



Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation

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To: The BPTC Board of Directors
From: John Connell, General Manager
Date: April 21, 2026
Re: Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Included below are your notes for the meeting of the Board of Directors set for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room, 130 W. Grimes Lane in Bloomington.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion of 2026 Health Insurance Renewal.

BPTC has engaged an agent of record to assist in soliciting proposals for health insurance and related benefits. In response to ongoing inflationary pressures in the health insurance market, we have been working with Mark Oyler of Bill C. Brown Associates to evaluate available options.

Despite all of our efforts, the proposed annual renewal reflects an increase of \$210,524, or approximately 20%. Mr. Oyler will provide the Board with an update on the current status of the market review and our ongoing efforts. Staff recommends approval of the renewal agreement with Anthem for the period of May 2026 through April 2027. A detailed breakdown of the rate schedule is attached.

2. Public Hearing; 2026 Program of Projects (POP)

Prior to Board consideration and adoption of the Program of Projects (POP), a legal notice is published in the primary local newspaper, The Bloomington Herald-Times. This notice outlines the proposed program in detail and informs the public of a scheduled public hearing.

Following the public hearing, the Board may recommend revisions to the POP or proceed with approval, at which point the proposed POP becomes final. Any revisions to the proposed POP will be published in final form in The Bloomington Herald-Times.

3. Resolution 26-09, a resolution adopting the Final CY 2026 Program of Projects to be funded under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307, 5307 Flex STBG/CR and Section 5339 authorizing the BPTC Chair to file and execute grant assurances and the grant contract.

This resolution authorizes the formal adoption of the CY2026 Program of Projects which will be funded with federal transit funding accordingly:

Capital Projects:	Federal	Local	Total
Purchase Replacement buses	\$4,217,244	\$1,054,311	\$5,271,555
Capitalize the Purchase of Engine/Transmission Rebuilds, Hybrid and Electric Energy Units and Component parts, and Tires	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
EV Mobile Chargers	\$280,000	\$70,000	\$350,000
S-1 GARD Deflectors	\$75,480	\$18,870	\$94,350
Accounting Software	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$75,000
New Administrative & Maintenance Facility	\$16,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$20,000,000
Subtotal Capital Projects	\$20,832,724	\$5,208,181	\$26,040,905
Operating Projects:			
Operating Assistance	\$2,463,300	\$2,463,300	\$4,926,600
Total Capital & Operating Projects	\$23,296,024	\$7,671,481	\$30,967,505

4. Presentation of Route and Service Improvements.

Staff will present an overview of proposed route and service improvements scheduled to take effect June 1, 2026.

AGENDA

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC)

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington, IN 47403

Conference Room, 5:30 P.M.

The April 21, 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

04/21/2026

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. OLD BUSINESS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2026
- IV. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS
 1. Approval of Health Insurance renewals with Anthem for 2026-2027. (Mark Oylar)
 2. Public Hearing; 2026 Program of Project
 3. Resolution 26-09, a resolution adopting the Final CY 2026 Program of Projects to be funded under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307, 5307 Flex STBG/CR and Section 5339 authorizing the BPTC Chair to file and execute grant assurances and the gran contract.

- V. MANAGER, STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS
 - 1. PROJECT UPDATES – John Connell
 - Route 13 proposed service improvements.
 - *Bloomington Transit for Everyone* - Presentation
 - 2. MARCH OPERATING STATISTICS – Shelley Strimaitis
 - 3. MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT -- Christa Browning
 - 4. MARCH PERSONNEL REPORT – Brenda Underwood
 - 5. MARCH MPO REPORT – Doug Horn
- VI. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS
- VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
- VIII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING: May19, 2026

CURRENT HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS AT BPTC (EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2025)

Insurance type & categories	Monthly premium (\$)	BPTC share (\$)	Employee share (\$)	Employee cost (bi-monthly \$)
PPO				
Employee	1005.40	804.32	201.08	100.54
Employee + spouse	2010.80	1608.64	402.16	201.08
Employee + child	1910.26	1528.21	382.05	191.03
Family	3016.21	2412.97	603.24	301.62
HSA				
Employee	903.78	723.02	180.76	90.38
Employee + spouse	1807.56	1446.05	361.51	180.76
Employee + child	1717.18	1373.74	343.44	171.72
Family	2711.34	2169.07	542.27	271.13
DENTAL				
Employee	25.91	20.73	5.18	2.59
Employee + spouse	49.59	39.67	9.92	4.96
Employee + child	62.72	50.18	12.54	6.27
Family	84.34	67.47	16.87	8.43
VISION				
Employee	5.21	4.17	1.04	0.52
Employee + spouse	9.80	7.84	1.96	0.98
Employee + child	11.58	9.26	2.32	1.16
Family	15.41	12.33	3.08	1.54

UPCOMING/RENEWAL HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS AT BPTC (EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026)

Insurance type & categories	Monthly premium (\$)	BPTC share (\$)	Employee share (\$)	Employee cost (bi-monthly \$)
PPO				
Employee	1207.54	966.03	241.51	120.75
Employee + spouse	2535.83	2028.66	507.17	253.58
Employee + child	2173.57	1738.86	434.71	217.36
Family	3501.86	2801.49	700.37	350.19
HSA				
Employee	1085.20	868.16	217.04	108.52
Employee + spouse	2278.93	1823.14	455.79	227.89
Employee + child	1953.37	1562.70	390.67	195.34
Family	3147.09	2517.67	629.42	314.71
DENTAL				
Employee	26.69	21.35	5.34	2.67
Employee + spouse	51.08	40.86	10.22	5.11
Employee + child	64.60	51.68	12.92	6.46
Family	86.87	69.50	17.37	8.69
VISION				
Employee	5.21	4.17	1.04	0.52
Employee + spouse	9.80	7.84	1.96	0.98
Employee + child	11.58	9.26	2.32	1.16
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RESOLUTION 26-09

A resolution adopting the final CY 2026 Program of Projects to be funded under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307, 5307 Flex STBG/CR, and Section 5339 authorizing the BPTC Chair to file and execute grant assurances and the grant contract.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for a transportation project; and

WHEREAS, the grant or cooperative agreement for Federal financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Applicant, and may require the Applicant to provide the local share of the project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC):

1. That James McLary, Chair of the Board of Directors of the BPTC, is authorized to execute and file an application for Federal assistance on behalf of the grantee, Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation, with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C., chapter 53, title 23, United States Code, or other Federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration. Further, the Chair may delegate in writing this responsibility to the BPTC staff.
2. That James McLary, Chair of the Board of Directors of the BPTC, is authorized to execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the Federal Transit Administration requires before awarding a Federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement. Further, the Chair may delegate in writing this responsibility to the BPTC staff.
3. That James McLary, Chair of the Board of Directors of the BPTC, is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation. Further, the Chair may delegate in writing this responsibility to the BPTC staff.
4. That the attached FY 2026 Program of Projects is hereby approved as the Final Program of Project in the Federal amount of \$16,206,339 for Section Formula 5307, \$168,686 Carbon reduction, \$428,070 Section 5339, and \$6,492,929 Surface Transportation Program Block Grant (STBG), as per the attached.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Board of Directors of the BPTC, acting on behalf of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation held on April 21, 2026.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

04/21/2026
James McLary, Chair
Bloomington Public
Transportation Corporation

04/21/2026
Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Bloomington Public
Transportation Corporation

FY 2026 Final Program of Projects

Capital Projects:	Federal	Local	Total
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BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
Ridership & Productivity By Route
Mar-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	5,700	-10.5%	398.2	4,952.0	14.32	-16.9%	1.15	-13.2%	6,368	369.5	4,800.00	17.23	1.33
2 South Rogers/Countryview	4,477	-1.4%	327.9	3,377.7	13.65	-11.7%	1.33	-3.6%	4,542	293.8	3,303.28	15.46	1.37
2 West 11th St	4,934	18.2%	405.4	4,245.0	12.17	12.2%	1.16	15.4%	4,174	384.8	4,143.73	10.85	1.01
3 East College Mall	22,976	-7.8%	794.3	9,242.5	28.93	-7.6%	2.49	-7.7%	24,923	796.4	9,249.58	31.30	2.69
3 West Highland Village/Curry Pike	9,132	-4.9%	788.2	9,277.6	11.59	-9.2%	0.98	-6.8%	9,604	752.9	9,090.15	12.76	1.06
4 South High Street	5,177	6.4%	326.4	4,005.6	15.86	3.0%	1.29	3.6%	4,865	316.0	3,900.98	15.39	1.25
4 West Bloomfield Rd	3,282	-13.3%	435.4	5,886.6	7.54	-13.5%	0.56	-14.9%	3,785	434.1	5,777.88	8.72	0.66
5 Sare Road	5,771	-9.3%	361.9	3,752.7	15.94	-13.5%	1.54	-10.6%	6,363	345.3	3,698.55	18.43	1.72
6 Campus Shuttle	55,839	-12.2%	1,500.1	13,101.6	37.22	-25.5%	4.26	-19.4%	63,625	1,273.7	12,036.16	49.95	5.29
7 S Walnut/Clear Creek	10,112	32.8%	817.2	9,740.0	12.37	14.3%	1.04	21.5%	7,612	703.0	8,911.16	10.83	0.85
9 IU Campus/Campus Corner	40,706	-21.1%	1,063.1	9,130.0	38.29	-17.5%	4.46	-23.1%	51,618	1,111.8	8,907.07	46.43	5.80
9 Limited	5,743	13.1%	200.6	1,882.4	28.63	5.1%	3.05	4.2%	5,078	186.5	1,733.62	27.23	2.93
11 W 17th	5,084	-18.3%	449.2	3,773.1	11.32	-27.9%	1.35	-21.0%	6,226	396.5	3,649.26	15.70	1.71
12 N Walnut	8,752	-5.6%	198.1	1,902.5	44.18	-12.8%	4.60	-11.9%	9,271	183.0	1,775.81	50.66	5.22
13 Park 48/Ivy Tech	988	-15.7%	283.1	4,312.6	3.49	-26.3%	0.23	-37.1%	1,172	247.7	3,217.24	4.73	0.36
14 Muller Park	4,087	-15.2%	214.6	1,795.0	19.05	-20.2%	2.28	-19.1%	4,818	202.0	1,711.75	23.86	2.81
Total	192,760	-9.9%	8,564	90,377	22.51	-15.9%	2.13	-14.4%	214,044	7,997	85,906	26.77	2.49
Year-to-Date Total	587,399	-14.1%	8,564	170,117	68.59	56.5%	3.45	-15.2%	683,685	15,600	167,842	43.83	4.07

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
2026 Uber and Lyft On-Demand Monthly Summary

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2026													
Late Nite Rides	Active Users	657	697	740									
	Avg Subsidy	\$ 8.63	\$ 8.45	\$ 8.67									
	Total Subsidy	\$ 16,654	\$ 18,349	\$ 16,207									
	Trips	1,930	2,172	1,870									
2026 Dispatched Trips		220	316	229									
2026 Dispatched Total Subsidy		\$ 2,664	\$ 7,151	\$ 3,066									
2026 Avg Dispatched Subsidy		\$ 12.11	\$ 22.63	\$ 13.39									
2026 Total Trips		2,150	2,488	2,099									
2026 Total Cost		\$ 19,317.95	\$ 25,500.36	\$ 19,272.82									
2025													
Late Nite Rides	2025 Active Users	733	896	869									
	2025 Avg Subsidy	\$ 8.56	\$ 8.14	\$ 7.38									
	2025 Total Subsidy	\$ 17,154	\$ 20,822	\$ 18,977									
	2025 Trips	2,004	2,558	2,571									
2025 Dispatched Trips		143	245	122									
2025 Dispatched Total Subsidy		\$ 1,888	\$ 2,955	\$ 1,387									
2025-2026 Change		54%	29%	88%									
2025 Total Trips		2,147	2,803	2,693									
2025 - 2026 % Trip Change		0.1%	-11.2%	-22.1%									
2025 Total Cost		\$ 19,042	\$ 23,777	\$ 20,364									
2025 - 2026 % Cost Change		1.4%	7.2%	-5.4%									

2026 YTD Trips	6,737
2026 YTD Cost	64,091
2025 YTD Trips	7,643
2025 YTD Cost	\$ 63,183

**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
FINANCIAL NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH ENDING
MARCH 31, 2026**

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses for March totaled \$1,269,074. Salary and Fringe benefits expense for March were \$858,754. This represents an increase from February due to the timing of payrolls and accruals. Materials and Supplies for March were \$78,343. This reflects an increase from February due to an increase in unleaded fuel prices and the timing of parts and supplies purchased and used. Services and Utilities expense for the month totaled \$331,977. This represents an increase from February due the payment of ETAs annual license subscription of \$61,400, and the payment to Murphy Hardscape and Construction for paver repair at the downtown facility for \$42,861. BT spent 19% of the 2026 operating expense budget with 25% of the year complete.

Operating Revenues

Operating revenues for March totaled \$1,081,024 bringing year-to-date operating revenues to \$5,935,833.

Capital Expenditures

During March, BPTC paid \$94,350 to Trolley S-1 Gards for the installation of protective equipment on the whole fixed fleet.

Operating Cash Balance

March 31, 2026	March 31, 2025	Change
\$20,197,369	\$16,064,911	\$4,132,458 increase

**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2026**

	MONTH ENDING 3/31/2026	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET PLUS ENCUMBRANCES/ ADD'L APPROP.	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET USED
Operating Expenses:					
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 858,754	9%	\$ 1,898,238	9,074,955	21%
Materials and Supplies	78,343	5%	159,135	1,584,750	10%
Services and Utilities	331,977	9%	710,726	3,752,280	19%
Total Operating Expenses	1,269,074	9%	2,768,099	14,411,985	19%
Operating Revenues:					
Local Tax Revenue	62,917	3%	188,752	2,449,392	8%
Fare Revenue	245,185	10%	658,578	2,575,269	26%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	31,575	0%	3,937,510	10,124,453	39%
Total Locally Derived Revenue	339,677	2%	4,784,840	15,149,114	32%
Federal Operating Grants	-	0%	-	2,506,616	0%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	741,347	28%	1,150,993	2,607,880	44%
Total Operating Revenues	1,081,024		5,935,833	20,263,610	
Operating Gain/(Loss)	(188,050)		3,167,734		
Federal Capital Grants	-	0%	449,154	6,686,501	7%
State Capital Grants	-	0%	-	-	0%
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	0%	-	-	0%
Revenue from Capital Grants/Reserve	-	0%	449,154	6,686,501	7%
Capital Expenditures:	101,488	1%	114,108	12,538,126	1%
Capital Gain/(Loss)	(101,488)		335,046		
Net Gain/(Loss)	(289,538)		3,502,780		

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

	MONTH ENDING 3/31/2026	MONTH ENDING 3/31/2025	% CHANGE	YTD 3/31/2026	YTD 3/31/2025	% CHANGE
Operating Expenses:						
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 858,754	\$600,046	43%	\$ 1,898,238	\$1,822,358	4%
Materials and Supplies	78,343	132,403	-41%	159,135	263,404	-40%
Services and Utilities	331,977	192,066	73%	710,726	600,018	18%
Total Operating Expenses	1,269,074	924,515	37%	2,768,099	2,685,780	3%
Operating Revenues:						
Local Tax Revenue	62,917	62,817	0%	188,752	188,454	0%
Fare Revenue	245,185	229,126	7%	658,578	624,112	6%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	31,575	3,904,011	-99%	3,937,510	4,074,824	-3%
Total Locally Derived Revenue	339,677	4,195,954	-92%	4,784,840	4,887,390	-2%
Federal Operating Grants	-	-	#DIV/0!	-	355,500	-100%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	741,347	525,451	0%	1,150,993	960,097	20%
Total Operating Revenues	1,081,024	4,721,405	-77%	5,935,833	6,202,987	-4%
Operating Gain/(Loss)	(188,050)	3,796,890		3,167,734	3,517,207	
Federal Capital Grants	-	162,719	-100%	449,154	162,719	176%
State Capital Grants	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Revenue from Capital Grants/Reserve	-	162,719	-100%	449,154	162,719	176%
Capital Expenditures:	101,488	197,039	-48%	114,108	227,466	-50%
Capital Gain/(Loss)	(101,488)	(34,320)		335,046	(64,747)	
Net Gain/(Loss)	(289,538)	3,762,570		3,502,780	3,452,460	

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation

Personnel Report

March 2026

	Monthly New Hires	Monthly Terminations	End of Month Vacancies
Administrative Staff	0	0	1
Fixed Route Drivers	0	0	5
BT Access Drivers	0	0	1
Maintenance	2	0	0
Mechanic	0	0	2
Service Person	0	0	0
Service Attendants	0	0	0
Total	2	0	9

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC)
MARCH 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=VWVYOTJlE0WTVHNXdhdTdmaDhKcVpZZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6717 8724
Passcode: 248581

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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, Human Resource and Marketing Administrator Brenda Underwood, Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis, Marketing and Development Manager Bryan Fyalkowski, and Grants and Procurement Specialist Zac Huneck.

Members of the Public: Steve Spade, RATP DEV and Frank Ciccarella, Synergize Consulting LLC

The following additional persons were also present via Zoom. Chair James McLary, Dave Askins, Justin VanLeeuwen and Andrew Coomer.

OLD BUSINESS

General Manager Connell presented Resolution 25-29; a resolution for approval of Inter-local agreement with Monroe County. He stated that this item was tabled during the board meeting in December 2025. He said 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. He noted the agreement covers expenses retroactive to January 2, 2026.

Chair McLary stated that he questions the performance of Route 13 and believes that Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation needs to take action to increase ridership. General Manager Connell stated that Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis, Marketing and Development Manager Bryan Fyalkowski, and himself have met with drivers on two separate occasions. He said staff has developed a plan and evaluated four different scenarios that include potential route changes, pattern improvements, and service enhancements.

General Manager Connell stated that public sessions will be held to share information and gather input regarding Route 13. He said the sessions will be advertised for May 4, May 6, and May 7. He stated that he would like to provide an opportunity for the board subcommittee members to meet with staff to review the proposed changes prior to the public sessions.

Chair McLary thanked the County for continuing its cooperation on Route 13. He noted that it is one of Bloomington Public Transportation Corporations first services operating outside the city. General Manager Connell stated that the goal of the proposed service improvements is to inform the public of the planned changes and gather public input. He noted that the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation target date to implement the new changes is June 1, 2026.

Chair McLary made a motion to approve Resolution 25-29; a resolution for approval of Inter-local agreement with Monroe County. Secretary Obermeyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

MINUTES

Board Member Griffin made a motion to approve the February 24th, 2026 Board Minutes. Secretary Obermeyer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

Controller Browning stated that she prepared the 2025 financial statements and the audit report that will be provided to the auditors. She noted that she prepares the management discussions, analysis, the financial statements, the notes, and the federal schedule. She said one notable change this year is that our net position increased by approximately \$11 million, largely due to the purchase of new buses. She also reported that cash decreased by approximately \$1.4 million. She noted that the audit is expected to take place in July or August 2026.

Chair McLary made a motion to approve the 2025 Financial Statements. Secretary Obermeyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Manager Connell presented Resolution 26-05; a resolution approving the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Transit Management Services. He noted that Controller Browning will take the lead on the Transit Management Services Request for Proposals. Controller Browning stated that she is currently working on the Request for Proposals with assistance from Grants and Procurement Specialist Zac Huneck. She noted that the attorneys are reviewing the document and that she is targeting an issuance date of April 1, 2026.

Board Member Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 26-05; a resolution approving the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Transit Management Services Request for Proposals. Vice Chair McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Manager Connell presented Resolution 26-06; a resolution declaring bus #0866 scrap and surplus. He said this resolution authorizes the General Manager to dispose of a surplus bus in accordance with Bloomington Public Transportation procurement policies. He noted that Gillig bus #0866 is 18 years old and has far exceeded its useful life.

Board Member Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 26-06; a resolution declaring bus #0866 scrap and surplus. Secretary Obermeyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Manager Connell presented Resolution 26-07; a resolution approving a contract with Toole Design for Strategic plan Development Services.

He said the Toole Design team stood out during interviews in part by highlighting messaging around the economic impact of transit and the importance of consensus building. He noted that their recent Funding and Governance Study in Wayne County, Ohio was viewed as highly applicable to the needs in Bloomington and Monroe County. He added that representatives from Wayne County reported ongoing success with their project due to the firm's excellent work. He stated that Toole Design ultimately emerged as the preferred firm to lead the Strategic Plan Update and Development Project.

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-07; a resolution approving a contract with Toole Design for Strategic Plan Development Services. Board member Griffin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Manager Connell presented Resolution 26-08; a resolution approving a contract with Ava's Waste Removal. He stated this resolution authorizes a contract for biweekly trash collection services at Bloomington Public Transportation stops. He said the contractor is responsible for emptying trash cans at 78 passenger shelters. He said in addition to the trash collection that the contractor is required to pick up any trash within a ten foot perimeter of each shelter. He noted that the annual base fee is \$82,661.28. He said the contract has a not to exceed ceiling set at \$100,000.

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-08; a resolution approving a contract with Ava's Waste Removal. Vice Chair McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Human Resources and Marketing Administrator Brenda Underwood requested approval of the 2026 partnership with the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation for the donation of seasonal bus passes for The Kid City Summer Camp. She stated that this arrangement dates back to 1993 and has been a long standing collaboration. She noted that Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation has historically provided fare free passes to Kid City Summer Camp participants which includes campers and camp employees. She said staff is requesting Board approval to continue this partnership for 2026.

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve the 2026 partnership with City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation for donation of seasonal bus passes for The Kid City Summer Camp. Board Member Griffin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Manager Connell provided an update on the property acquisition. He stated that both the appraisal and review appraisal have been completed with the final appraised value coming in at \$3.6 million which is below the budgeted amount of \$3.8 million.

He noted that he had a call with Federal Transit Administration Region 5 this afternoon to ensure everything is in order to move forward with the formal purchase agreement. He stated that staff is currently in the process of developing the final purchase agreement.

General Manager Connell also noted that official acceptance of the appraisal has not yet been received from the property owner. However, he indicated that it is likely to be accepted. He explained that the option to purchase allows the seller the right to conduct their own appraisal and they have ten days to make that decision. He added that he is confident the seller will accept the appraisal and that once confirmation is received the agency will proceed forward.

General Manager Connell stated that we are waiting on a comfort letter from the Indiana Finance Authority. He explained that the comfort letter provides protection against any potential future EPA related issues. General Manager Connell stated that he recently received an email indicating that the comfort letter will be issued shortly and emphasized that it is important to have the letter in hand prior to closing on the property.

General Manager Connell stated that the first of the New Flyer buses are officially in production. He noted that all three buses are expected to be completed within six to seven weeks and that these are the articulated buses.

Frank Ciccarella from Synergize Consulting LLC introduced himself as a 46 year veteran of the transit industry. He shared that six years ago he transitioned from the corporate world to start his own company. He noted that he currently works with transit agencies across the United States ranging from start-ups in non-emergency medical transportation to agencies like Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation assisting with safety initiatives.

Mr. Ciccarella emphasized that his work focuses on supporting drivers and improving organizational practices. He explained that they review policies, procedures, and programs to ensure operations are conducted correctly and that risks associated with daily driving are

minimized. He said this includes driver training, communication, feedback processes, and management practices.

He highlighted his prior work with RATP DEV over almost three years particularly in “training the trainers” and implementing a rigorous and complex driver education program. He stated he was brought in at the request of General Manager Connell and Steve Spade, RATP DEV to evaluate current practices, identify areas for improvement, and make recommendations.

General Manager Connell added that the agency had noticed an upward trend in preventable accidents. He along with Operations Manager Mike Clark, identified complacency among drivers as a contributing factor. He noted that this situation presented an opportunity to examine whether complacency was also affecting management practices. This prompted the decision to bring in a third party to assess operations, identify issues, and ensure consistency in processes.

He explained that Mr. Ciccarella has met with all three trainers and has been involved in their certifications. His review included verifying that trainers are conducting their roles properly and including maintaining accurate records. General Manager Connell emphasized that the review is not disciplinary in nature but aims to identify areas for improvement. He noted that technology investments support these efforts, but effective training is fundamental to putting people in a position to succeed.

General Manager Connell concluded by stating that this work is very important and he looks forward to the final report. The report will be shared with the Board once it is completed.

Vice Chair McDaniel asked whether this engagement creates an additional expense for Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation or if it was already covered under the contract with RATP DEV. General Manager Connell responded that it is an added expense but RATP DEV already had the necessary resources in place so there was no need to issue another RFP. He explained that this falls under the contract in the same way value added services such as support during labor negotiations are handled. He noted that RATP DEV identifies the experts for the agency to use and that they were able to get this initiative up and running within 45 days.

Vice Chair McDaniel questioned on how much it is costing. General Manager Connell said the maximum amount is \$15,000. He said we sent a lot of material to Mr. Ciccarella before he arrived. He said we sent him all of our manuals for training, our emergency management procedures, and handbooks. He noted he has done a desk review and the second component is that he is on site. He said he and Operations Manager Mike Clark met with him yesterday and trainers met with him today. He will be going to the transit center today to speak with some of the drivers.

Chair McLary questioned what is this costing Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation? General Manager Connell reiterated it is costing \$15,000. He asked what is the return expected?

General Manager Connell stated that the potential return on this investment could be hundreds of millions of dollars if it helps prevent accidents. He explained that the goal is to review current processes, identify any gaps, and ensure new hires are set up for success. He emphasized that safety is not only about drivers it's about building a culture of safety throughout the organization

starting with management. He noted this engagement is a great opportunity to assess whether managers are doing everything necessary to support that culture.

Chair McLary asked whether the expense is budgeted and what outcomes are expected. General Manager Connell explained that the deliverable will be a final report listing all items reviewed, including manuals and training documentation, with a summary of the status of each action. Mr. Ciccarella added that each item is assessed as compliant, partially compliant, or non-compliant. Items needing improvement are marked partially compliant, while those meeting requirements are marked compliant. For non-compliant areas an action plan is created to correct the issue. Mr. Ciccarella will provide his findings to General Manager Connell who will oversee the implementation of the recommended changes.

General Manager Connell stated that regarding the budget the expense comes from the professional services line item which had funding allocated for this type of service. Vice Chair McDaniel noted that if this prevents even one incident the investment will pay for itself.

Chair McLary asked whether 80 percent of the cost is covered by FTA funding. General Manager Connell clarified that the cost is fully covered by local funding.

Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis reported on ridership for February 2026. She stated that fixed route service provided 224,796 trips. BT Access provided 1938 trips.

Chair McLary asked for an update on the marketing contract. General Manager Connell stated that staff is developing the plan for what they are calling “**Bloomington Transit for All,**” which will involve a major restructuring of the micro-transit BLink program. He noted that there are many details to review and recommended that the Board hold a work session to go through everything. He noted it could take 30 to 45 minutes. He said the team has been working on this for a couple of months. He said that Marketing and Development Manager Bryan Fyalkowski has been leading the campaign to develop marketing for the Bloomington Transit for All concept and that a comprehensive list of proposed changes will be issued shortly.

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

Human Resources and Marketing Administrator Brenda Underwood stated that one fixed route bus operator was hired in February. She noted that five additional fixed-route bus operators are still needed. She reported that a BT Access driver was hired but did not complete the onboarding process. She added that a new employee will start on Monday to fill the building and grounds position. Additionally she said a Fleet Maintenance Manager has been hired and will begin part-time on Monday and transitioning to full-time in May.

Board Member Horn stated that he attended the February 27, 2026, regular meeting of the Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee representing the Bloomington Public Transportation Board of Directors.

He said Hopi Stosberg, the Bloomington Common council Member representative was elected by unanimous vote as Vice Chair of the Policy Committed for 2026.

He said following general staff reports, a significant discussion regarding the historical structure of the Policy Committee and the interplay between City and County ensued under old business culminating in a motion to review and discuss current inter-local agreements governing the management of the Policy Committee. He noted there were 5 no votes and 6 yes. He said he cast the Corporation's vote in favor of the motion. He said stay tuned.

He said under new business a resolution regarding a fiscal year 2026-2030 tip amendment clarifying the purchase of articulated buses by Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation was offered and was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2026 but has been cancelled. He noted the April meeting of the Committee is slated for Friday, April 24, 2026 at 10:30 A.M. in the City of Bloomington Common Council Chamber.

CLAIMS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andrew Coomer asked if there are plans for Route 13 to operate only on the west side. General Manager Connell replied that the plan is to fold Route 13 into Route 3. The combined route would continue to serve the same far west side areas currently covered by Route 13 integrated into Route 3's schedule with a 90-minute loop using three buses to provide 30-minute service. He noted that this is a preliminary framework and assured that notifications for the upcoming public outreach meetings would be shared. He added that staff are in the process of finalizing diagrams and timetables.

Andrew Coomer asked whether micro-transit will expand to cover the entire city or remain zone based. General Manager Connell responded that there will be recommendations for significant changes to the program. He explained that staff is considering expanding the walk-shed which would increase the area of eligibility so that riders farther than a quarter mile from a fixed route could access their boarding locations and final destinations. He emphasized that these ideas are still preliminary.

Chair McLary stated that he is biased toward micro-transit and hopes that future planning will focus more on micro-transit solutions. He acknowledged that there are still reasons for fixed routes and articulated buses but he believes micro-transit represents the future of Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

Steve Spade, RATP DEV stated that in his role he works with eleven other transit systems, ranging from systems with as few as ten buses to as many as 1,300. The transit systems cover bus, paratransit, and rail operations. He said that visiting so many systems gives him perspective and he wanted to compliment the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation team. He noted that this system demonstrates more creativity and has more projects underway than most other transit facilities he visits. He described the team as forward thinking and praised their work

on service improvements and the implementation of articulated buses, calling it solid, creative problem solving. He concluded by commending the team for doing a great job and accomplishing significant initiatives.

He explained that he views his role similarly to that of Frank Ciccarella noting that the transit business is complex. He said that General Manager Connell is expected to oversee operations, maintenance, planning, and grants while also engaging with the public and elected officials and managing financial responsibilities. He added that the purpose of having consultants like Frank is to provide a bench of expertise whether in safety, technology, or other areas so support can be offered wherever it's needed.

He emphasized that his role is to work with General Manager Connell and provide assistance on specific issues as requested. He concluded by saying it is enjoyable to see all the great work being done and to have the opportunity to offer support.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

Secretary Obermeyer stated that she wanted to acknowledge the wonderful team of employees we have.

Chair McLary thanked Steve Spade of RATP DEV for his kind comments. He stated that Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation is at the cutting edge of many initiatives and noted that the agency may not always receive the recognition it deserves. He added that Steve has articulated this very well.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

04-21-26
James McLary, Chair
Board of Directors BPTC

04-21-26
Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC