaha	00055674	27-May-22	\$16,579.31	Life, AD&D, STD & LTD
Napa Auto Parts	00055580	06-May-22	\$32.99	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00055646	20-May-22	\$1,599.50	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00055675	27-May-22	\$81.49	Bus Parts
Nicor Gas	00055581	06-May-22	\$3,728.24	Utilities
Pantagraph	00055582	06-May-22	\$246.48	Public Notices
Payroll	ACH	05-May-22	\$217,067.59	
Payroll	ACH	19-May-22	\$217,591.81	
Prairie Signs	00055676	27-May-22	\$1,152.00	Advertising- Promotions



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Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
Premier Staffing Solution, LLC	00055583	06-May-22	\$2,781.64	Staffing
Premier Staffing Solution, LLC	00055613	13-May-22	\$2,738.74	Staffing
Premier Staffing Solution, LLC	00055647	20-May-22	\$2,771.12	Staffing
Premier Staffing Solution, LLC	00055677	27-May-22	\$2,674.80	Staffing
Purchase Power	00055678	27-May-22	\$129.06	Postage
Remix Software	00055584	06-May-22	\$18,500.00	Software & Tech Support - Annual
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	00055648	20-May-22	\$414.22	Lubricant Waste Disposal & Solvent Tank
Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00055614	13-May-22	\$280.00	Towing
Southtown Wrecker Service, Inc.,	00055649	20-May-22	\$420.00	Towing
Stratus Networks	00055585	06-May-22	\$3,138.75	Internet
SumnerOne, Inc.	00055679	27-May-22	\$1,046.77	Copier Lease
Team Torque	00055615	13-May-22	\$117.00	Shop Tools
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00055586	06-May-22	\$436.07	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00055650	20-May-22	\$2,442.79	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00055680	27-May-22	\$7,383.68	Bus Parts
The Copy Shop	00055651	20-May-22	\$82.00	Printing
TransitTalent.com	00055616	13-May-22	\$115.00	Public Notices
TRAVELERS	00055587	06-May-22	\$8,480.35	Property Damage
United States Treasury	ACH	10-May-22	\$74,101.45	Federal Tax Payment
United States Treasury	ACH	24-May-22	\$72,085.83	Federal Tax Payment
UPS	00055588	06-May-22	\$13.12	Shipping
USSC Group	00055652	20-May-22	\$316.86	Bus Parts
Verizon Wireless	00055589	06-May-22	\$2,405.99	Mobile Data Terminals for SS
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	(\$111.11)	Cash Back Rebate
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$457.17	Legal
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$697.81	Outside Repair
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$17.78	Building Maintenance
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$5,732.32	Advertising- Employment
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$8.95	Freight
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$22.71	Building Supplies
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$394.11	Software Licensing
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$83.18	Cable
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$382,00	Management Publications
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$2,273.13	Travel & Meetings
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$360.24	Employee Recognition
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$465.00	Advertising- Promotions
VISA-Commerce Bank	00055590	06-May-22	\$216.31	Safety & Training
Vision Service Plan (IL)	00055681	27-May-22	\$1,021.24	Vision Insurance
Whitsitt & Assoc., Inc.	00055591	06-May-22	\$1,500.00	Consulting
William Masters, Inc	00055617	13-May-22	\$5,885.50	HVAC

Total:

\$1,146,165.10

## Bloomington Normal Public Transit Balance Sheet

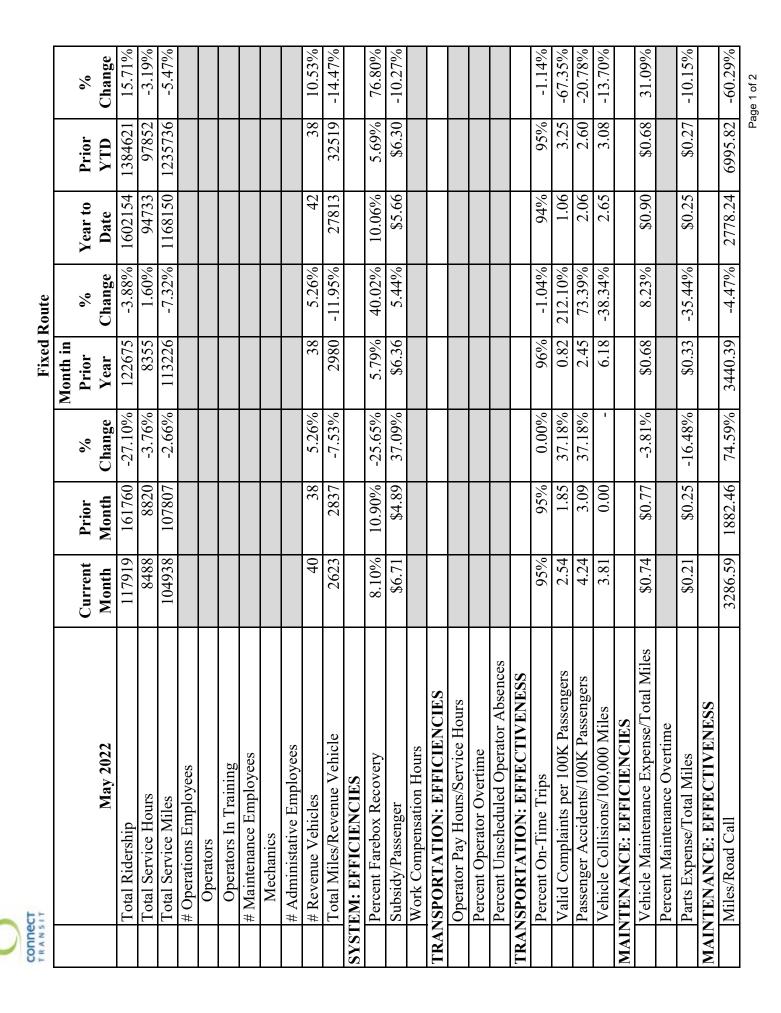
	Division: 99 Board Reports	As of: 5/31/2022
Fiscal Year: 2022 Period: 11 May-2022		
Assets		
Current Assets		
Checking and Savings	\$6,414,168.40	
Accounts Receivable	\$4,003,033.91	
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$62,832.72	
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$290,766.65	
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00	
Other Current Assets	\$297,349.43	
Total Current Assets	\$11,068,151.11	
Fixed Assets	\$22,491,251.35	
Total Assets	\$33,559,402.46	
Liabilites & Equity		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$267,769.07	
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,344,816.93	
Contracts	\$0.00	
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00	
Deferred Revenue	\$283,239.31	
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00	
Total Liabilities	\$1,895,825.31	
EQUITY		
Fixed Asset Equity	\$12,483,532.77	
Unreserved Fund Equity	\$6,750,412.62	
Underground Petroleum Storage	\$20,000.00	
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Total Equity	\$19,253,945.39	
Retained Earnings	\$12,409,631.76	
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$33,559,402.46	

**Bloomington Normal Public Transit** 

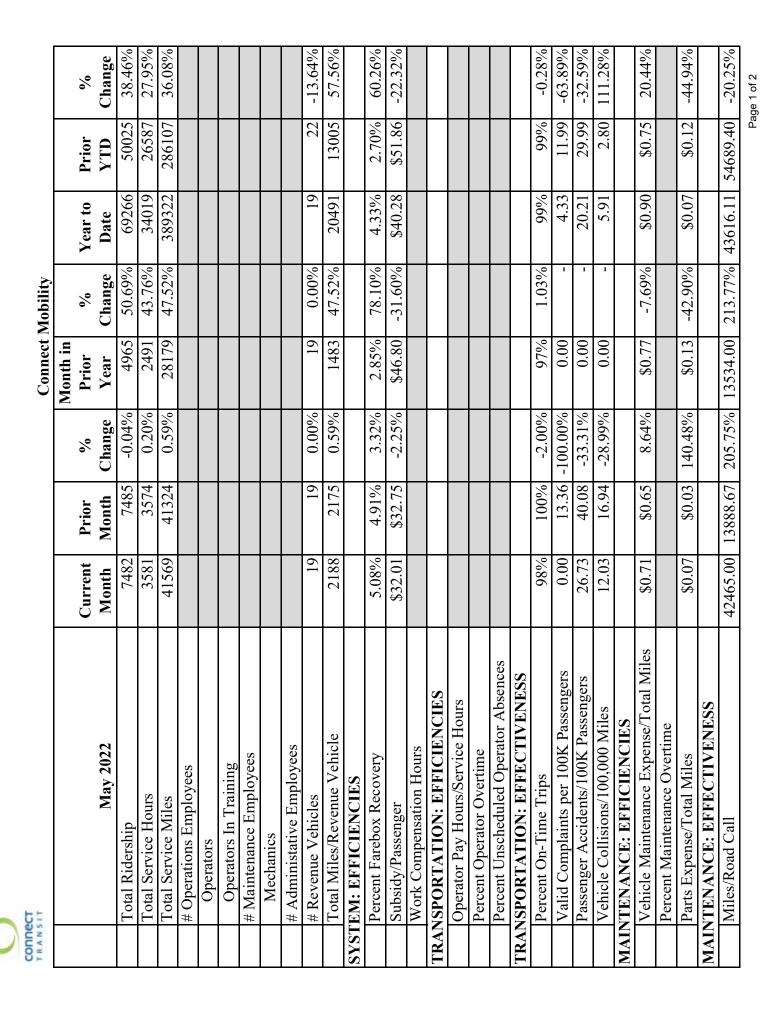
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From Fiscal Year: 2022	From Period 11	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss	Loss		As of: 5/31/2022	5
Thru Fiscal Year: 2022	Thru Period 11	May-2022		Jui-2021 May-2022		Approved Budget
Operating Revenue						
Passenger Fares		\$55,236.02	14.81%	\$493,655.35	132.35%	\$373,000.00
ISU Contract Fare		\$48,178.00	7.94%	\$529,958.00	87.31%	\$607,000.00
Other Contract Fares		\$14,708.36	9.19%	\$160,748.22	100.47%	\$160,000.00
Advertising Revenue		\$22,166.66	22.17%	\$104,101.66	104.10%	\$100,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$8.13	0.33%	\$21,667.39	866.70%	\$2,500.00
Total Operating Revenue		\$140,297.17	11.29%	\$1,310,130.62	105.44%	\$1,242,500.00
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Operators Wages		\$533,025.05	8.22%	\$6,062,284.67	93.45%	\$6,487,000.00
Maintenance Wages		\$75,647.46	5.83%	\$973,622.19	75.01%	\$1,298,000.00
Administration Wages		\$66,195.09	6.17%	\$743,097.74	69.32%	\$1,072,000.00
Employer Payroll Tax Expense	nse	\$52,670.59	7.32%	\$634,444.16	88.12%	\$720,000.00
Retirement Plan		\$29,338.27	6.84%	\$334,304.83	77.93%	\$429,000.00
Group Insurance		\$132,200.05	7.37%	\$1,411,004.31	78.70%	\$1,793,000.00
Uniform Expense		\$2,699.89	7.10%	\$26,789.81	70.50%	\$38,000.00
Professional Services		\$19,342.96	6.20%	\$342,524.49	109.78%	\$312,000.00
Outside Repair-Labor		\$604.03	0.67%	\$46,317.90	51.46%	\$90,000.00
Contract Maintenance Services	ices	\$14,522.13	11.71%	\$218,518.68	176.22%	\$124,000.00
<b>Custodial Services</b>		\$1,187.88	6.99%	\$17,252.60	101.49%	\$17,000.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help	ig/Temp Help	\$15,389.48	96.18%	\$101,207.25	632.55%	\$16,000.00
Fuel		\$71,596.11	8.08%	\$764,152.57	86.25%	\$886,000.00
Lubricants		\$2,402.24	5.34%	\$24,126.99	53.62%	\$45,000.00
Tires		\$6,041.37	6.71%	\$39,438.33	43.82%	\$90,000.00
Bus Repair Parts		\$25,289.00	7.90%	\$321,652.49	100.52%	\$320,000.00
Other Materials & Supplies		\$3,111.05	4.09%	\$50,083.96	65.90%	\$76,000.00
Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools		\$369.50	1.37%	\$8,839.46	32.74%	\$27,000.00
Computer and Office Supplies	ies	\$12,907.40	4.82%	\$187,564.08	69.99%	\$268,000.00
Utilities		\$12,366.06	9.16%	\$158,513.49	117.42%	\$135,000.00
Corporate Insurance		\$53,412.03	12.81%	\$441,719.94	105.93%	\$417,000.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees		\$4,399.45	8.46%	\$22,445.70	43.16%	\$52,000.00
Printing/Marketing/Training		\$2,262.53	0.79%	\$207,374.51	72.01% _	\$288,000.00
Total Operating Expenses		\$1,136,979.62	7.58%	\$13,137,280.15	87.58%	\$15,000,000.00
<b>Operating Assistance</b>						
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants	ubsidies and Grants	(\$996,682.45)	7.24%	(\$11,827,149.53)	85.97%	(\$13,757,500.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance	ing Assistance	\$63,333.33	8.33%	\$696,666.63	91.67%	\$760,000.00
Town of Normal Operating Assitance	Assitance	\$49,166.66	10.03%	\$390,833.32	79.76%	\$490,000.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance	g Assistance	\$732,563.00	7.58%	\$11,118,210.24	115.05%	\$9,664,200.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance	ance	\$263,467.00	9.72%	\$3,230,889.00	119.16%	\$2,711,300.00
Total Operating Assistance		\$1,108,529.99	8.14%	\$15,436,599.19	113.29%	\$13,625,500.00

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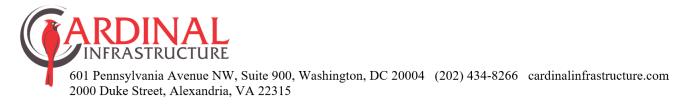
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	Total Ridership	125401	169245	-25.91%	127640	-1.75%	1671420	1434646	16.50%
	Total Service Hours	12069	12394	-2.62%	10846	11.28%	128752	124439	3.47%
	Total Service Miles	146507	149131	-1.76%	141405	3.61%	1557472	1521843	2.34%
	# Operations Employees	116	116	0.00%	105	10.48%	132	112	17.86%
	Operators	96	96	0.00%	88	9.09%	109	94	15.96%
	Operators In Training	9	4	50.00%	1	500.00%	21	10	110.00%
	# Maintenance Employees	17	16	6.25%	19	-10.53%	25	21	19.05%
	Mechanics	7	L	0.00%	10	-30.00%	6	12	-25.00%
	# Administative Employees	11	11	0.00%	11	0.00%	15	15	0.00%
	# Revenue Vehicles	59	57	3.51%	57	3.51%	61	60	1.67%
	Total Miles/Revenue Vehicle	4811	5012	-4.00%	4463	7.81%	48304	45524	6.11%
SYS	SYSTEM: EFFICIENCIES								
	Percent Farebox Recovery	7.41%	9.55%	-22.39%	5.13%	44.55%	8.77%	5.02%	74.67%
	Subsidy/Passenger	\$8.22	\$6.13	34.16%	\$7.93	3.56%	\$7.09	\$7.89	-10.15%
	Work Compensation Hours	160	134	19.40%	225	-28.89%	2078	2198	-5.46%
TRA	TRANSPORTATION: EFFICIENCIES								
	Operator Pay Hours/Service Hours	138.04%	133.41%	3.47%	143.06%	-3.51%	137.98%	141.08%	-2.20%
	Percent Operator Overtime	2.24%	3.47%	-35.22%	4.07%	-44.80%	3.64%	3.11%	16.88%
	Percent Unscheduled Operator Absences	1.98%	3.97%	-50.17%	3.11%	-36.28%	5.66%	4.30%	31.71%
TRA	TRANSPORTATION: EFFECTIVENESS								
	Percent On-Time Trips								
	Valid Complaints per 100K Passengers	2.39	2.36	1.22%	0.78	205.36%	1.20	3.55	-66.34%
	Passenger Accidents/100K Passengers	5.58	4.73	18.09%	2.35	137.50%	2.81	3.55	-20.90%
	Vehicle Collisions/100,000 Miles	6.14	4.69	30.87%	4.95	24.09%	3.47	3.02	14.71%
MAI	MAINTENANCE: EFFICIENCIES								
	Vehicle Maintenance Expense/Total Miles	\$0.73	\$0.73	-0.70%	\$0.70	4.32%	\$0.90	\$0.70	28.99%
	Percent Maintenance Overtime	5.04%	6.42%	-21.46%	4.80%	5.08%	4.97%	2.06%	141.76%
	Parts Expense/Total Miles	\$0.17	\$0.19	-9.51%	\$0.29	-40.17%	\$0.20	\$0.25	-18.37%
MAI	MAINTENANCE: EFFECTIVENESS								
	Miles/Road Call	4,473.82	2,492.95	79.46%	4,052.12	10.41%	3,649.19	8,350.75	-56.30%

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	May 2022	Month	Month	Change	Year	Change	Date	<b>VTD</b>	Change
	Actual/Scheduled Inspections	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
	Average Bus Cleanliness Score	91.00%	91.40%	-0.44%	88.56%	2.76%	88.96%	90.51%	-1.71%
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	Solar Energy Created (MWh)	28.95	27.6	4.89%	0	-	104.79	0	I
	Facility Electric Useage (MWh)	33.1	31.9	3.76%	29.4	12.59%	319.8	366	-12.62%
	Facility Electric Costs	4840.24	4435.77	9.12%	3049.61	58.72%	39989.26 37067.52	37067.52	7.88%



## Federal Update for Connect Transit Prepared by Cardinal Infrastructure Prepared June 16, 2022

## Fiscal Year 2023 Budget/Appropriations

The House has deemed a discretionary spending cap for fiscal year 2023 that matches President Biden's roughly \$1.6 trillion budget request, as part of the rule governing consideration of the two gun bills. House appropriators have begun subcommittee markups and will continue throughout June for a first tranche of the 12 annual spending bills. THUD was originally scheduled to markup on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and have pushed that meeting back to July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Senate Appropriations Committee will likely hold markups on its companion spending bills later this summer. The hope is to have a package ready to vote on in September, avoiding the need to pass continuing resolutions on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. However, rarely in the last 20 years has this been accomplished, and we can expect that CRs will be needed to keep the federal government in operation. Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks) are included in this process. Each member in both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have posted their selections for CPF and they are available at their respective webpages. <u>House Appropriations</u>. <u>Senate Appropriations</u>.

## **Upcoming Funding Opportunities**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has shared a <u>calendar of upcoming notices</u> for your awareness and planning.

## **Current Funding Opportunities**

- DOT FY 2022 <u>University Transportation Centers Program</u> Letter of Intent deadline: July 1, 2022. Full Application deadline: August 25, 2022.
- DOT FHWA FY 2022 Bridge Investment Program Planning Deadline: July 25, 2022
- DOT FTA FY 2022 <u>Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development</u> Planning Deadline: July 25, 2022
- DOT FHWA <u>National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program</u> State Plans, Deadline: August 1, 2022
- DOT FY 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program Deadline: September 15, 2022
- DOT FRA <u>Corridor Identification and Development Program</u> (Rolling Deadline)

## Fare-Free Transit

The <u>push for free buses</u> and trains has long been heralded in progressive circles as a way to boost access to transportation, mitigate carbon emissions and bridge racial disparities. Now, it's increasingly

popular as gas prices hit new records and Covid-weary mayors and governors grow desperate to entice people and businesses back to urban centers.

#### **Department of Transportation - Nominations**

Veronica Vanterpool has been appointed to be deputy administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Vanterpool has served as senior advisor in the FTA Office of the Administrator since August 2021.

The Senate confirmed Steve Cliff to be NHTSA administrator, marking the first time the safety agency has had a Senate-confirmed leader since January 2017. The Senate confirmed Cliff by voice vote before leaving for a 10-day Memorial Day recess. The long-awaited action comes a week after NHTSA released its preliminary 2021 roadway fatality figures showing the largest-ever year-over-year increase in traffic fatalities, continuing a climb that started with the pandemic.

## **Supply Chain**

The White House and the U.S. Department of Transportation announced on Friday, May 27, that retired Gen. Stephen R. Lyons will serve as envoy for the Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force. Lyons, former commander of the U.S. Transportation Command, will take over the task force's role of envoy from John D. Porcari. Lyons will work with the Department of Transportation, the White House National Economic Council, ports, rail, trucking and other private companies across the nation's supply logistics system to address bottlenecks, speed up the movement of goods and help lower costs for American families.

#### **Build America Buy America**

DOT approved the 180-day temporary waiver to the new IIJA/BIL Buy America Requirements for Construction Materials. There were 80+ comments submitted during the 15-day notice period and some are directly addressed by the Department in the attached document "Fed\_Reg 2022\_11195". Legislation increased Buy America requirements by adding "construction materials". As currently defined, construction materials include:

An article, material, or supply—other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives —that is or consists primarily of: non-ferrous metals; plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables); glass (including optic glass); lumber; or drywall.

The Department and the Made in America Office will continue to provide and update guidance as necessary. DOT may consider public interest waivers in the future, but only sparingly, if at all. Over the next 5 months, the Department expects stakeholders/grantees to implement processes to ensure compliance. During this period, it is still possible (and recommended) to submit comments to DOT about challenges procuring materials or shortages that you encounter. Cardinal is more than happy to assist with submitting comments.

#### Workforce Development

The White House is continuing its efforts to improve supply chain resilience. One method they've employed is an attempt to expedite commercial driver's license applications to get more heavy-duty vehicle drivers on the road to keep goods and people moving. In other workforce development issues, with federal monies from the IIJA starting to roll out, contractors and other groups are facing challenges with hiring enough labor to meet project demands. According to the Associated General Contractors of America, job openings in April were at their highest amount ever, The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the amount of construction jobs currently open is 494,000. While the challenge of finding adequately skilled labor is nothing new to contractors and builders, the current number of openings has caused some uneasiness about the ability to follow-through on projects funded by the IIJA.

## **COVID Relief Funding Flexibility**

The U.S. Senate rejected legislation providing additional funding for Covid-19 pandemic costs including language allowing municipalities to redirect previously appropriated funds for Covid relief to transportation projects. The bill would have authorized states and local governments to use up to \$123 billion of Fiscal Recovery for transportation projects. The bill appears to be dead for the time being due to the objections by some Senators that there has been enough money provided previously for these purposes that has gone unspent.

## **Traffic Safety**

Witnesses <u>appeared</u> before a House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee hearing on roadway safety and spoke to the surge in traffic fatalities, including the rise in deaths among pedestrians and bicyclists. The National League of Cities submitted several recommendations, among them that states adopt the "Safe System" approach, as well as other actions for Congress, the administration, state departments of transportation and the road safety community to take. While new federal funds to help combat the rise in fatalities are available through the bipartisan infrastructure law, rising construction and labor costs will reduce the number of safety-related projects that can be undertaken, speakers said.



TO:	Connect Transit Board of Directors
FROM:	Cornerstone Government Affairs – Illinois Team
SUBJECT:	Legislative Update
DATE:	June 28, 2022

#### **Summary**

Our team at Cornerstone Government Affairs compiled this update for the Connect Transit Board of Directors. Over the past month, we continued our conversations with House Democratic Staff and the Governor's office on the release of grant funding. We have also continued discussions with the Illinois Municipal League regarding concerns with the updated Statement of Economic Interest form disclosures to see how we can best coordinate our approach.

Moving forward, we are preparing for a special legislative session this summer that is expected to take place between July  $6^{th} - 7^{th}$ . This special session is expected to focus on multiple measures to protect reproductive rights, including protections for state licensed professionals from interstate sanctions for performing abortions, allowing advanced practice clinicians to provide early abortion procedures, and simplifying the process for our-of-state health care professionals to be licensed and credentialed in Illinois. Other measures that could potentially be discussed are financial sanctions on Russia due to its attack on Ukraine and actions to take to further mitigate the impact of inflation on Illinois residents. We are actively having conversations with lawmakers around these and other potential issues to monitor for legislation which could impact Connect. Our team is also monitoring the Midterm Election for changes which could impact Connect and intend to send out an Election Update next Wednesday after the Primary.

#### **Bill Tracking**

#### <u>HB 398</u>

## Short Description: COMPLETE STREETS ACT

House Sponsors Rep. Martin J. Moylan-Carol Ammons-Debbie Meyers-Martin-Katie Stuart and Ryan Spain

Senate Sponsors (Sen. Steven M. Landek)

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Complete Streets Act. Requires the Department of Transportation to use federal or State funds allocated for transportation projects to improve safety, access, and mobility for users of the various modes of transportation. Creates the Complete Streets Advisory Board. Provides that the Governor shall appoint members representing various agencies, organizations, or interest groups to the Advisory Board. Provides that the Advisory Board, in coordination with a representative or representatives of the Department, shall prepare a report on the status of the implementation of the Complete Streets Initiative. Provides that the Advisory Board shall submit its initial report and recommendations to the Governor, the Department, and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2023, and annually on January 1 of each subsequent year. Defines the terms "Advisory Board", "Department", "multimodal", "multimodal planning or multimodal transportation planning", and "user or users". Effective immediately.

## Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
4/23/2021	Senate	Referred to Assignments

## <u>HB 1878</u>

## Short Description: INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN BUILD

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Ryan Spain

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act. Contains a statement of legislative policy. Defines terms. Adds provisions governing: authorization of project delivery methods; preconditions to commencement of procurement; procurement; evaluation and selection of proposals; project records; confidentiality; public disclosure; design-build contracts; construction manager/general contractor contracts; funding and financing; minority, disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses; acquisition of property; federal requirements; powers of the Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; and rulemaking. Makes corresponding changes in the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois; Illinois Finance Authority Act; the Illinois Procurement Code; the Public Construction Bond Act; the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act; the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act; the Toll Highway Act; the Eminent Domain Act; and the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the provisions of the Act are severable. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
3/27/2021	House	Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee

## <u>HB 3125</u>

## Short Description: ELECTRIC VEHICLES

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Robyn Gabel-Barbara Hernandez-Deb Conroy-Mark L. Walker-Michael J. Zalewski, Kelly M.

Cassidy, Ann M. Williams, Terra Costa Howard, Margaret Croke, Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, Kathleen Willis, Will Guzzardi, Bob Morgan, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Joyce Mason and Dagmara Avelar

#### **Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, Cristina Castro, Melinda Bush, Christopher Belt-Laura Fine and Jacqueline Y. Collins)

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Creates the Electric Vehicle Charging Act, which may be referred to as the Beneficial Electrification Act. Sets forth requirements for parking spaces that are electrical vehicle ready applicable to new or renovated residential or nonresidential buildings. Sets forth provisions concerning electric vehicle charging station policies for unit owners and renters. Amends the Electric Vehicle Act. Creates the Electric Vehicle Access for All Program to maximize opportunities for carbon-free transportation across the State, particularly targeting environmental justice and low-income communities and to provide grants to pilot programs with the purpose of bridging public transportation gaps between residences and employment locations. Sets forth provisions concerning administrative review and authorized expenditure of State-controlled funds to accelerate electric vehicle adoption. Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that no later than May 31, 2022, electric utilities serving greater than 500,000 customers in the State shall file a Beneficial Electrification Plan with the Illinois Commerce Commission. Provides for review of the plans by the Commission and establishes a system for utilities to consider specified businesses, nonprofit organizations, or worker-owned cooperatives when awarding bids. Effective immediately.

#### **House Floor Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Creates the Electric Vehicle Charging Act. Provides that the Act applies to new single-family homes and newly constructed or renovated multi-unit residential buildings that have parking spaces and are constructed or renovated after the effective date of the Act. Defines terms. Provides that a new single-family residence or a small multi-family residence shall have at least one electric vehicle capable parking space for each residential unit that has dedicated parking, unless any subsequently adopted building code requires additional electric vehicle capable parking spaces or installed EVSE. Includes electric vehicle parking space requirements for a new, large multi-family residential building or a large multi-family residential building being renovated by a developer converting the property to an association. Includes electric vehicle parking subject to an association that undertakes renovation. Includes electric vehicle charging station policies for unit owners and for renters.

#### **House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Removes language providing that "electric vehicle" does not mean electric motorcycles. Provides that "electric vehicle" does not include electric mopeds or electric off-highway vehicles.

#### **House Floor Amendment No. 3**

Provides that a new single-family residence or small multi-family residence that qualifies as an affordable housing development shall have one EV-capable parking space for each code-required parking space if the owner is issued a building permit 24 months after the effective date of the Act. Makes a conforming change.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/10/2022	Senate	Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-9(b) / Referred to Assignments

#### <u>HB 4489</u>

Short Description: GATA-APPLICABILITY

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jay Hoffman-Tim Butler, Jehan Gordon-Booth, Michael Halpin and Mark Luft

#### **Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Scott M. Bennett-Christopher Belt-David Koehler-Steve Stadelman-Jil Tracy)

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. Provides that the requirements established under the Act do not apply to awards, including capital appropriated funds, made by the Department of Transportation to units of local government for the purposes of surface transportation projects utilizing State and federal funds. Provides that the Act shall recognize that federal and federal pass-through awards from the Department of Transportation to units of local government are governed by and must comply with specified federal guidelines. Effective immediately.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Provides that the requirements established under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act do not apply to awards, including capital appropriated funds, made by the Department of Transportation to units of local government for the purposes of transportation (rather than surface transportation) projects utilizing State and federal funds.

#### Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Makes changes to the engrossed bill to provide that the requirements do not apply to awards made by the Department of Transportation to units of local government for the purposes of transportation projects utilizing State funds, federal funds, or both State and federal funds (rather than State and federal funds).

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
6/10/2022	House	Public Act 102-1092

#### <u>HB 4990</u>

#### Short Description: IDOT-PUB TRANSPORT PARTICIPANT

#### **House Sponsors**

Rep. Jay Hoffman

#### **Senate Sponsors**

(Sen. Ram Villivalam and Steve Stadelman-Patricia Van Pelt)

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Downstate Public Transportation Act. Provides that no later than 180 days following the last day of a participant's fiscal year (rather than the State fiscal year) each participant shall provide the Department of Transportation with an audit prepared by a Certified Public Accountant covering that fiscal year. Provides that upon the Department's final reconciliation determination that identifies a discrepancy between the Downstate Operating Assistance Program funds paid and the percentage of the eligible operating expenses which results in a reimbursement payment due to the Department, the participant shall remit the reimbursement payment to the Department no later than 90 days after written notification. Provides that funds received by the Department from participants for reimbursement as a result of an overpayment from a prior State fiscal year shall be deposited into the Downstate Public Transportation Fund in the fiscal year in which they are received and all unspent funds shall roll to following fiscal years. Provides that upon the Department's final reconciliation determination that identifies a discrepancy between the Downstate Operating Assistance Program funds paid and the percentage of the eligible operating expenses which results in a received and all unspent funds shall roll to following fiscal years. Provides that upon the Department's final reconciliation determination that identifies a discrepancy between the Downstate Operating Assistance Program funds paid and the percentage of the eligible operating expenses which results in a reimbursement payment due to the participant, the Department shall remit the reimbursement payment to the participant no later than 90 days after written notifications.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
5/13/2022	House	Public Act 102-0790

#### <u>SB 2905</u>

#### Short Description: INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN BUILD

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Ram Villivalam-Thomas Cullerton

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act. Contains a statement of legislative policy. Defines terms. Adds provisions governing: authorization of project delivery methods; preconditions to commencement of procurement; procurement; evaluation and selection of proposals; project records; confidentiality; public disclosure; design-build contracts; construction manager/general contractor contracts; funding and financing; minority, disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses; labor agreements; acquisition of property; federal requirements; powers of the Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; and rulemaking. Makes corresponding changes in the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois; Illinois Finance Authority Act; the Illinois Procurement Code; the Public Construction Bond Act; the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act; the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act; the Toll Highway Act; the Eminent Domain Act; and the Prevailing

Wage Act. Provides that the provisions of the Act are severable. Effective immediately.

Date	Chamber	Action
5/25/2021	Senate	Referred to Assignments

#### <u>SB 2981</u>

## Short Description: INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN BUILD

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Ram Villivalam-Antonio Muñoz-Donald P. DeWitte

#### **House Sponsors**

(Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.-Tim Butler, Elizabeth Hernandez, Eva Dina Delgado, Michael T. Marron and Ryan Spain)

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act. Contains a statement of legislative policy. Adds provisions governing: authorization of project delivery methods; preconditions to commencement of procurement; procurement; evaluation and selection of proposals; project records; confidentiality; public disclosure; design-build contracts; construction manager/general contractor contracts; funding and financing; minority, disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses; labor agreements; acquisition of property; federal requirements; powers of the Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; and rulemaking. Makes corresponding changes in the Department of Transportation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois; Illinois Finance Authority Act; the Illinois Procurement Code; the Public Construction Bond Act; the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act; the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act; the Toll Highway Act; the Eminent Domain Act; and the Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that the provisions of the Act are severable. Effective immediately.

#### Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Reinserts the provisions of the introduced bill with the following changes: Changes the definition of "Progressive design-build project delivery method" to include the negotiations of the contract price can contain either a lump sum or a guaranteed maximum price (instead of either a lump sum or a guaranteed minimum price). Adds a provision that the Act shall be excepted from Illinois Public Contract Fraud Act. In provisions regarding the Illinois Department of Transportation or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority offering to pay stipends, changes a provision allowing payment after the proposal has been released, but before the due date for proposals (instead of before the due date for proposals). In provisions regarding taxpayer accountability, adds a provision limiting the provisions to any project with an estimated cost over \$30,000,000. Removes provisions requiring the firm to be prequalified in Construction Inspection. Adds a provision requiring the implementation of a disadvantaged businesse enterprise program to include minority-owned and womenowned businesses and disadvantaged businesses when applicable under federal law. Adds provisions establishing a disadvantaged business enterprise liaison. Makes other changes.

Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
6/15/2022	Senate	Public Act 102-1094

#### <u>SB 2983</u>

#### Short Description: COVID-19 RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

#### **Senate Sponsors**

Sen. Darren Bailey

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Creates the COVID-19 Religious Exemption Act. Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person, public or private institution, or public official to discriminate against any person in any manner because of such person's refusal to obtain, receive, or accept a COVID-19 vaccination contrary to his or her belief. Requires all health care facilities to adopt written access to care and information protocols that are designed to ensure that belief-based objections do not cause impairment of patients' health and that explain how belief-based objections will be addressed in a timely manner to facilitate patient care. Provides that it is unlawful for any public or private employer, entity, agency, institution, official, or person to deny admission because of, to place any reference in its application form concerning, to orally question about, to impose any burdens in terms or conditions of employment on, or to otherwise discriminate against, any applicant, in terms of employment, admission to or participation in any programs for which the applicant is eligible, or to discriminate in relation thereto, in any other manner, on account of the applicant's refusal to obtain, receive, or accept a COVID-19 vaccination that is against the applicant's beliefs. Provides that it is unlawful for any public official, guardian, agency, institution, or entity to deny any form of aid, assistance, or benefits, or to condition the reception in any way of any form of aid, assistance, or benefits, or in any other manner to coerce, disqualify, or discriminate against any person, otherwise entitled to such aid, assistance, or benefits, because that person refuses to obtain, receive, or accept a COVID-19 vaccination contrary to the person's belief. Allows any person injured by any public or private person, association, agency, entity, or corporation by reason of any action prohibited by the Act to bring an action. Provides that a person who brings an action shall recover threefold the actual damages, the costs of the action, and reasonable attorney's fees, but in no case shall recovery for each violation be less than \$2,500 plus costs of the action and reasonable attorney's fees. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
1/5/2022	Senate	Referred to Assignments

#### <u>SB 3007</u>

#### Short Description: SOS-DRIVERS OMNIBUS

**Senate Sponsors** 

Sen. Ram Villivalam

**House Sponsors** 

(Rep. Michael Kelly)

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State is authorized to suspend or revoke the driving privileges of any person without a preliminary hearing upon a showing of the person's records or other sufficient evidence that the person has committed an out-of-State offense similar to the Illinois prohibition on the unlawful use of a license, has possessed cannabis while under 21 years of age, or has provided false information about his or her age to a cannabis establishment. Provides that driver rehabilitation specialists or programs are permitted to give driving instruction without being issued a license, except when the client of the specialist or program has never held a driver's license. Changes the implementation date concerning changes to the Secretary of State's requirements regarding the posting of certain information to the Commercial Driver's License Information System from June 22, 2021 to June 23, 2025. Provides that an individual shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life if that individual uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony involving an act or practice of severe forms of human trafficking. Amends the Probate Act of 1975. Provides requirements concerning probate court notifications to the Secretary of State in limited and plenary guardianship cases.

#### Senate Floor Amendment No. 1

Removes language providing that: if the court makes a finding that the respondent should not hold a driver's license, the clerk of the court shall provide a copy of the written order of limited guardianship to the Secretary of State; and if the court provides the guardian with the power to determine if the respondent may hold a driver's license, upon the guardian making a determination that the respondent should not hold a driver's license, the guardian shall notify the Secretary of State. Provides instead that when a court adjudges a respondent to be a person with a disability and appoints a plenary guardian for that person or enters an order finding that the respondent should not operate a motor vehicle, the court shall direct the circuit court clerk to notify the Secretary of State's Driver Services Department, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State, and shall forward a copy of the court order to the Secretary of State's Driver Services Department no later than 7 days after the entry of the order.

#### **Last Action**

Date	Chamber	Action
5/6/2022	Senate	Public Act 102-0749

#### <u>SB 3626</u>

Short Description: SOLID WASTE SITE OPERATOR

## Senate Sponsors

Sen. Melinda Bush-Dale Fowler

#### **House Sponsors**

(Rep. Lawrence Walsh, Jr.)

#### Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Solid Waste Site Operator Certification Law. Creates a Solid Waste Site Operator Certification. Removes provisions concerning Class "A" and Class "B" Solid Waste Site Operator Certification. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to approve the use of examinations conducted by third parties. Provides that the Agency shall maintain on its website information regarding the examinations. Provides that at the time of certificate renewal, the applicant shall certify the completion of 30 hours of continuing education covering the operation of landfills during the preceding 3 years. Provides that the fee for the issuance or renewal of a Solid Waste Site Operator Certificate shall be \$1,000. Provides that if the fee for renewal is not paid within the grace period, the fee for renewal shall be increased by \$100 (rather than \$50). Makes other changes.

#### Senate Floor Amendment No. 3

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the introduced bill and makes the following changes. Provides that a landfill site that accepts non-hazardous solid waste shall have a Solid Waste Site Operator Certification (rather than a Class A or a Class B Solid Waste Site Operator Certification). Provides that a landfill site which accepts special waste shall have a Solid Waste Site Operator certified by the Environmental Protection Agency. Provides that solid waste site operators shall be certified based on level of competency determined by examination and in accordance with educational and experience level as follows: (1) graduation from high school or equivalent and not less than 2 years (rather than 6 months) of acceptable study, training, and responsible experience in sanitary landfill operation or management, or not less than 7 (rather than 3) years of acceptable study training and responsible experience in operation or management of earth moving equipment; or (2) grammar school completion or equivalent and not less than 15 (rather than 5) years of acceptable study, training, and responsible experience in sanitary landfill operation or management. Provides that at the time of certificate renewal the applicant shall certify the completion of 15 (rather than 30) hours of continuing education covering the operation of landfills during the preceding 3 years. Provides that continuing education used to satisfy continuing education requirements must be approved by the Agency and must cover the design, operation, and maintenance of sanitary landfills, and for certificates that include a special waste endorsement, continuing education must cover the operation of landfills relative to the acceptance and disposal of special wastes. Provides that the fee for a Solid Waste Site Operator Certificate shall be \$400 (rather than \$1,000) and provides that the fee for an issuance or renewal for special waste endorsements shall be \$100.

#### **House Committee Amendment No. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the engrossed bill, and makes the following changes: Amends the Illinois Oil and Gas Act. Defines "temporary abandonment status". Provides that before engaging in the business of removing liquid oil field waste from an on-site collection point, the person shall apply for a permit with a fee of \$150 (instead of \$100). Provides that each application to transport oil field waste shall be accompanied by a biennial permit fee of \$150 (instead of \$100) for each vehicle sought to be licensed. Provides the requirements for application for temporary abandonment status. Provides the requirements for a permittee to conduct a fluid level test upon the fluid in the well bore. Provides the fees that the Department of Natural Resources shall assess for each well in temporary abandonment status. Provides that each application for a permit to drill, deepen, convert, or amend shall be accompanied by a fee of \$400 (rather than a fee not to exceed \$300). Provides that the fee for an application for a permit to oil lease road shall be \$150. Provides that the fees

per well to be paid by the new owner for each transfer of well ownership shall be \$75 for the first 100 wells and \$50 for each subsequent well in excess of 100. Provides that the Department shall assess and collect annual well fees from each permittee in the amount of \$100 (instead of \$75) per well for the first 100 wells and a \$75 fee (instead of \$50) for each well in excess of 100 for which a permit is required under the Act.

## **House Floor Amendment No. 2**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause with the provisions of the engrossed bill, and makes the following changes: Amends the Illinois Oil and Gas Act. Defines "temporary abandonment status". Provides that before engaging in the business of removing liquid oil field waste from an on-site collection point, the person shall apply for a permit with a fee of \$150 (instead of \$100). Provides that each application to transport oil field waste shall be accompanied by a biennial permit fee of \$150 (instead of \$100) for each vehicle sought to be licensed. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall assess and collect annual fees of \$100 per well for each well in temporary abandonment status. Provides that each application for a permit to drill, deepen, convert, or amend shall be accompanied by a fee of \$400 (rather than a fee not to exceed \$300). Provides that the fee for an application for a permit to oil lease road shall be \$150. Provides that the fees per well to be paid by the new owner for each transfer of well ownership shall be \$75 for the first 100 wells and \$50 for each subsequent well in excess of 100. Provides that the Department shall assess and collect annual well fees from each permittee in the amount of \$100 (instead of \$75) per well for the first 100 wells and a \$75 fee (instead of \$50) for each well in excess of 100 for which a permit is required under the Act.

#### Last Action

Date	Chamber	Action
5/27/2022	Senate	Public Act 102-1017

#### **General Legislative Updates**

#### **ELECTION UPDATE:**

Illinois' Primary Election is Tuesday, June 28th. Watch for our election roundup highlighting the outcome of Tuesday's contests.

#### **GOVERNOR'S HIGHLIGHTS:**

Three bills remain pending on the Governor's desk.

**New Laws:** <u>HB 4434</u> which expands the options of professional sports team license plates Illinoisans can choose from at the Secretary of State. The change adds the Chicago Fire, the Chicago Sky, and the Chicago Red Stars to the list of options.

**R3 Grants Awarded:** The Criminal Justice Information Authority awarded \$45 Million in Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program Grants. The grants are funded through adult use cannabis sales. Read more <u>here.</u>

Gubernatorial Appointments: The following were appointed by Governor Pritzker:

- Dr. Sylvia Jenkins will serve as a Member of the Illinois Community College Board.
- Matthew Coates will serve as a Member of the Prisoner Review Board.
- Carmen Terrones will serve as a Member of the Prisoner Review Board.
- Erica Marquez Avitia will serve as a Member of the Secure Choice Savings Board.
- Lotika Pai will serve as a Member of the Secure Choice Savings Board.
- Michael Goetz will serve as a Member of the Teachers' Retirement System Board of Trustees.
- Joseph Gutman will serve as a Member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.

Adult Use Cannabis: The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation announced the next steps to issue 185 Conditional Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization Licenses to applicants selected in three lotteries in 2021.

Applicants must finalize statutory compliance checks before Conditional Licenses can be issued. Beginning June 16, 2022, IDFPR intends to issue Conditional Licenses to the applicants selected in the 2021 lotteries in three waves:

- Wave 1, on or before July 22, 2022. Naperville-Chicago-Elgin BLS Region.
- Wave 2, on or before August 5, 2022. Other BLS Regions with multiple licenses available.
- Wave 3, on or before August 19, 2022. BLS Regions with a single license available.

The pace of licensing will be determined by how quickly applicants' compliance checks can be verified. Read more <u>here.</u>

**Child Care:** Illinois is making new investments to strengthen and grow Illinois' early childhood education and care field. Several program changes were made including increasing provider rates and family income eligibility levels. The changes will take effect July 1, 2022. Read more <u>here.</u>

## **102nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

Both Senate President Don Harmon and House Speaker Chris Welch are polling the members of their respective Democratic caucuses to identify member availability for a special session sometime between July 5th and the 15th. An exact date for return has not been announced but will be decided shortly given the US Supreme Court's opinion in the abortion case - Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. Governor Pritzker will call the Special Session.

Senator Rachelle Crowe resigned her seat effective June 15th at 10 am. Crowe was recently appointed to serve as the US District Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. Local Democrats will select her replacement in the coming days.

Senators and staff have begun moving offices to allow for renovations in the north wing of the Capitol. Work is expected to take approximately three years. Republican Senators and staff have been relocated to the Stratton Building. Democratic Senators and staff have been relocated to a combination of other office space in the Capitol and in the Stratton Building.



#### MEMO

DATE: June 28, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Patrick Kuebrich, Finance Director

Subject: Universal Access - Heartland Community College

**RECOMMENDATION:** To approve a five-year Universal Access Service Agreement with Heartland Community College for the term July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$96,000 per year, for a total of \$480,000 for the five-year period.

**BACKGROUND:** The Universal Access Agreement allows students, faculty, and staff of Heartland Community College to ride Connect Transit fixed route buses free of charge upon displaying their valid school ID. Connect Transit will provide established and regularly publicized public transportation service to the Bloomington-Normal community.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Heartland Community College will pay \$96,000.00 per year to Connect Transit based on an estimate of an average of 400 unique riders at \$20 per month in fiscal years 2023-2027.

In addition, the proposed agreement with HCC will allow the option for the College to publicly market Heartland via an industry standard "visual wrap" should the College choose to pay for the materials. The standard monthly advertising cost would be waived should the College elect this option.



#### MEMO

Date: June 28, 2022

To: Board of Trustees

From: Patrick Kuebrich, Finance Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve David Braun, General Manager, to be added as an additional authorized signatory for all Connect Transit bank accounts.

**BACKGROUND:** Connect Transit must have two (2) signatures on each written check. Currently Connect signatories are Shelly Perry, Operations Manager, Dave White, Safety and Training Director, and Steve Stockton, IT Manager.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff recommends four (4) bank account signatories, David Braun, General Manager, Dave White, Safety and Training Director, Steven Stockton, IT Manager, and Shelly Perry, Operations Manager, to cover when staff are out of the office. Having these staff as signatories offers sufficient security through separation of duties to avoid a conflict of having procurement or finance be involved in a purchase from beginning to end.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

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DATE:	June 28, 2022
TO:	Board of Trustees
FROM:	David Braun, General Manager and Aubrey Staton, Marketing Manager
SUBJECT:	Proposal to Disband the CTAC and Create a Connect Transit Ambassador Group

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Dissolve and discontinue the Connect Transit Advisory Committee (CTAC) and replace it with the Connect Transit Ambassadors (CTA), as proposed by staff.

#### **BACKGRO**UND:

Connect Transit's former General Manager recommended and established an advisory group called the Connect Transit Advisory Committee (CTAC), which was created to provide insight and perspective to "major service changes, fare policy, budget adoption or changes, the development of ... facilities, major service policy changes, and such other issues or concerns that may impact the public and customer relations of Connect Transit and to make recommendations to the General Manager or Executive staff upon these issues and concerns..." as well as advocacy.

The role of the committee mirrored the role of the Board in many ways, but did not have the authority of the Board, which led to frustration and a general lack of a feeling of purpose. The last meeting of the CTAC was in February 2020. Prior to that meeting, the last meeting was in September of 2019. They did not meet during the COVID pandemic and have not met since restrictions have been lifted.

In January 2020, the Connect to the Future (CttF) working group approved its recommendations to improve Connect Transit's service and long-term viability. The group's recommendations recognized the need to better tell the story of Connect Transit through a "MyConnect" campaign that provided community education to build broad taxpayer support of transit. The recommendation included adding representatives from the ISU and HCC student populations, and businesspeople to the CTAC. The long-term intent of the campaign was to build public confidence in Connect Transit and increase ridership.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The concept of a customer advisory committee is well established in the transit industry. Large transit systems' management and staff tend to be disconnected from their passengers due to layers of staff between them and their customers. As a small system, Connect Transit does not face this problem. Instead, we face the problem identified by the CttF working group that we don't advocate well for the great things we do in the community. Our best advocates are those people that use the system, and those people who believe in the solutions Connect Transit provides as well as the potential solutions provided by public transportation systems throughout the world.

This proposal establishes a group of Ambassadors that will participate in getting the message of Connect Transit to the public, through education, engagement, and participating in events that are sponsored by Connect Transit or in which we are involved.

The composition of the group of 8-12 people will be similar to the former CTAC group. Potential members will express their interest through an online survey and will be interviewed by staff prior to recommending them to the Board. The "Rules of Engagement" following this memo describes the group, how members are selected and their responsibilities. Also attached is information that will be provided on our website and in social media to encourage people to apply.

Rather than creating another group, we propose to disband and discontinue the CTAC and replace it with the Connect Transit Ambassadors (CTA). Aubrey Staton, our Marketing Manager will take ownership of the group and act as the liaison between the group and staff. Judy Buchanan will be the Board Liaison on the group who will convey the group's activities to the Board as needed.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

We have budgeted \$2,200 for FY23 for logo apparel and meetings for this group.



# Connect Transit Ambassador Rules of Engagement

## Article I: Naming of Participants

The name of the organization comprised of individually appointed Ambassadors is the Connect Transit Ambassadors, hereinafter referred to as "CTA."

The Connect Transit Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the "Board".

## Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the CTA is to:

- Act as an educational arm of the organization to reach out to the public.
- Advocate for the betterment and advancement of Connect Transit.
- Increase public participation in the functions of Connect Transit.
- Serve as a focused, educated forum for public input and feedback to Connect Transit.

## Article III: Scope of Work

To exceed the purpose and expectations of this program, the CTA will:

- Support the efforts of the Board, General Manager, and staff to increase public understanding and confidence in the benefits of Connect Transit.
- Help facilitate and support the efforts of the Board, General Manager, and staff to improve communications with community and local business leaders concerning the economic, social, and environmental impact of Connect Transit in the Bloomington-Normal area.
- Foster a better understanding of the benefits of transit among riders and nonriders of Connect Transit.
- Provide insight and participate in certain community outreach activities either hosted by Connect Transit, or those in which Connect Transit participates.
- Introduce and talk about Connect Transit in as many venues as is open to the Ambassador.

• Participate in periodic surveys for the purpose of evaluating the committee's effectiveness and to recommend improvements to the CTA program.

The CTA is an advisory group which gains insight through personal interaction with transit services or through liaison activities with the community.

The CTA is:

- A volunteer group, representative of the community.
- Focused on supporting, advising, and providing insight to Connect Transit.
- Encouraged to review and understand Connect Transit policies.

The CTA is not:

- A voting body.
- Capable of contracting or incurring obligations on behalf of Connect Transit.
- An agent of Connect Transit.

## Article IV: Composition

The CTA will be comprised of 8-12 members selected from a variety of demographics including, but not limited to, the following:

- College/University Student
- Community Constituent
- Connect Mobility Rider
- Economic Development
- Environmentalist
- Fixed Route Rider
- Health & Wellness Advocate

- High School Student
- Public Planning Body/Commission
- Rural Community Member
- Small, Medium, Large Business & Industry

At least one member of Connect Transit's Board of Trustees will serve as a liaison to the CTA. In addition, one Connect Transit staff member will serve as an organizer and liaison to the CTA.

Article V: Membership Selection Process

Section 1: Selection Process

The CTA will be selected through an application and interview process to ensure fair and equitable community representation. Following interviews, recommendations for inclusion as an Ambassador will be made to the Board by the General Manager or their designee. Ambassadors will be appointed by the Board Chair with approval by the Board.

Below is the complete appointment process:

- 1. Application Completion
- 2. Interviews
- 3. Recommendations to the Board
- 4. Appointment by the Board
- 5. Public Announcement of Ambassadors

## Section 2: Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy prior to the expiration of the term of an Ambassador, it will be up to the discretion of the Connect Transit General Manager or their designee as to whether the vacancy will be filled.

If it is decided that the vacancy should be filled, the CTA Liaison will be responsible for either:

- 1. Recommending candidates who applied for an Ambassador appointment previously, but who was not selected to participate.
- 2. Conducting another selection and appointment process as detailed in Section 1

Article VI: Term of Appointment

Each Ambassador will serve for ten months. During this time, there will be 6 total meetings. These are the dates for the FY23 term:

- August 16, 2022
- September 20, 2022
- November 15, 2022

- January 17, 2023
- March 21, 2023
- May 16, 2023

Each Ambassador may submit a request to stay in the program at the end of the term in May; meeting attendance and ability to participate will be considered in the reapplication process. A maximum of 3 consecutive terms may be served.

It is the expectation that Ambassadors will miss no more than 2 meetings in 1 term served. Absences must be communicated to the Connect Transit liaison. Remote participation will be considered.

## Article VII: Compensation

Bus passes will be presented to each Ambassador at the start of their term and terminated at the end of their term. Ambassadors will also receive Connect Transit apparel and other branded gear that identifies them as an Ambassador of Connect Transit.

## Article VIII: Miscellaneous

Connect Transit's Board of Trustees reserves the right to revise the rules of engagement as needed and will present revisions to the CTA for feedback. The CTA program may be discontinued and reconstituted as necessary to ensure an effective public engagement process.



The CTA advocates for and educates community members on the many benefits of public transportation on behalf of Connect Transit. The CTA joins Connect Transit Board and staff in engaging with and supporting the Bloomington-Normal community in a positive way.

## An Ambassador's Role:

Act as an educational arm to reach out to the public

Advocate for the betterment and advancement of Connect Transit

Increase public engagement in Connect Transit's promotions

Aid Connect Transit in achieving its vision and mission

## Why become a Connect Transit Ambassador?

Provide feedback to improve the community public transit system

Work with other individuals who are passionate about transit

Develop a deeper understanding of how Connect Transit operates

Receive a free bus pass and branded Connect Transit swag

Members of the CTA will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of odd numbered months from 4 to 5 pm. Meetings will be held in Connect Transit's Board Room, located at 351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761.

Individuals or agencies wishing to have representation on the CTA should fill out an application available on our website or by scanning this QR Code. For any questions, please contact the Connect Transit liason at 309.829.1158.





DATE:	June 24, 2022
TO:	Board of Trustees
FROM:	David Braun, General Manager
SUBJECT:	Results of FY23 Labor Negotiations

**RECOMMENDATION**: Approve the results of the labor negotiations as negotiated by Connect Transit management and ratified by ATU Local 752 members.

**BACKGROUND:** Approximately 80% of the Connect Transit work force is represented by Local 752 of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU). These represented employees consist of Drivers, Dispatchers, Mechanics, Service Technicians, Custodians, and Customer Service Representatives. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the ATU Local 752 was originally ratified by the Union and approved by the Board of Trustees in 2017. It was a three-year agreement that expired on June 30, 2020. However, a one-year extension of that agreement was negotiated in 2020 due to COVID and meeting concerns and extended again in 2021 to allow for the permanent General Manager to be hired.

On 3/29/22, management received a notice of interest to negotiate from the ATU leadership. This led to a meeting of the parties on 4/14, 4/20, 4/21, 5/18, 5/19, 5/26, 6/1, 6/2, during which the Union and Management exchanged proposals to modify the existing contract and negotiated new terms. On 6/2, the parties agreed to a three-year contract that will expire June 30, 2025. Representing the transit system in those negotiations were Operations Manager Shelly Perry, Procurement Director and former Maintenance Manager Brady Lange, Interim HR Manger Germaine Walls, Finance Director Pat Kuebrich, and General Manager David Braun. The transit system's labor relations counsel, Mr. Benjamin Gehrt of Clark Baird Smith, LLC, was also consulted throughout the process but did not personally attend or participate in any negotiating sessions.

The CBA, the major components of which are summarized in the following section of this memo, was ratified by the members of Local 752 on June 7, 2022.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Labor negotiations are challenging at any time as both sides want to maximize benefit for their perspectives. To make matters worse, we negotiated this contract during record inflation and fuel prices. Thanks to our staff's relationship with the Union, as well as our regular Union-Management meetings and Town Hall meetings, we were able to develop a level of trust and expectations prior to our first meeting.

The Union prepared a list of twenty-nine items for negotiation, four of which were simply incorporating memorandums of understanding from previous managers that had not been added to the agreement extensions, and six of which were economic. Management prepared a list of seventeen items, mostly focused on updating language to reflect changes in the law or clarifying language to mesh with current practices.

Significant changes to the contract include:

- 1-hour unpaid lunch for represented Administrative Employees (up from thirty minutes)
- Video surveillance language to prevent Supervisors from targeting employees.
- Increased pay (\$2/hour during training) for behind-the-wheel/on-the-job trainers with the provision that Management is allowed to select the BTW/OTJ trainers (up from \$0.25/hour).
- Time and one-half pay for work on federal holidays Martin Luther King Day and Veteran's Day with the provision that employees must work their scheduled day before and scheduled day after a holiday to be paid for the holiday.
- Employees paid regular shift when closed due to weather, up to 5-days.
- Added employee classifications:
  - Microtransit Driver 60% of top Operator wage without pay progression.
  - Maintenance Foreman Additional \$2 over Class A Mechanic top rate to provide training, diagnosis, and maintenance scheduling insights.
- Tool allowance increase (hasn't been increased since 2014)
- Uniform allowance increase with the provision that appropriate uniforms will be worn at all times (hasn't been increased since 2014).
- Elimination of HSA deductible offset (\$1,200/participant/year) due to increased cost of HSA plan premiums.
- Establish consistent employee contribution percentage for all benefit selections as follows:
  - o 10% employee contribution for employee only
  - o 35% employee contribution for addition of coverage cost for children, spouse, and family.
- Pay increases as follows:
  - o 3.8% July 2022
  - o 3.25% July 2023
  - o 3.0% July 2024

## FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Net change in total economics (all increases, and deductions reflected in pay and benefits together) equals a 3.9% increase in the cost of total represented payroll or \$288,699.57 in FY23. This increase is reflected in the FY23 budget.