



Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation

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To: The BPTC Board of Directors
From: John Connell, General Manager
Date: May 15, 2026
Re: Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Included below are the notes for the meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room, located at 130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington, Indiana.

AGENDA & ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation: BPTC Information Technology Plan

NMomentum will provide an executive summary of the IT Assessment and Implementation Plan Final Report. A copy of the complete final report is available upon request.

2. Resolution 26-10 – Resolution Authorizing the Application for FTA Section 5339 Funding for the Design and Construction of an Administration, Operations, and Maintenance Facility

This resolution affirms the commitment and support of the Board of Directors for the application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 funding for the design and construction of a new Administration, Operations, and Maintenance Complex. In addition, the resolution acknowledges the availability and commitment of local funding to support the project.

3. Resolution 26-11 – Resolution Authorizing Agreements with FBT Gibbons LLP and Kroger Gardis & Regas LLP for Legal Services

This resolution authorizes contractual agreements with two law firms to provide legal services to the Corporation. Staff recommends engaging both firms in order to capitalize on the specialized expertise offered by each.

FBT Gibbons LLP has served for decades as special counsel to a major public transit authority, including acting in a lead advisory role on a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership (P3) transit power resiliency project supported by a \$410 million FTA grant. Their experience includes progressive procurement, coordination with multiple governmental stakeholders, administration of significant federal funding awarded following a major natural disaster, and compliance with FTA funding, oversight, audit, and post-award requirements.

Kroger Gardis & Regas LLP possesses extensive expertise in the creation of special taxing districts, as well as comprehensive employment law services, including specialization in Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and personnel disciplinary matters.

4. Consideration of Establishing New Route #16 and the BLink Microtransit Multimodal Program, “Bloomington Transit for Everyone”

Staff will present an overview of the proposed design for the new Route #16, summarize the results of the public input sessions, and provide a recommendation regarding approval to launch the new services effective June 1, 2026.

5. Consideration of Fare-Free Week – June 1–7, 2026

Staff is seeking approval for a fare-free week, Monday through Sunday, June 1–7, 2026. The initiative is intended to promote the new services launching on June 1 and will also be recognized as Passenger Appreciation Week.

AGENDA

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC)

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington, IN 47403

Conference Room, 5:30 P.M.

The Tuesday, May 19, 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

05/19/2026

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. OLD BUSINESS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 21, 2026
- IV. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS
 - 1. Presentation: BPTC Information Technology Plan, NMMomentum.
 - 2. Resolution 26-10, a resolution authorizing application for FTA Section 5339 funds for FY2026 for the Design and Construction of an Administrative, Operations and Maintenance Facility.
 - 3. Resolution 26-11, a resolution authorizing agreements with FBT Gibbons LLP, and Kroger, Gardis & Regas LLP, for legal services.
 - 4. Consideration of establishing service improvements effective June 1, 2026. Consisting of a new Route #16, which merges Route #3W and

Route #13, and the BLink Microtransit multimodal program known as *Bloomington Transit For Everyone*.

5. Consideration of approving free fares for Passenger Appreciation Week: Monday, June 1, 2026 to Sunday, June 7, 2026.
- V. MANAGER, STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS
1. PROJECT UPDATES – John Connell
 - Strategic Plan
 - Land Acquisition
 2. APRIL OPERATING STATISTICS – Shelley Strimaitis
 3. APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT – Christa Browning
 4. APRIL PERSONNEL REPORT – Brenda Underwood
 5. APRIL MPO REPORT – Doug Horn
- VI. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS
- VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
- VIII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING: June 23, 2026 (revised date)

RESOLUTION 26-11

A resolution authorizing the award of agreements for general legal services subject to the finalization a contract.

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC) issued a Request for Proposals dated April 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposals submitted by Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP and FBT Gibbons LLP, were determined to be the best, most responsive and most responsible in accordance with the evaluation criteria included in the RFP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation hereby authorizes the award of contract for general legal services be made to Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP and FBT Gibbons LLP, subject to the successful negotiation of a contracts with BPTC.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

James McLary, Chair
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Bloomington Public Transportation
Corporation

Approved this 19th day of May, 2026.

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	953								
	Avg Subsidy	\$ 8.63	\$ 8.45	\$ 8.67	\$ 8.64								
	Total Subsidy	\$ 16,654	\$ 18,349	\$ 16,207	\$ 21,677								
	Trips	1,930	2,172	1,870	2,509								
2026 Dispatched Trips		220	316	229	314								
2026 Dispatched Total Subsidy		\$ 2,664	\$ 7,151	\$ 3,066	\$ 4,223								
2026 Avg Dispatched Subsidy		\$ 12.11	\$ 22.63	\$ 13.39	\$ 13.45								
2026 Total Trips		2,150	2,488	2,099	2,823								
2026 Total Cost		\$ 19,317.95	\$ 25,500.36	\$ 19,272.82	\$ 25,900.18								
2025													
Late Nite Rides	2025 Active Users	733	896	869	1,050								
	2025 Avg Subsidy	\$ 8.56	\$ 8.14	\$ 7.38	\$ 7.41								
	2025 Total Subsidy	\$ 17,154	\$ 20,822	\$ 18,977	\$ 24,192								
	2025 Trips	2,004	2,558	2,571	3,265								
2025 Dispatched Trips		143	245	122	181								
2025 Dispatched Total Subsidy		\$ 1,888	\$ 2,955	\$ 1,387	\$ 2,101								
2025-2026 Change		54%	29%	88%	73%								
2025 Total Trips		2,147	2,803	2,693	3,446								
2025 - 2026 % Trip Change		0.1%	-11.2%	-22.1%	-18.1%								
2025 Total Cost		\$ 19,042	\$ 23,777	\$ 20,364	\$ 26,293								
2025 - 2026 % Cost Change		1.4%	7.2%	-5.4%	-1.5%								

2026 YTD Trips	9,560
2026 YTD Cost	89,991
2025 YTD Trips	11,089
2025 YTD Cost	\$ 89,476

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
Ridership & Productivity By Route
Apr-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	7,234	-3.6%	398.46	4,934.42	18.15	-8.9%	1.47	-4.5%	7,508	376.80	4,888.70	19.93	1.54
2 South Rogers/Countryview	4,721	0.3%	285.93	3,338.67	16.51	2.2%	1.41	0.3%	4,705	291.35	3,338.95	16.15	1.41
2 West 11th St	5,266	26.1%	395.11	4,201.95	13.33	21.3%	1.25	24.8%	4,177	380.02	4,157.98	10.99	1.00
3 East College Mall	24,101	-9.2%	769.13	9,126.22	31.34	-6.8%	2.64	-8.8%	26,540	789.00	9,161.03	33.64	2.90
3 West Highland Village/Curry Pike	9,573	-1.9%	758.38	9,147.69	12.62	-1.8%	1.05	-2.2%	9,760	759.22	9,124.78	12.86	1.07
4 South High Street	5,617	-3.4%	328.30	4,052.69	17.11	-6.5%	1.39	-5.5%	5,813	317.81	3,963.69	18.29	1.47
4 West Bloomfield Rd	4,082	-3.0%	431.93	5,828.49	9.45	-1.8%	0.70	-2.9%	4,210	437.49	5,834.46	9.62	0.72
5 Sare Road	6,704	-12.9%	345.94	3,734.49	19.38	-13.9%	1.80	-14.9%	7,693	341.64	3,646.33	22.52	2.11
6 Campus Shuttle	74,329	-11.1%	1,808.17	15,796.78	41.11	-26.3%	4.71	-19.3%	83,631	1,499.38	14,349.00	55.78	5.83
7 S Walnut/Clear Creek	10,777	-5.4%	805.17	9,603.25	13.38	-15.4%	1.12	-7.0%	11,397	720.22	9,442.72	15.82	1.21
9 IU Campus/Campus Corner	53,140	-19.8%	1,267.71	10,783.01	41.92	-19.9%	4.93	-24.8%	66,287	1,266.61	10,112.94	52.33	6.55
9 Limited	7,351	-2.1%	258.88	2,409.38	28.40	-3.0%	3.05	-4.3%	7,505	256.44	2,353.32	29.27	3.19
11 W 17th	6,325	-21.9%	399.92	3,598.70	15.82	-22.3%	1.76	-19.3%	8,095	397.67	3,718.91	20.36	2.18
12 N Walnut	12,567	0.5%	255.10	2,455.42	49.26	0.8%	5.12	1.1%	12,501	255.72	2,468.87	48.89	5.06
13 Park 48/Ivy Tech	1,082	-21.3%	263.60	4,309.87	4.10	-21.4%	0.25	-38.2%	1,374	263.23	3,381.76	5.22	0.41
14 Muller Park	5,062	-23.2%	278.87	2,319.65	18.15	-23.6%	2.18	-23.0%	6,589	277.18	2,325.54	23.77	2.83
Total	237,931	-11.1%	9,051	95,641	26.29	-15.3%	2.49	-14.3%	267,785	8,630	92,269	31.03	2.90
Year-to-Date Total	825,330	-13.3%	33,577	353,929	24.58	-37.4%	2.33	-36.3%	951,470	24,229	260,111	39.27	3.66

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	192,760	237,931									825,330
<i>Revenue Miles</i>	79,740	88,171	90,377	95,641									353,929
<i>Total Miles</i>	81,750	89,916	92,422	97,820									361,908
<i>Revenue Hours</i>	7,575	8,388	8,564	9,051									33,578
<i>Total Hours</i>	8,940	9,468	10,410	10,158									38,975
<i>Fare Revenue</i>	\$212,095	\$195,919*	\$241,761	\$213,470									863,245
<i>Road Calls</i>	4	0	7	12									23
<i>Collision Accidents</i>	2	0	0	2									4
<i>On Time Performance</i>	71.6%	70.5%	73.0%	72.0%									71.8%
<i>PM Inspection OT %</i>	100%	100%	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	2,212	2,278									8,104
<i>Revenue Miles</i>	6,837	7,751	8,448	9,065									32,101
<i>Total Miles</i>	7,851	8,995	9,484	10,026									36,355
<i>Revenue Hours</i>	704	746	828	853									3,131
<i>Total Hours</i>	844	888	1,002	1,002									3,736
<i>Fare Revenue</i>	\$2,582	\$2,888	\$3,424	\$4,283									13,176
<i>Road Calls</i>	0	0	0	0									0
<i>Collision Accidents</i>	0	0	0	0									0
<i>On Time Performance</i>	96.6%	95.6%	96.2%	96.3%									96.2%
<i>PM Inspection OT %</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%									100.0%
<i>Excessive Long Trips</i>	0	1	0	0									1

*Excluding City of Bloomington Local Income Tax revenue

**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
FINANCIAL NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH ENDING
APRIL 30, 2026**

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses for April totaled \$1,177,513. Salary and Fringe benefits expense for April were \$853,085. This represents a small 1% decrease from March due to the timing of payrolls and accruals. Materials and Supplies for April were \$99,243. This reflects an increase from March due to an increase in diesel fuel prices (\$2.33 to \$3.69) and the timing of parts and supplies purchased and used. One other contributing factor was a purchase of a replacement electric charging hose for \$7,010. Services and Utilities expense for the month totaled \$225,185. This represents a decrease from March due to less professional contract payments. BT spent 27% of the 2026 operating expense budget with 33% of the year complete.

Operating Revenues

Operating revenues for April totaled \$1,650,352 bringing year-to-date operating revenues to \$7,586,189.

Capital Expenditures

During April, BPTC paid \$831,878 to New Flyer as a progress payment for one of the new 60' buses to be received this year.

Operating Cash Balance

April 30, 2026	April 30, 2025	Change
\$18,572,001	\$20,039,507	\$1,467,506 decrease

**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2026**

	MONTH ENDING 4/30/2026	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET PLUS ENCUMBRANCES/ ADD'L APPROP.	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET USED
Operating Expenses:					
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 853,085	9%	\$ 2,751,323	9,074,955	30%
Materials and Supplies	99,243	6%	258,378	1,584,750	16%
Services and Utilities	225,185	6%	935,911	3,752,280	25%
Total Operating Expenses	1,177,513	8%	3,945,612	14,411,985	27%
Operating Revenues:					
Local Tax Revenue	62,917	3%	251,671	2,449,392	10%
Fare Revenue	217,752	8%	876,331	2,575,269	34%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	62,796	1%	4,000,307	10,124,453	40%
Total Locally Derived Revenue	343,465	2%	5,128,309	15,149,114	34%
Federal Operating Grants	-	0%	-	2,506,616	0%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	1,306,887	50%	2,457,880	2,607,880	94%
Total Operating Revenues	1,650,352		7,586,189	20,263,610	
Operating Gain/(Loss)	472,839		3,640,577		
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:	839,514	7%	953,621	12,538,126	8%
Capital Gain/(Loss)	(839,514)		(504,467)		
Net Gain/(Loss)	(366,675)		3,136,110		

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

	MONTH ENDING 4/30/2026	MONTH ENDING 4/30/2025	% CHANGE	YTD 4/30/2026	YTD 4/30/2025	% CHANGE
Operating Expenses:						
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 853,085	\$630,634	35%	\$ 2,751,323	\$2,452,991	12%
Materials and Supplies	99,243	24,186	310%	258,378	287,589	-10%
Services and Utilities	225,185	359,532	-37%	935,911	959,551	-2%
Total Operating Expenses	1,177,513	1,014,352	16%	3,945,612	3,700,131	7%
Operating Revenues:						
Local Tax Revenue	62,917	62,818	0%	251,671	251,272	0%
Fare Revenue	217,752	212,481	2%	876,331	836,593	5%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	62,796	95,975	-35%	4,000,307	4,170,800	-4%
Total Locally Derived Revenue	343,465	371,274	-7%	5,128,309	5,258,665	-2%
Federal Operating Grants	-	-	#DIV/0!	-	355,500	-100%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	1,306,887	553,688	0%	2,457,880	1,513,785	62%
Total Operating Revenues	1,650,352	924,962	78%	7,586,189	7,127,950	6%
Operating Gain/(Loss)	472,839	(89,390)		3,640,577	3,427,819	
Federal Capital Grants	-	2,388,037	-100%	449,154	2,550,756	-82%
State Capital Grants	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Revenue from Capital Grants/Reserve	-	2,388,037	-100%	449,154	2,550,756	-82%
Capital Expenditures:	839,514	2,986,107	-72%	953,621	3,213,573	-70%
Capital Gain/(Loss)	(839,514)	(598,070)		(504,467)	(662,817)	
Net Gain/(Loss)	(366,675)	(687,460)		3,136,110	2,765,002	

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
Personnel Report
April 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	0	0	0
Mechanic	0	0	2
Service Person	0	0	0
Service Attendants	0	0	0
Total	0	0	9

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC)
APRIL 21, 2026 – 5:30 PM.**

Chair McLary 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>

Meeting ID: 839 6717 8724

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Meeting ID: 839 6717 8724

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ROLL CALL

Board Members and staff present: Chair James McLary, Vice Chair Kent McDaniel, Board Member Don Griffin, Board Member Doug Horn, Secretary Nancy Obermeyer, 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: Mark Oyler, Bill C. Brown Associates

The following additional persons were also present via Zoom. Justin VanLeeuwen and Andrew Coomer,

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

MINUTES

Vice Chair McDaniel made a motion to approve the minutes. Secretary Obermeyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

General Manager Connell stated that BPTC has engaged an agent of record to assist in soliciting proposals for health insurance and related benefits. He said 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.

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

Mark Oyler of Bill C. Brown Associates presented an overview of the current health insurance market, highlighting trends, challenges, and the continuous process required to evaluate and select the most suitable health insurance plan for Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

Board Member Griffin made a motion to approve the Health Insurance renewal with Anthem for 2026-2027. Secretary Obermeyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Board Member Griffin made a motion to open the public hearing for the consideration and adoption of the Program of Projects (POP). Board Member Horn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Manager Connell stated that 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. He said this notice outlines the proposed program in detail and informs the public of a scheduled public hearing.

He noted that following the public hearing, the Board may recommend revisions to the Program of Projects (POP) or proceed with approval at which point the proposed Program of Projects (POP) becomes final. He said any revisions to the proposed Program of Projects (POP) will be published in final form in the Bloomington Herald-Times.

Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis stated that the public hearing was specifically limited to the FY2026 final Program of Projects (POP) and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Andrew Coomer questioned whether some of the costs were related to the new articulated buses that are expected to arrive in the near future. General Manager Connell confirmed that the funding does include replacement articulated buses.

Andrew Coomer asked whether the electric vehicle chargers function as a battery bank that can be used to rescue a bus if it breaks down while in service. General Manager Connell confirmed that they do.

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

General Manager Connell presented 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 James McLary to file and execute grant assurances and the grant contract.

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:	Federal	Local	Total
Operating Assistance	2,463,300	\$2,463,300	\$4,926,600
Total Capital & Operating Projects:	\$23,296,024	\$7,671,481	\$30,967,505

Board Member Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 26-09; a resolution adopting the Final CY 2026 Program of Projects to be funded under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Flex STBG/CR and Section 5339 authorizing the BPTC Chair James McLary to file and execute grant assurances and the grant contract. Secretary Obermeyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

He noted that there had been significant discussion at the previous Board meeting regarding Route 13 and its disappointing performance. He explained that he and staff have been evaluating alternative approaches and developing options to present to the Board. He stated that they are putting forward their best proposal and will unveil the plan to the public on Monday, May 4, at Ivy Tech from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Bloomington Public Transportation downtown transfer center from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 7, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to gather public input.

He added that in developing this proposal he and staff met multiple times to review different components of Route 13. He emphasized the goal of preserving service to areas outside the city and noted that the Route 3 West schedule was adjusted to a 70-minute pattern to improve on-time performance. He also stated that staff held two productive meetings with bus operators who run these routes, received valuable feedback, and incorporated much of their input into the proposal.

Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis presented an overview of proposed route and service improvements scheduled to take effect on June 1, 2026. She shared maps with the Board outlining the changes and explained that the new route designated as Route 16 combines elements of existing Routes 13 and 3. She noted that the updated route incorporates the highest ridership segments of Route 13 with the current Route 3 West. Route 16 does include a few minor adjustments to improve service. She added that public meetings will be held in May.

General Manager Connell stated that the goal is to implement the new route on June 1, 2026.

Marketing and Development Manager Bryan Fyalkowski presented an overview of the Bloomington Transit for Everyone campaign. He stated that the campaign will launch on June 1, 2026, with a key component being the implementation of a multimodal software upgrade through RideCo.

He explained that the goal of Bloomington Transit for Everyone is to ensure that all residents of the city of Bloomington have access to a mobility option through Bloomington Transit. He added that the multimodal system will help users determine the best transportation option for their trip whether that is the bus, micro-transit, Uber or Lyft.

He stated that he has been working with an animation company to produce a longer tutorial video which is under 90 seconds in length.

He also noted that two 30-second teaser commercials have been created and were scheduled to roll out on Monday, April 27, 2026. Although, the commercials do not include specific dates and times they do provide the website address www.BloomingtonTransit.com/Everyone which contains all the necessary information.

He stated that RideCo is prepared to launch on June 1, 2026, and that an internal demonstration will take place in early May to ensure that there are no issues prior to the public rollout. He noted that individuals within the city limits will be able to book all transportation through the BLink app.

He added that tail signs will be installed on 16 electric buses over the weekend along with informational signage inside the buses. He also stated that a digital marketing firm has been hired to develop a campaign that will run for four months which includes digital advertisements, Google search promotion, social media, and email marketing.

Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis reported on ridership for March 2026. She stated that fixed route service provided 192,760 trips. BT Access provided 2212 trips.

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

Human Resources and Marketing Administrator Brenda Underwood stated that in March 2026, the Building and Grounds position and the Fleet Maintenance Manager position were filled. She said that we still need five Bus Operators. She noted that summer is the ideal time to hire bus operators so they can be trained and prepared for Indiana University's fall semester.

Board Member Horn stated that the March 27, 2026 regular meeting of the Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee was cancelled.

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

CLAIMS

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve claims for April 21, 2026. Board Member Horn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andrew Coomer asked Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis if she still had a map he had previously created. She responded that she could not display or share the map during the public meeting because she was unsure of the applicable accessibility requirements, but stated that she could pull up the version they had previously discussed.

Andrew commented that with Route 3 and Route 13 moving forward, particularly with Route 3 transitioning toward the Green Line, which he noted many people are expecting. He said it appeared to make sense operationally. He added that the map he provided reflects adjustments that divide and extend service in a way that could improve access, making travel downtown less difficult for some routes.

General Manager Connell stated that he reviewed the map created by Andrew Coomer. He said the ideas presented were not far from the organization's original concepts, some adjustments were made as staff met with bus operators who drive the routes.

He noted that the bus operators provided valuable input that influenced some of the changes. He also stated that bus operators have received positive feedback from riders regarding the upcoming changes.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

Chair McLary asked Controller Browning if she could update the board on where we stand with the RFP for management services. Controller Browning stated that questions were sent out on April 1, 2026 to the vendors. She said they were due back on April 15, 2026. She said we received two back and the answers to them will be uploaded tomorrow. She noted the RFP's will be due on May 7, 2026. She said the committee which includes Chair McLary, Board Member Griffin and herself will review them. She noted after the committees review interviews will be conducted and we will have a discussion item in June 2026 and try to award in July. She noted that Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation sent questions to a total of five firms. She said we advertised it in the newspaper and on Transit Talent. Grants and Procurement Specialists Zac Huneck stated that the e-procurement platform sent it out to all qualified vendors.

Chair McLary stated that he and Board Member Horn had a meeting with General Manager Connell, Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis and Marketing and Development Manager Bryan Fyalkowski. He said one thing that stood out in the meeting was the number of trips we had lost to Indiana University. He said the question he had during the meeting was whether or not we are in competition with Indiana University because we are losing a lot of trips to their service because they are basically operating on city streets now. He said he thinks when we start looking at the strategic plan we need to take a serious look at this.

Vice Chair McDaniel stated that during his final years working for the University, it was his understanding that interest in transit was declining. Chair McLary responded that he believes the opposite is happening now. General Manager Connell clarified that, if the discussion refers to Tulip Tree, the transit system is no longer able to provide that service. He emphasized that it was not the University's decision to take the service back rather, the transit agency informed them it could no longer continue service to that area. He noted that Tulip Tree accounted for approximately 30,000 passenger trips, representing a significant loss.

Chair McLary questioned where we currently stand on the strategic plan. General Manager Connell stated that he had a meeting earlier in the day and outlined the next steps in the process.

He explained that the intention is to hold a Board working session before an in-person Board retreat. During the working session staff will present the current framework of the strategic plan and provide Board members the opportunity to offer input.

He said that following that session, the Board retreat will be scheduled. To initiate the process he said he will propose a couple of possible dates and email them to all members so a final date can be agreed upon. He noted that the first meeting will be held virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Horn seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

James McLary, Chair
Board of Directors BPTC **5-19-26**

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC **5-19-26**