



Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation

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To: The BPTC Board of Directors
From: John Connell, General Manager
Date: March 20, 2026
Re: Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Included below are your notes for the meeting of the Board of Directors set for Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room, 130 W. Grimes Lane in Bloomington.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Old Business: Resolution 25-29, approval of Inter-local Agreement with Monroe County.**

This item was tabled during the meeting in December 2025. Since then, Monroe County has approved the inter-local agreement to provide funding to cover the costs for fixed route service that operates outside the city limits. The agreement covers expenses retroactive to January 2, 2026.

2. **Motion to approve 2025 Financial Statements**

Approval of a formal motion of the Board's acceptance of the 2025 Financial Statements is required before they are submitted to the Auditor. This year, the Indiana State Board of Accounts has contracted with Crowe to conduct the 2025 BPTC audit.

3. **Resolution 26-05, a resolution approving the issuance of a RFP for Transit Management Services.**

BPTC Controller Christa Browning will be taking the lead for the Transit Management Services RFP.

4. **Resolution 26-06, a resolution declaring bus #0866 scrap and surplus.**

This resolution authorizes the General Manager to dispose of a surplus bus in accordance with BPTC procurement policies. Gillig Bus #0866 is 18 years old, and has far exceeded its useful life.

5. **Resolution 26-07, a resolution approving a contract with Toole Design for Strategic Plan Development Services.**

This resolution approves a contract between BPTC and Tolle Design for consulting services. The evaluation committee consisting of the BPTC General Manager, BPTC Staff members, a BPTC Board member, and a representative of Rural Transit reviewed and evaluated proposals received from interested consulting firms. The evaluation committee scored proposals and accordingly determined that the firm of Toole Design was the best and most advantageous firm for the project. The Toole team stood out during interviews in part by highlighting messaging around the economic impact of transit, and the importance of consensus-building. Their recent Funding and Governance Study in Wayne County, OH was viewed as highly applicable to our needs here in Bloomington-Monroe County. Wayne County representatives reported ongoing success with their project due to excellent work performed by the firm. Toole Design emerged as the preferred firm to lead our Strategic Plan Update and Development Project.

6. **Resolution 26-08, a resolution approving a contract with Ava's Waste Removal.**

This resolution authorizes a contract for biweekly trash collection services at BPTC bus stops. The contractor is responsible for emptying trash cans at 78 passenger shelters. In addition to the trash collection, the contractor is required pick up any trash within a ten foot perimeter of each shelter. The annual base fee is \$82,661.28. The contract has a not to exceed ceiling set at \$100,000.

7. **Approval of 2026 partnership with City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation for donation of seasonal bus passes for Summer Camp.**

This arrangement dates back to 1993. BT has provided fare free passes to Kid Camp summer campers and camp employees. Staff once again requests Board approval to continue the tradition.

AGENDA

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC)

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington, IN 47403

Conference Room, 5:30 P.M.

The March 24, 2026 Board meeting will be a hybrid meeting with the ability for Board members and/or the public to attend the meeting in-person or virtually at the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85705079781?pwd=bzRbeMa9hmVbmiv97MaPuY5d54xFLP.1>

Meeting ID: 857 0507 9781 Passcode: 753022

A recording of the meeting will be available at www.bloomingtontransit.com/bt-staff

BOARD MEMBER	APPOINTMENT	TERM
James McLary	Mayor	08/01/2024 – 07/31/2028
Nancy Obermeyer	City Council	08/01/2025 – 07/31/2029
Kent McDaniel	City Council	08/01/2022 – 07/31/2026
Doug Horn	City Council	08/01/2024 – 07/31/2028
Don Griffin	Mayor	08/01/2023 – 07/31/2027

PUBLIC MEETING

03/24/2025

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Resolution 25-29, an Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between BPTC and Monroe County for the provision of fixed route bus service operating outside the City of Bloomington boundaries.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2026
- IV. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS
 1. Motion to approve 2025 financial statements.
 2. Resolution 26-05, a resolution approving the issuance of a Request for Proposals for transit management services and approval of evaluation criteria.

3. Resolution 26-06, a resolution declaring Bus 0866 scrap and surplus and approving the disposition of the vehicle in accordance with BPTC procurement policies.

4. Resolution 26-07, a resolution approving contracting with Toole Design for Strategic Plan development services.

5. Resolution 26-08, a resolution approving contract with Ava's Waste Removal.

6. Approval of 2026 partnership with City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation for donation of seasonal bus passes for Summer Camp.

V. MANAGER, STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

1. PROJECT UPDATES – John Connell

- Property Acquisition; Appraisal
- Comprehensive Safety Assessment Presentation

2. FEBRUARY OPERATING STATISTICS – Shelley Strimaitis

3. FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT -- Christa Browning

4. FEBRUARY PERSONNEL REPORT – Brenda Underwood

5. FEBRUARY MPO REPORT – Doug Horn

VI. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

VIII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION 26-05

A resolution authorizing the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the procurement of Transit Management Services and approving the evaluation criteria.

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC) has determined that it is in the best interests of BPTC to seek the services of a professional transit management company for the BPTC-owned transit system and desires to purchase said transit management services; and

WHEREAS, the BPTC has determined that the use of competitive sealed bidding is not practicable nor advantageous for this procurement as there are several criteria that should be considered in such a procurement including price, transit management experience, qualifications of the general manager to be provided, and administrative support services offered; and previous experience of the firm and references; and

WHEREAS, the BPTC shall develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) document for this procurement that includes technical specifications, general requirements, evaluation criteria, and the basis of proposal evaluation and contract award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The BPTC Board of Directors authorizes the issuance of a Request for Proposals for this procurement that uses the pre-established evaluation criteria as attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The BPTC Board of Directors approves the evaluation criteria to be included in the RFP document as attached.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

James McLary, Chair
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Approved this 24th day of March, 2026.

Proposals shall be evaluated on the following basis:

Transit management experience of the firm	15%
Administrative, marketing and support services to be provided	15%
Qualifications of resident General Manager candidate	50%
Fee	20%

RESOLUTION 26-06

A resolution declaring BPTC vehicle number 0866 scrap and surplus and authorizing the BPTC General Manager to dispose of such vehicle in accordance with BPTC Procurement Policies.

WHEREAS, Section 1.4.4 of the Procurement Policies of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC) sets forth procedures to be followed for the disposal of scrap and surplus; and

WHEREAS, the BPTC Controller has identified the following vehicle as surplus and scrap;

<u>Vehicle Number</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>VIN</u>
0866	2008	Gillig	15GGB271181079454

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The BPTC Board of Directors declares the above-listed vehicle as scrap and/or surplus and directs the General Manager to dispose of the above vehicle in accordance with the BPTC Procurement Policies.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

James McLary, Chair
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Approved this 24th day of March, 2026.

RESOLUTION 26-07

A resolution approving a contract with Toole Design for consulting services.

WHEREAS, under Indiana Code 5-22-9-1, the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC) has determined that the use of competitive sealed bidding is not practicable nor advantageous for the procurement of professional services for Planning assistance as there are several criteria that should be considered in such a procurement including study approach and methodology, key personnel and subcontractor credentials, price, and the level and type of assistance required of BPTC staff; and

WHEREAS, the BPTC has solicited the procurement of professional services from interested and qualified transit consulting firms to provide assistance developing and updating BPTC's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee consisting of the BPTC General Manager, BPTC Staff, a BPTC Board member, and a representative of Rural Transit have reviewed and evaluated proposals received from interested consulting firms and this committee has scored proposals and accordingly determined that the firm of Toole Design is the best and most advantageous firm for the BPTC to use for this project; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The BPTC Board of Directors authorizes the award of a contract with Toole Design in the amount not to exceed \$110,000 for this procurement of professional services.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

James McLary, Chair
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Approved this 24th day of March, 2026.

RESOLUTION 25-08

A resolution authorizing the award of contract to Ava's Waste Disposal for trash removal services at passenger shelters.

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC) solicited bids for trash removal services through the issuance of an Invitation for Bids; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received and reviewed by BPTC staff and the BPTC General Manager; and

WHEREAS, Ava's Waste Removal has been determined to be a responsible, responsive, bidder; and

WHEREAS, Ava's Waste Removal has submitted a contract price within the competitive range determined by BPTC staff; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The BPTC Board of Directors authorizes the award of contract to Ava's Waste Removal for trash collection services in the base amount of \$82,661.28 and total contract not to exceed \$100,000.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

James McLary, Chair
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Approved this 24th day of March, 2026.

SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
AND
AVA'S WASTE REMOVAL
FOR
TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES

This Service Agreement, entered into on the date last indicated on the signature lines below, between Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation ("BPTC" or "Agency") and Ava's Waste Removal ("Contractor") defines the requirements and terms for trash collection services performed by the Contractor for the Agency.

1. Documents: The following documents are incorporated into this Service Agreement by reference:
 - Invitation for Bids: Trash Collection at Bus Stops (Issued February 26, 2026)
 - IFB Addendum #1 (Issued March 6, 2026)
 - Contractor's Bid Submission, including:
 - Price Proposal
 - Certifications and forms

2. Scope of Work: The Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, materials, and supervision necessary to perform the following Scope of Work.
 - a. Trash Collection Services: The Contractor shall collect and dispose of trash at bus stops to maintain a clean environment. The following tasks shall be performed, at minimum, by the contractor during each service visit. Contractor must be equipped to properly handle and dispose of hazardous materials, including needles and biowaste, that may be encountered. It is understood that this Scope of Work does not cover all specific tasks that may be needed to maintain a clean environment under all circumstances that may be encountered.
 - Empty trash receptacles; bag and transport for proper disposal
 - Replace trash receptacle liner with a new liner
 - Collect and dispose of all trash, waste, and debris within bus shelter
 - Collect and dispose of all trash and debris visible from bus stop within approximately 10-ft radius
 - Services are to be performed in a manner that causes minimal interruption to regular transit operations

 - b. Locations
 - 78 bus stops throughout the city are currently designated for routine trash collection services (see Appendix A)
 - A complete list of bus stop locations to be serviced is included in Exhibit A

- The list of locations to be serviced is subject to change throughout the term of the contract, based upon the needs of the agency, and according to terms below

c. Schedule

- All bus stops are to be serviced twice per week
- During project kick-off, the Agency and Contractor shall coordinate to establish a recurring schedule

d. Incidental tasks

- The Agency may request with proper notice that the Contractor perform on-call Trash Collection Services in cases of exigent circumstances. Such cases occur infrequently, but necessitate rapid response. Bidders must include a Unit Price for on-call service visits with their bids.

3. Compensation: The Agency shall pay Contractor for services rendered on a monthly basis, according to the Cost Proposal submitted by the Contractor. Invoices shall include the quantity of services rendered based on Unit Prices in their Cost Proposal. Invoices may be sent via first class mail postage prepaid or via email. Payment will be remitted to Contractor within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Contractor shall submit an invoice to the Agency upon the completion of the Services described in Article 2. The invoice shall be sent to:

Kim Smith, Accounts Receivable
Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
130 W Grimes Ln, Bloomington, IN 47403
Email: smithk@bloomingtontransit.com

The total annual amount for services rendered through this Agreement is not to exceed \$100,000.

4. Contract Term: The term of this service agreement is one (1) year, with up to three (3) additional one-year extensions, exercisable at BPTC's sole discretion. The term is to begin upon the commencement of services on April 1, 2026.
5. Compliance: In performing the Services under this Agreement, Contractor shall comply with any and all applicable federal, state and local statutes, ordinances, plans and regulations, including any and all regulations for protection of the environment. Where such statutes, ordinances, plans or regulations of any public authority having any jurisdiction over the project are in conflict, Contractor shall proceed using its best judgment only after attempting to resolve any such conflict between such governmental agencies, and shall notify the Agency in a timely manner of the conflict, attempts of resolution, and planned course of action.
6. Insurance: During the performance of any and all Services under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain the following insurance in full force and effect:

The contractor shall, as a prerequisite to award of contract, purchase and thereafter maintain such insurance as will protect him from the claims set forth below which may arise out of or result from CONTRACTOR'S operations under a contract awarded for this project, whether such operations be by CONTRACTOR or by any SUBCONTRACTORS or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable:

Coverage Limits

- A. Worker's Compensation & Disability – Statutory Requirements
- B. Employer's Liability Bodily Injury by
 - Accident - \$100,000 each accident
 - Bodily Injury by Disease - \$500,000 policy limit
 - Bodily Injury by Disease - \$100,000 each employee
- C. Commercial General Liability (Occurrence Basis) Bodily Injury, personal injury, property damage, contractual liability, products-completed operations, General Aggregate Limit (other than Products/Completed Operations) - \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate
 - Products/Completed Operation - \$1,000,000
 - Personal & Advertising Injury Limit - \$1,000,000
 - Each Occurrence Limit - \$1,000,000
 - Fire Damage (any one fire) \$50,000
- D. Comprehensive Auto Liability (single limit, owned, hired and non-owned) - \$1,000,000 each accident
- E. Umbrella Excess Liability \$2,000,000 each occurrence and aggregate.

CONTRACTOR'S comprehensive general liability insurance shall also provide coverage for the following:

- 1. Premises and operations;
- 2. Contractual liability insurance as applicable to any hold-harmless agreements;
- 3. Completed operations and products; which also must be maintained for a minimum period of two (2) years after final payment and CONTRACTOR shall continue to provide evidence of such coverage to BPTC on an annual basis during the aforementioned period;
- 4. Broad form property damage - including completed operations;
- 5. Fellow employee claims under Personal Injury; and
- 6. Independent Contractors.

With the prior written approval of BPTC, CONTRACTOR may substitute different types or amounts of coverage for those specified as long as the total amount of required protection is not reduced.

All insurance policies shall be issued by an insurance company authorized to issue such insurance in the State of Indiana. These policies shall name BPTC, and the officers,

employees, and agents of each as insured under General Liability, Automobile, and Umbrella/Excess Liability policies. Such policies shall stipulate that the insurance will operate as primary insurance and that no other insurance of the Agency's will be called upon to contribute to a loss hereunder.

Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance showing each insurance policy to the Agency prior to the commencement of work under this Agreement, and shall provide documentation of any changes to or cancellation of required insurance to the Agency within ten (10) days. Approval of the insurance by the Agency shall not relieve or decrease the extent to which Contractor may be held responsible for payment of damages resulting from Contractor's provision of the Services or its operations under this Agreement. If Contractor fails or refuses to procure or maintain the insurance required by these provisions, or fails or refuses to furnish the Agency's required proof that the insurance has been procured and is in force and paid for, the Agency shall have the right at its election to terminate the Agreement.

7. Waiver: No failure of either party to enforce a term of this Agreement against the other shall be construed as a waiver of that term, nor shall it in any way affect the party's right to enforce them. No waiver by any party of any term of this Agreement shall be considered to be a waiver of any other term or breach thereof.
8. Severability: The invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement or the occurrence of any event rendering any portion or provision of this Agreement void shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of this Agreement. Any void provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement, and the balance of the Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if it did not contain the particular provision to be held void. The parties further agree to amend this Agreement to replace any stricken provision with a valid provision that comes as close as possible to the intent of the stricken provision. The provisions of this Article shall not prevent this entire Agreement from being void should a provision which is of the essence of this Agreement be determined void.
9. Assignment: Neither the Agency nor the Contractor shall assign any rights or duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Unless otherwise stated in the written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any obligation under this Agreement.
10. Third Party Rights: Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to anyone other than the Agency and Contractor.
11. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Indiana. Venue of any disputes arising under this Agreement shall be in the Monroe Circuit Court, Monroe County, Indiana.
12. E-Verify: Contractor is required to certify enrollment in the E-Verify program by submitting an executed an E-Verify Affidavit to the Agency.

EXHIBIT A

Bus Stop Service Locations

#	Bus Stop Location	Stop_Lat	Stop_Long
1	Kirkwood Ave & Jackson St IB	39.16655	-86.53965
2	3rd St & Landmark IB	39.1643	-86.55609
3	Adams St & Kirkwood Ave	39.1665	-86.54945
4	Kirkwood Ave & Elm St	39.1666	-86.545
5	3rd & Johnson	39.1646	-86.56492
6	Rhorer Rd at the Clear Creek Crossing Shopping Center	39.12134	-86.53005
7	10th St & Barrington Dr	39.17179	-86.48907
8	Washington St & Kirkwood Ave	39.16675	-86.53238
9	10th St @ Fountain Park Apartments	39.17158	-86.494
10	10th St & Woodbridge Dr	39.17164	-86.49061
11	Kingston Dr @ Fifth Third Bank	39.16255	-86.4931
12	3rd St and Johnson Ave (eastbound-inbound)	39.16435	-86.56477
13	College Ave @ CVS	39.17647	-86.53486
14	Maple @ Sunflower Apartments	39.17799	-86.54199
15	Covenanter Dr @ Monroe Apts	39.15376	-86.49258
16	Clairzz Blvd @ Woods at Latimer	39.15779	-86.49032
17	College Ave & 11th St	39.17369	-86.53493
18	Covenanter Drive at Toto's Uncle Cafe and the Monroe Apartments	39.15412	-86.4927
19	Atwater Ave & Hawthorne Dr	39.16306	-86.51996
20	Atwater Ave & Jordan Ave	39.16302	-86.51655
21	Sare Rd & Creeks Edge Dr	39.12827	-86.50341
22	Heatherwood Park	39.12667	-86.58294
23	College Mall East Shelter	39.16114	-86.49311
24	17th St & Lismore Dr	39.17901	-86.55479
25	College Mall Rd @ College Mall and Eastland Plaza	39.16226	-86.49774
26	Longview Ave & Pete Ellis	39.16687	-86.49446
27	Clarizz Blvd @ Grove at Latimer	39.15556	-86.49073
28	Rogers St @ A Friends Place Overnight Shelter	39.15706	-86.53861
29	Smith Rd & 10th St	39.17202	-86.48158
30	Hagan St & Park Ridge Rd	39.16302	-86.47678
31	Third Apts Lobby	39.1631945	-86.4737763
32	Henderson St at Winslow Plaza and Brandon Court	39.13789	-86.52681
33	Whitehall Plaza & 3rd St IB	39.16395	-86.57611
34	Walnut and 1st St	39.15913	-86.53358
35	Curry Pike @ BMV	39.15376	-86.58251

36	Walnut St and Old State Rd 37	39.1831	-86.53402
37	Kinser Pike and Parrish Rd @ the North Kroger Shopping Center (Inbound)	39.18794	-86.53783
38	Walnut St @ Perrty Township Trustee's Office	39.15492	-86.53382
39	3rd St & Wynnedale Dr	39.1644	-86.56988
40	3rd St & Yancy Ln	39.16467	-86.56929
41	Sare Rd & Meadow Creek Blvd	39.13197	-86.50011
42	Sare Rd & Creekds Edge Dr	39.12835	-86.5032
43	Sare Rd & Olson Dr @ Oaklawn Park	39.13055	-86.50192
44	Curry Pk & Constitution	39.15144	-86.58278
45	Basswood & Copper Beach Way	39.15565	-86.57202
46	Bloomfield & Anna Lee	39.15813	-86.5575
47	Leonard Springs @ Wal-Mart Shelter	39.14126	-86.58247
48	SR 45 @ Wal-Mart	39.14232	-86.5818
49	Bloomfield & Rolling Ridge Way	39.15496	-86.56303
50	17th & Woodburn	39.17893	-86.53608
51	College Ave & 9th St	39.17032	-86.53495
52	Morton St & 7th	39.16847	-86.53605
53	Miller Dr at Walnut Woods Apartments (Inbound)	39.14683	-86.5225
54	College Ave @ Miller-Showers Park	39.18198	-86.53477
55	College Ave & 17th St	39.17836	-86.53484
56	Kirkwood Ave & Jackson St	39.16669	-86.5397
57	College Ave @ Seminary Square Kroger	39.16036	-86.53503
58	Countryview Apts & Providence Place Apts	39.14096	-86.54725
59	Covenanter Dr & Auto Mall Rd	39.15506	-86.49573
60	Covenanter Dr and Auto Mall Rd (Inbound)	39.15519	-86.49584
61	2nd St & Rogers St	39.16131	-86.54026
62	Henderson St and Summit View Pl	39.14442	-86.52685
63	Walnut & Davis	39.15472	-86.53359
64	YMCA Shelter	39.14182	-86.51512
65	Mother Hubbard's Cupboard	39.15559	-86.54482
66	Gates Dr & Alexander Dr	39.16839	-86.57634
67	Woodscrest Shelter at Eastland Plaza Southbound	39.16274	-86.50261
68	Woodscrest Shelter at Eastland Plaza Northbound	39.16273	-86.50232
69	Kinser Pike and Vaughn Clipp Way Southbound	39.1824	-86.53782
70	Pete Ellis @ Cambridge Square	39.16867	-86.49551
71	Pete Ellis @ Cambridge Square (Outbound)	39.16882	-86.49543
72	14th & Lincoln @ The Standard	39.17588529	86.53083263
73	Aspen Heights Office	39.18361	-86.5406839
74	Liberty Dr @ ALDI	39.1471338	-86.5770149
75	Liberty Dr & Constitution	39.1503538	-86.576736

76	Third Apts & 446	39.1620215	-86.4723889
77	Bloomfield & Landmark	39.1599307	-86.5536779
78	Crescent Rd @ Union Apts	39.176604	-86.5563769



**CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON**
PARKS AND RECREATION

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parks@bloomington.in.gov
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**Allison-Jukebox
Community Center**
351 South Washington Street
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 349-3731

Banneker Community Center
930 West 7th Street
Bloomington, IN 47402
(812) 349-3735

Cascades Golf Course
3550 North Kinser Pike
Bloomington, IN 47402
(812) 349-3764

Frank Southern Ice Arena
1965 South Henderson Street
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 349-3740

Twin Lakes Recreation Center
1700 West Bloomfield Road
Bloomington, IN 47403
(812) 349-3720

Inclusive Recreation
(812) 349-3747

**Maintenance, Landscaping
& Cemetery Operations**
(812) 349-3498

MEMORANDUM

To: Brenda Underwood, Human Resources Administrator/Marketing
From: Amy Shrake, Program/Facility Coordinator
Subject: Bus Passes for Summer Camps
Date: Feb 23, 2026

Since the inception of our summer camp program in 1993 the Bloomington Transit has been used as a mode of transportation for our staff and campers. This has been possible through the generous donation of seasonal bus passes from Bloomington Transit. This summer we once again plan to use the Bloomington Transit and kindly request seasonal bus passes to meet the needs of each of our camps. The following table provides the location of each of our camps and the number and type of bus passes per this request:

Camp (Dates)	Location	Adult	Child
Kid City Original (6/1-7/31)	Allison-Jukebox Community Center	13	38
Kid City Quest (6/1-7/31)	Allison-Jukebox Community Center	5	20
CIT Program (6/1-7/17)	Allison-Jukebox Community Center	1	6

Total Adult Passes: 18
Total Child Passes: 64

Please note that all these camps may not fill during a given week. I hope you will be able to honor this request. Thank you for helping to make our summer camp program the best in town!

Sincerely,
Amy Shrake, CTRS

Amy Shrake
Kid City Camp Director
Program/Facility Coordinator
Bloomington Parks and Recreation

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON - SUMMER CAMP BUS PASSES 2026

ADULT PASSES COST

June	Kid City	19	\$	570.00
July	Kid City Quest	19	\$	570.00

TOTAL		38	\$	1,140.00
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SUMMER FUN P. COST

June thru: Kid City	38	\$	456.00
June thru: Kid City Quest	20	\$	240.00
June thru: CIT Program	6	\$	72.00

TOTAL	64	\$	768.00
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GRAND TOTAL				\$ 1,908.00
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Monthly Management Report 2026
Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
Monthly Statistics and Performance Indicators

Fixed Route:	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
<i>Total Passengers</i>	169,843	224,796											394,639
<i>Revenue Miles</i>	79,740	88,171											167,911
<i>Total Miles</i>	81,750	89,916											171,666
<i>Revenue Hours</i>	7,575	8,388											15,963
<i>Total Hours</i>	8,940	9,468											18,407
<i>Fare Revenue</i>	\$212,095	\$195,919*											408,014
<i>Road Calls</i>	4	0											4
<i>Collision Accidents</i>	2	0											2
<i>On Time Performance</i>	71.6%	70.5%											71.1%
<i>PM Inspection OT %</i>	100%	100%											100.0%
Paratransit:	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
<i>Total Passengers</i>	1,676	1,938											3,614
<i>Revenue Miles</i>	6,837	7,751											14,588
<i>Total Miles</i>	7,851	8,995											16,846
<i>Revenue Hours</i>	704	746											1,450
<i>Total Hours</i>	844	888											1,732
<i>Fare Revenue</i>	\$2,582	\$2,888											5,469
<i>Road Calls</i>	0	0											0
<i>Collision Accidents</i>	0	0											0
<i>On Time Performance</i>	96.6%	95.6%											96.1%
<i>PM Inspection OT %</i>	100%	100%											100.0%
<i>Excessive Long Trips</i>	0	1											1

*Excluding City of Bloomington Local Income Tax revenue

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
Ridership & Productivity By Route
Feb-26

Route	2026								2025				
	Total Passengers		Revenue Hours	Revenue Miles	Passengers Per Hour		Passengers Per Mile		Total Passengers	Revenue Hours	Revenue Miles	Passengers Per Hour	Passengers Per Mile
1 BHS North	7,183	-9.6%	368.7	4,578.7	19.48	-14.6%	1.57	-12.1%	7,945	348.4	4,452.8	22.80	1.78
2 South Rogers/Countryview	4,835	20.4%	265.8	3,031.7	18.19	26.1%	1.59	21.1%	4,017	278.4	3,051.1	14.43	1.32
2 West 11th St	5,372	22.2%	383.3	3,826.7	14.02	12.0%	1.40	22.6%	4,396	351.3	3,839.4	12.51	1.14
3 East College Mall	23,391	-11.2%	711.2	8,475.6	32.89	-8.1%	2.76	-11.3%	26,356	736.2	8,472.2	35.80	3.11
3 West Highland Village/Curry Pike	8,478	-0.6%	697.1	8,440.3	12.16	-1.0%	1.00	-2.8%	8,527	693.9	8,249.3	12.29	1.03
4 South High Street	5,474	-6.4%	299.8	3,711.3	18.26	-8.7%	1.47	-9.8%	5,846	292.4	3,574.8	19.99	1.64
4 West Bloomfield Rd	3,025	-14.0%	399.5	5,397.2	7.57	-11.3%	0.56	-15.4%	3,519	412.4	5,309.6	8.53	0.66
5 Sare Road	6,337	-16.5%	321.2	3,479.6	19.73	-20.2%	1.82	-21.3%	7,590	307.1	3,277.8	24.71	2.32
6 Campus Shuttle	69,291	-19.4%	1,676.2	14,580.3	41.34	-31.1%	4.75	-25.0%	85,970	1,432.2	13,560.6	60.03	6.34
7 S Walnut/Clear Creek	9,416	0.3%	742.2	8,781.5	12.69	-8.3%	1.07	-2.7%	9,386	678.2	8,518.5	13.84	1.10
9 IU Campus/Campus Corner	48,647	-25.9%	1,167.6	9,971.8	41.67	-25.6%	4.88	-30.6%	65,645	1,172.1	9,339.6	56.01	7.03
9 Limited	7,382	5.7%	239.1	2,216.5	30.88	3.3%	3.33	3.8%	6,987	233.6	2,176.6	29.91	3.21
11 W 17th	6,197	-26.4%	391.5	3,375.0	15.83	-31.4%	1.84	-25.6%	8,419	364.9	3,410.4	23.07	2.47
12 N Walnut	13,659	1.6%	233.2	2,246.6	58.57	4.6%	6.08	-0.2%	13,440	240.0	2,206.7	56.00	6.09
13 Park 48/Ivy Tech	926	-11.8%	238.6	3,926.8	3.88	-14.0%	0.24	-31.5%	1,050	232.6	3,050.2	4.51	0.34
14 Muller Park	5,183	-26.8%	252.9	2,131.9	20.49	-26.5%	2.43	-27.1%	7,078	253.7	2,122.1	27.90	3.34
Total	224,796	-15.5%	8,388	88,171	26.80	-19.2%	2.55	-19.0%	266,171	8,027	84,612	33.16	3.15
Year-to-Date Total	394,639	-16.0%	15,963	167,912	24.72	-17.7%	2.35	-16.7%	469,641	15,630	166,547	30.05	2.82

**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
FINANCIAL NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH ENDING
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses for February totaled \$968,277. Salary and Fringe benefits expense for February were \$638,756. This represents an increase from January due to the timing of payrolls and accruals. Materials and Supplies for February were \$67,574. This reflects an increase from January due a diesel invoice paid in the amount of \$24,300 whereas January had none also the increase in parts and supplies purchased in February. Services and Utilities expense for the month totaled \$261,947. This represents an increase from January due the end of year accruals and timing of invoices. The most notable payments were for Hanson; BakerTilly; Uber and Lyft, and Marshall Services. BT spent 10% of the 2026 operating expense budget with 17% of the year complete.

Operating Revenues

Operating revenues for February totaled \$4,326,678 which includes the Accounts Receivable from the City of Bloomington for ED-LIT,

Capital Expenditures

There were no major capital expenditures in February.

Operating Cash Balance

February 28, 2026	February 28, 2025	Change
\$16,121,800	\$16,689,391	\$567,591 decrease

**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

	MONTH ENDING 2/28/2026	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET PLUS ENCUMBRANCES/ ADD'L APPROP.	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET USED
Operating Expenses:					
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 638,756	7%	\$ 1,039,484	9,074,955	11%
Materials and Supplies	67,574	4%	80,793	1,584,750	5%
Services and Utilities	261,947	7%	378,749	3,752,280	10%
Total Operating Expenses	968,277	7%	1,499,026	14,411,985	10%
Operating Revenues:					
Local Tax Revenue	62,917	3%	125,835	2,449,392	5%
Fare Revenue	198,806	8%	413,394	2,575,269	16%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	3,862,132	38%	3,905,937	10,124,453	39%
Total Locally Derived Revenue	4,123,855	27%	4,445,166	15,149,114	29%
Federal Operating Grants	-	0%	-	2,506,616	0%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	204,823	8%	409,646	2,607,880	16%
Total Operating Revenues	4,328,678		4,854,812	20,263,610	
Operating Gain/(Loss)	3,360,401		3,355,786		
Federal Capital Grants	449,154	7%	449,154	6,686,501	7%
State Capital Grants	-	0%	-	-	0%
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	0%	-	-	0%
Revenue from Capital Grants/Reserve	449,154	7%	449,154	6,686,501	7%
Capital Expenditures:	6,711	0%	12,619	12,538,126	0%
Capital Gain/(Loss)	442,443		436,535		
Net Gain/(Loss)	3,802,844		3,792,321		

**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED FEBRUARY 2025 AND 2026**

	MONTH ENDING 2/28/2026	MONTH ENDING 2/28/2025	% CHANGE	YTD 2/28/2026	YTD 2/28/2025	% CHANGE
Operating Expenses:						
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 638,756	\$586,294	9%	\$ 1,039,484	\$1,222,312	-15%
Materials and Supplies	67,574	123,999	-46%	80,793	131,000	-38%
Services and Utilities	261,947	325,565	-20%	378,749	407,953	-7%
Total Operating Expenses	968,277	1,035,858	-7%	1,499,026	1,761,265	-15%
Operating Revenues:						
Local Tax Revenue	62,917	62,817	0%	125,835	125,635	0%
Fare Revenue	198,806	197,267	1%	413,394	394,987	5%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	3,862,132	62,326	6097%	3,905,937	170,814	2187%
Total Locally Derived Revenue	4,123,855	322,410	1179%	4,445,166	691,436	543%
Federal Operating Grants	-	160,000	-100%	-	355,500	-100%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	204,823	217,323	0%	409,646	434,646	-6%
Total Operating Revenues	4,328,678	699,733	519%	4,854,812	1,481,582	228%
Operating Gain/(Loss)	3,360,401	(336,125)		3,355,786	(279,683)	
Federal Capital Grants	449,154	-	#DIV/0!	449,154	-	#DIV/0!
State Capital Grants	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Revenue from Capital Grants/Reserve	449,154	-	#DIV/0!	449,154	-	#DIV/0!
Capital Expenditures:	6,711	21,373	-69%	12,619	30,427	-59%
Capital Gain/(Loss)	442,443	(21,373)		436,535	(30,427)	
Net Gain/(Loss)	3,802,844	(357,498)		3,792,321	(310,110)	

**Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
Personnel Report
February 2026**

	Monthly New Hires	Monthly Terminations	End of Month Vacancies
Administrative Staff	0	0	1
Fixed Route Drivers	1	0	5
BT Access Drivers	1	0	1
Maintenance	0	0	1
Mechanic	0	0	2
Service Person	0	0	0
Service Attendants	0	0	0
Total	2	0	10

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC)
FEBRUARY 24, 2026 – 5:30 PM.**

Vice Chair McDaniel convened the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

Join Zoom Meeting at the following link:

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/83967178724?pwd=WWY0TjE0WTVHNXdhdTdvaDhKcVpZZz09>

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ROLL CALL

Board Members and staff present: Vice Chair Kent McDaniel, Board Member Don Griffin, Secretary Nancy Obermeyer, Board Member Doug Horn, General Manager John Connell, Controller Christa Browning, Operations Manager Mike Clark, Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis, Marketing and Development Manager Bryan Fyalkowski, and Grants and Procurement Specialist Zac Huneck.

Members of the Public: There were no members of the public.

The following additional persons were also present via Zoom. Dave Askins, Justin VanLeeuwen and Chris Emge.

PUBLIC HEARING

General Manager Connell opened the public hearing to receive comments on the potential elimination of Route 13. He reported that since advertising the hearing he had learned that the County Council is considering an appropriation to fund the route which operates outside the city boundaries. He stated that even if the funding issue is resolved a detailed performance review is warranted.

He explained that the review will include an examination of marketing efforts, ridership data, service frequency, and route patterns to identify the underlying causes of the route's poor performance. He noted the goals of the review is to develop data driven recommendations to improve service quality, optimize resources, and better serve the community.

General Manager Connell also noted that Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis, Marketing and Development Manager Bryan Fyalkowski, along with him will be working on route and service improvements for both Route 13 and Route 3W.

General Manager Connell stated that in November 2024 the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors approved Resolution 24-22; authorizing an agreement with Monroe County. He explained that the County agreed to subsidize the cost of service for Route 13 which operates outside the city limits.

He noted that pursuant to city ordinance in order for Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation to operate outside the city limits the cost of such service must be covered by non-city funding. He stated that this arrangement provided an excellent opportunity to launch the organization's first route operating outside the city limits.

General Manager Connell reported that to date a formal funding commitment for calendar year 2026 has not been secured. Therefore, this public hearing was scheduled to consider the potential elimination of Route 13.

General Manager Connell opened the floor for public comment.

Chris Emge of the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce stated that he understands at least in part the reason for scheduling the public meeting regarding the potential elimination of Route 13. He noted that the County Council, which is meeting concurrently intends to provide funding for the route.

Mr. Emge highlighted that Route 13 was a significant and historic initiative when it was introduced referencing the collaborative ribbon-cutting event at Ivy Tech that involved both City and County leadership. While acknowledging that current ridership has not met expectations, he emphasized that the service is still in its first year and should not be evaluated solely on the basis of one year of performance.

He stated that if the County provides the anticipated funding the route should continue operating for at least another year. He emphasized the importance of providing transportation access to the Park 48 area which includes Ivy Tech.

While acknowledging that the current route may not be optimal and that transit planning is not his area of expertise, he suggested that adjustments could be considered by next fall to better serve riders traveling to the Park 48 area.

He noted that Bloomington residents should have access to this area and expressed uncertainty as to whether the current Route 13 alignment is the most effective way to achieve that goal. He stressed that the service should continue in some form and reiterated that one year is insufficient to fully evaluate its success.

He stated that discontinuing the route after only one year would be disappointing and encouraged allowing additional time to assess its performance. He also suggested that a rebranding effort could be considered for the fall service period. Mr. Emge acknowledged the funding challenges and expressed hope that the County would fulfill its funding commitment.

Vice Chair McDaniel stated that he agreed it takes more than one year to develop a route and that the Board is aware of that reality. He noted that the Board is sympathetic to allowing the service an opportunity to succeed and stated that the matter would be given careful consideration.

Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis provided an overview of emails received from members of the public who were unable to attend the meeting but wished to have their comments regarding Route 13 entered into the record.

Dear Bloomington Transit Team,
I hope you are doing well.

I am writing to request that Bus Route 13 not be discontinued. This route is extremely important for myself and many of my colleagues who rely on it daily to commute to our workplace at Cook Medical.

If continuing the full route is not possible, I kindly request that at least limited service be provided during peak commute hours:

Morning: 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Evening: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Maintaining service during these times would greatly support employees who depend on public transportation for their work commute.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope the route can be preserved for the benefit of the community.

Kind regards,

Nitin Singh

Hi there!

I am a frequent rider of the **BT 13 Route**, which I heard thru the [BSquare](#) is slated to be canceled in just a few weeks. This comes as a shock to me, as I have been seeing ridership steadily pick up, and have used it as my main mode of commute since 2026 began.

Furthermore, I have a few colleagues at my work on Daniels Way that also take the 13, and they don't have cars or bicycles at all. I share a vehicle with my spouse and we both work full time, so I have *some* flexibility. Having the 13 has been a godsend. Removing this commuter-centric

route is going to severely hurt our lives, functionally and economically. Is there anything that can be done to remedy the shortfall in funding?

Is the MonCo council just balking, categorically, on keeping it funded? It doesn't make sense to pull the plug on something that's a critical support for workers, even if the route on its own is not particularly profitable. The point of a holistic transit system is that highly popular routes can fund and subsidize "loss leader" routes, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN service. It's a service, not a business. I know you guys at BT generally agree with me, but I had to reach out and understand the situation better. Who are the key decision makers in this scenario?

Wouldn't it make sense to fund the **13 Route** for one more year, while simultaneously trying to transform the network such that a true East-West BRT can be done? I can guarantee you that a lot of people would ride a BRT route that goes from College Mall (Fresh Thyme area) to Ivy Tech, with a stop at the downtown transit center.

Any information you can give me about this conundrum would be appreciated.
Best,

- Sam Dixon

Dear Bloomington Transit Office,
I hope you are doing well.

I am writing to respectfully request that Bloomington Transit reconsider the decision to cease Route 13 service. This route is extremely important for many daily commuters in our community.

Route 13 is very helpful for employees traveling to Ivy Tech Community College and nearby workplaces. I personally use this route every day to commute to Cook Medical, and several of my colleagues depend on it as well. It provides reliable and essential transportation for us to reach work on time.

Discontinuing Route 13 would create significant challenges for many individuals who rely on public transportation for their livelihood and education. For many of us, there are limited alternative options available.

I kindly request that you please consider continuing the Route 13 service for the benefit of employees, and the broader community who depend on it daily.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We truly appreciate the service Bloomington Transit provides to our community.

Sincerely,
Mithra Boovanasamy

I'm an employee at Simtra Biopharma Solutions and I take route 13 to travel between downtown and Simtra's location on Curry Pike. I'm writing in support of route 13 being kept, to connect downtown Bloomington to employers and educators to the west. Thank you!

Adam Cohn

Board Member Horn inquired whether the emails from the public had been forwarded to any county officials.

General Manager Connell stated that a summary report of all comments from the public hearing will be prepared. He noted that the report will be shared with both the County Council and the County Commissioners.

General Manager Connell stated that Chris Emge of the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce raised a valid point regarding the productivity of Route 13. He noted that even without the current funding issue discussions about potential changes to the route would be necessary as it has not yet reached the anticipated level of service. He emphasized that altering one route can impact others highlighting the need for a comprehensive approach. General Manager Connell stated that if funding is secured, then another public hearing would be required to review proposed changes for Route 13 which could also affect Routes 3 and 4. He added that some concepts from the Green Line could potentially be incorporated.

General Manager Connell stated that going further he thinks we need to establish a deadline for funding to come through.

Vice Chair McDaniel suggested considering a temporary extension for Route 13. General Manager Connell stated that a period of 45 days from the date of the meeting would provide adequate time for the County Council to take action.

General Manager Connell stated his recommendation is to extend Route 13 service to 45 days from today.

Board Member Horn made a motion to close the public hearing. Secretary Obermeyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board Member Horn questioned whether as a City Council appointee to the Board if it would be appropriate to notify the Council that Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation may cover the costs of the route for a short period while awaiting the outcome of the County's funding decision. He emphasized the importance of maintaining transparency in communicating this situation.

General Manager Connell stated that this was a very good point and noted that he would notify the City Council following the Board's final action.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

MINUTES

Board Member Horn made a motion to approve the January 20th, 2026 Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Secretary Obermeyer. The minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

General Manager Connell presented Resolution 26-04; a resolution approving changes and updates to the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation Procurement Policy Manual. He noted that Grants and Procurement Specialist Zac Huneck has been working on the updates to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

Grants and Procurement Specialist Zac Huneck provided an overview of the recent updates to the Procurement Policy Manual.

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-04; a resolution approving changes and updates to the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation Procurement Policy Manual. Board Member Griffin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Manager Connell presented Resolution 26-05; a resolution approving an Inter-local agreement between Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation and the City of Bloomington for the calendar 2026.

General Manager Connell stated that regarding Resolution 26-05; when preparing the agenda he had assumed the City would propose changes to the existing inter-local agreement. However, he explained that the City chose not to make any changes to the fee structure.

He noted that because no changes were proposed the inter-local agreement provides for automatic renewal in the absence of renegotiation. He stated that the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation is fully satisfied with the price structure outlined in the previous year.

General Manager Connell recommends striking the item from the agenda and confirmed that the agreement previously approved under Resolution 25-17; will remain in effect.

General Manager Connell stated that regarding the land acquisition and development of the new facility. He said we have met multiple times with the Build-Operate-Transfer team and are making significant progress in the process.

He emphasized that he received notification that day from the Indiana Finance Authority that the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment has been approved and that a comfort letter will be issued. He added that the letter is currently being finalized.

General Manager Connell explained that the Phase I report remains valid for 180 days. He noted this will give us until July 22, 2026, to close on the sale of the parcel with the comfort letter in place. He noted that if Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation closes on the parcel and takes title prior to July 22, 2026, the comfort letter will provide protections against any future liability given the history of the land.

General Manager Connell provided the Board members with an overview of the renderings for the new facility.

General Manager Connell stated that he has been working with RATP DEV regarding safety issues. He said he and Operations Manager Mike Clark have held discussions about safety and Bloomington Public Transportation Corporations accident frequency rate which has been higher than desired. He noted that significant emphasis has been placed on operator training and ensuring bus operators are following procedures correctly.

He emphasized that the issue is not solely about bus operators or mechanics, but that safety must be addressed comprehensively from leadership through every level of the organization. He stated that a complete and thorough safety assessment is needed to evaluate the entire process and added that the goal is to ensure new hires are placed in positions that set them up for success.

General Manager Connell stated that arrangements have been made for safety professionals to conduct a review which has already begun with a desk evaluation. He noted that Operations Manager Mike Clark has compiled and submitted numerous documents to the consultant, including wash run procedures, policies and procedures, training materials, emergency safety protocols, and other safety-related documentation for review.

He stated that the safety professionals will be on site during the last week of March. They will conduct stakeholder sessions and meet with bus operators to gain a comprehensive assessment of current practices. The consultants will provide a formal report to the Board outlining what Bloomington Public Transportation is doing well and identifying areas for improvement. He emphasized that management wanted a “fresh set of eyes” on all safety-related operations.

He noted that Bloomington Public Transportation is seeing improvements in its accident frequency ratio and stated that a significant factor in that progress is the implementation of Samsara driver telematics technology.

General Manager Connell stated that regarding the Strategic Plan update, Grants and Procurement Specialist Zac Huneck prepared the request for proposals. He reported that five proposals were received from KMS, Four Square, Left Turn Right Turn, Charisma Circle LLC, and Tool Design. The evaluation process is currently underway. He noted that he would like the committee to convene in the near future, submit their evaluation score sheets, and review each proposal. General Manager Connell stated that a formal recommendation is anticipated for the March 24, 2026, Board meeting.

Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis reported on ridership for January 2026. She stated that fixed route service provided 169,843 trips. BT Access provided 1676 trips. She noted there were no preventable accidents in the month of January.

Controller Christa Browning gave an overview of the January 2026 Financial Report.

General Manager Connell presented the personnel report. He noted that Human Resources and Marketing Administrator Brenda Underwood is on vacation. He reported the departure of one BT Access driver. He also shared that Acting Maintenance Manager Josh Prince, a highly valued employee and asset to the maintenance department, has accepted another position. General Manager Connell expressed well wishes to Mr. Prince and stated that he will be greatly missed. He added that a nationwide search is underway to identify candidates for the position.

Board Member Horn stated that he attended the January 30, 2026, regular meeting of the Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee representing the Bloomington Public Transportation Board of Directors.

He said Lisa Ridge, Monroe County Highway Department Director was re-elected Chair of the Policy Committee for 2026. He noted election of the Vice Chair was tabled until Friday February 27, 2026 meeting.

He said MPO staff provided a series of general reports which covered Monroe County's upcoming Intersection Improvement Project at Old SR 37 and Dillman Road, INDOT's announcement of the reduced speed limit on the SR 45/46 bypass, various 2026-2030 TIP administrative modifications, public meeting open door, zoom and onboard updates, and concluded with updates on LPA and INDOT-led projects in Monroe County.

Under old business, INDOT's calendar year 2026 Safety Targets developed in response to the Federal Highway Administration's Safety Performance System mandate to all State Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations was reconsidered from the last meeting. He said he cast the Corporation's vote with the unanimous majority to adopt INDOT's recommendations.

Under new business, there were three amendments proposed to the Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program; two submitted by INDOT and one submitted by the City of Bloomington. He said all three were moved together for approval and again, I cast the Corporation's vote with the unanimous majority.

He said additionally, staff presented a draft of the FY2027-2028 Unified Planning Work Program which was open for public comment through February 21. The document includes budgetary guidelines and work elements to be considered by the MPO for the upcoming year. He said he printed out section 503 of the document which outlines proposed assistance to the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation for various studies as well as call out responsibilities tied to the assistance.

He said the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled on Friday, February 27, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the City of Bloomington Common Council Chamber.

CLAIMS

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve claims for February 24, 2026. Board Member Griffin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

Operations Manager Mike Clark expressed his appreciation for the Supervisors, Bus Operators, and staff for their professionalism and dedication during the tornado that occurred several weeks ago. He commended their coordinated efforts and commitment to safety, which ensured the well-being of passengers and employees throughout the severe weather event.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Griffin seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

03-24-26
James McLary, Chair
Board of Directors BPTC

03-24-26
Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC