



Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS | MEETING BRIEF

TO	Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors
FROM	Nicholas Standefer, General Manager
DATE	October 16, 2026
RE	Regular Board Meeting — Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

The regular meeting will take place in the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room, 130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington, Indiana, with hybrid attendance available using the link on the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 26-15 — Election of Vice Chair

Consider a resolution relieving Kent McDaniel of the office of vice chair and electing Don Griffin as vice chair, effective upon adoption. This concerns the officer position only; it does not purport to remove a director from the board.

2. Resolution 26-16 — Recognition and Seating of Zach Ammerman as Board Member

Consider a resolution acknowledging Zach Ammerman's appointment and confirming his participation as a member of the board, subject to verification of the appointing authority and appointment documentation.

3. Resolution 26-17 Consider adoption of the updated 2026 TAM Plan, performance metrics and targets, presented by Shelley Strimaitis.

4. M.U.S.T. — Informational Briefing (No Board Action)

Inform board members of our upcoming attendance at the M.U.S.T. meeting to discuss Bloomington Transit's perspective, the potential funding impacts, and the importance of reliable operating support. This is discussion only; no board vote or approval is requested. M.U.S.T. meeting preparation: BT representatives will attend the upcoming session, explain funding concerns and seek more information about potential local income tax distribution changes. No action is requested of the board.

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATES

General Manager projects, and operational updates

STAFF REPORTS / ROUTINE BUSINESS

September 2026 operating statistics; September 2026 financial report; September 2026 personnel report; approval of claims.



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AGENDA

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC)

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | 5:30 P.M. | 130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington, IN 47403

Edward J. Kuntz Board Room | Hybrid Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 857 0507 9781 | Passcode: 753022

BOARD MEMBERS

Member	Office / Appointment
James McLary	Chair / Mayor
Nancy Obermeyer	Secretary / City Council
Kent McDaniel	Vice Chair (current; proposed change/removal) / City Council
Doug Horn	Treasurer / City Council
Don Griffin	Member (proposed Vice Chair) / Mayor
Zach Ammerman	Member

PUBLIC MEETING

I. Roll Call

II. Old Business

III. Approval of Minutes — September 15, 2026

IV. New Business — Action Items

- A. Resolution 26-15: Election of vice chair
- B. Resolution 26-16: Recognition and seating of Zach Ammerman as a board member
- C. Resolution 26-17: Adoption of the 2026 Transit Asset Management Plan and performance targets
- D. Open discussion regarding next steps for the New Facility

V. Manager and Staff Reports

- A. September 2026 Operating Statistics, Ridership, On-Demand and TAM Plan — Shelley Strimaitis
- B. September 2026 Financial Report — Christa Browning
- C. September 2026 Personnel Report and Meeting Minutes — Brenda Underwood
- D. General Manager Updates — Nicholas Standefer
 - * M.U.S.T. – Informational update regarding upcoming meeting and funding issues (not vote)
 - * Keolis updates
 - * Member Doug Horn's update on MPO activities

VI. Approval of Claims

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Board Member Comments

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IX. Next Meeting — Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

X. Adjournment

NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | 5:30 p.m. | Nicholas Standefer, General Manager

Election of Vice Chair — Resolution 26-15

Requested action: vote to replace Kent McDaniel as vice chair and elect Don Griffin to the office.

Recognition and Seating of Zach Ammerman — Resolution 26-16

Requested action: vote on acknowledgment of Zach Ammerman's membership, contingent on documentation of appointment by the authorized appointing body.

Consider adoption of the updated 2026 TAM Plan, performance metrics and targets, presented by Shelley Strimaitis – Resolution 26-17

Requested action: adopt the updated 2026 TAM Plan, performance measures and targets.

M.U.S.T. — Informational Briefing (No Board Action)

Discussion only. Inform the board of the upcoming M.U.S.T. meeting, Bloomington Transit's funding concerns and issues for discussion. No resolution or vote is requested.



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RESOLUTION 26-15

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF VICE CHAIR OF THE BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors elects officers to carry out its governance responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Kent McDaniel has served as vice chair, and the Board desires to designate Don Griffin as vice chair; and

WHEREAS, this resolution concerns the office of vice chair and does not remove or replace any individual as a member of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION THAT:

Section 1. Kent McDaniel is removed from the office of vice chair effective upon adoption of this resolution.

Section 2. Don Griffin is elected vice chair of the Board of Directors, effective immediately upon adoption, and shall serve in accordance with applicable bylaws and Board procedures.

Section 3. This action does not alter the appointment or term of any director.

ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2026.

APPROVE: _____

James McLary, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary

EDITOR NOTE — LEGAL/SECRETARY REVIEW: check officer-election and removal procedures, quorum and resolution numbering before board action.



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RESOLUTION 26-16

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPOINTMENT AND SEATING OF ZACH AMMERMAN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation is governed by a board of directors whose membership is established under applicable appointment authority; and

WHEREAS, Zach Ammerman has been identified for service as a member of the board; and

WHEREAS, the board desires to acknowledge his service and record his membership in its proceedings, subject to confirmation of a valid appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION THAT:

Section 1. Upon confirmation of appointment by the authorized appointing authority, the board acknowledges Zach Ammerman as a member of the board of directors.

Section 2. The secretary is directed to retain the appointment documentation and update the official board roster and records accordingly.

Section 3. This resolution does not replace or independently exercise an appointment power vested in the mayor, city council, or other appointing authority.

ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2026.

APPROVE: _____

ATTEST: _____

James McLary, Chair

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary

EDITOR NOTE — Verify appointing authority, executed appointment, Zach Ammerman's complete legal name, term and resolution numbering with board counsel/secretary prior to circulation or vote.



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RESOLUTION 26-17

A resolution adopting the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation's Transit Asset Management Plan, Performance Metrics and Targets.

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Public Transportation (USDOT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires transit agencies to develop and implement a Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan if the agency (1) owns, operates, or manages capital assets used to provide public transportation; and (2) receives federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as a recipient or subrecipient.

WHEREAS, the TAM plan requirement is intended to guide agencies towards a state of good repair (SGR) which mandates all fund recipients adopt and implement a Transit Asset Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, BPTC has developed and updated a complete TAM plan which includes performance metrics and targets in full compliance with FTA requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation hereby adopts the 2026 BPTC TAM Plan and related performance metrics and targets.

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 October 20, 2026.

APPROVE:

_____ 10-20-26

James McLary

Chair

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ATTEST:

_____ 10-20-26

Nancy Obermeyer

Secretary

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GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE | OCTOBER 2026

Nicholas Standefer, General Manager | October 20, 2026

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

Attended the mayor's cabinet meeting to strengthen coordination with city leadership and represent Bloomington Transit in discussions affecting local services and priorities.

Staff Meetings and Employee Engagement

Began meetings with department leaders and staff to understand current operations, workplace priorities, challenges and opportunities for improvement. These conversations will inform follow-up actions and ongoing communication.

Riding Routes and Observing Service

Began riding Bloomington Transit routes and observing service firsthand, with an emphasis on learning from frontline employees and riders about the day-to-day customer experience and operational needs.

90-Day to One-Year Action Plan

Initiated development of a phased action plan covering priorities for the first 90 days through the first year. Current areas of focus include service and route evaluation, safety and training, maintenance review, internal communication, workforce needs and accountability for follow-up. These priorities will be refined through staff input and supporting data.

Next Steps

Continue staff conversations and route observations; organize findings into near-term and longer-term action items; establish responsible staff, milestones and progress reporting; and keep the board informed as the plan takes shape.



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M.U.S.T. BRIEFING | BOARD INFORMATION

Prepared for the October 20, 2026 regular meeting by Nicholas Standefer, General Manager

Purpose

Provide the Board with an overview of the Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce process, emerging local income tax policy discussions, and Bloomington Transit's proposed engagement priorities.

Context

Monroe County's taskforce met in September 2026 to consider changes in local income tax structures and shared municipal funding options. Public reporting describes transit funding as a question requiring further resolution. The county has published notice of an October 23, 2026 M.U.S.T. public meeting.

Proposed approach

- Seek clear recognition of transit as an essential municipal service in discussions of future funding distribution.
- Request comparisons of current versus proposed revenue allocations, projected impacts, and any transition timetable.
- Coordinate with the City of Bloomington, Monroe County and other stakeholders while preserving board oversight.
- Have finance staff prepare verified figures: current city/local funding, any modeled shortfall, federal-revenue limitations, operating reserve position, and service implications.
- Report back to the Board as more information is available.

Questions to bring to M.U.S.T.

- How will transit operating support be handled in the proposed framework?
- Is a municipal-services pool or dedicated distribution approach being considered?
- What is the projected impact on Bloomington Transit by year and by revenue source?
- How will a transition period protect existing fixed-route and paratransit service?
- What process and timeline will be used to review and approve any distribution agreement?

Source references for staff review

Bloomington Transit board meeting schedule and September 2026 agenda: <https://bloomingtontransit.com/bt-staff/>

Monroe County Council legal notices, including M.U.S.T.:

<https://secure.in.gov/counties/monroe/Departments/council/county-council-legal-ad/>

Public September 21 reporting: <https://bsquarebulletin.com/monroe-county-local-income-tax-group-mulls-shared-municipal-rate-approach/>



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STAFF REPORTS | SEPTEMBER 2026

A. Shelley Strimaitis | Operating Statistics

Fixed-route monthly management report — September 2026

Measure	August	September
Total Passengers	142,759	268,884
Revenue Miles	81,841	95,965
Total Miles	83,571	98,343
Revenue Hours	7,421	8,945
Total Hours	8,461	9,746
Fare Revenue	114,039	457,157
Road Calls	4	9
Collision Accidents	4	3
On Time Performance	0.71	0.66
PM Inspection OT %	1	1
Blink:	August	September
Paratransit Passengers	2,297	2,321
Microtransit Passengers	33	35
Revenue Miles	9,846	9,746
Total Miles	10,947	10,801
Revenue Hours	969.59	928.91

Ridership by route — September 2026

Route	Riders	Revenue hours	Riders/hour
1 BHS North	8,467	377.26	22.44
2 South Rogers/Countryview	5,167	300.77	17.18
2 West 11th St	6,069	403.05	15.06
3 East College Mall	30,011	778.11	38.57
4 South High Street	5,502	312.38	17.61
4 West Bloomfield Rd	3,458	441.31	7.84
5 Sare Road	6,926	355.45	19.49
6 Campus Shuttle	86,510	1,705	50.74
7 S Walnut/Clear Creek	12,084	734.21	16.46
9 IU Campus/Campus Corner	55,520	1,225	45.30
9 Limited	8,819	248.09	35.55
11 W 17th	11,388	393.26	28.96
12 N Walnut	13,921	237.12	58.71
14 Muller Park	5,218	263.96	19.77
16 West Side*	9,824	1,170	8.40
Year-to-Date Total	1,489,499	70,513	21.12

On-demand mobility services — September 2026

Service	Measure	September
Late Nite Rides	Active Users	174
Dispatched Trips		212
Dispatched Total Subsidy		2,884
Avg Dispatched Subsidy		13.60
Microtransit Overflow Trips	2026 Microtransit Overflow	98
Microtransit Overflow Cost		863.01
2026 Total Trips		865



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2026 Total Cost		7,972
Late Nite Rides	2025 Active Users	669

Safety and performance indicators — September 2026

Measure	September
2026 Collision Accidents	3
2025 Collision Accidents	4
2025-2026 Change	-1
2026 Collision Rate (Per 100k mi)	3.13
2025 Collision Rate (Per 100k mi)	4.21
2026 Preventable Accidents	0
2025 Preventable Accidents	3
2025-2026 Change	-3
2026 Preventables Rate (Per 100k mi)	0
2025 Preventables Rate (Per 100k mi)	3.16
2026 Collision Accidents	0
2025 Collision Accidents	0
2025-2026 Change	0
2026 Collision Rate (Per 100k mi)	0
2025 Collision Rate (Per 100k mi)	0
2026 Preventable Accidents	0
2025 Preventable Accidents	0
2025-2026 Change	0
2026 Preventables Rate (Per 100k mi)	0
2025 Preventables Rate (Per 100k mi)	0
2026 Roadcalls	9
2025 Roadcalls	3



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TAM Plan

TAM Plan Name: BPTC 2026 TAM Plan
TAM Plan Type: Tier II
Agency Name: Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation
Account Executive Name: Shelley Strimaitis
Last Modified Date: 09/08/2026

Introduction

Brief Overview

Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC) is the designated recipient of Federal 5307 funding in the Bloomington, Indiana area. BPTC operates fixed route and ADA paratransit service using its operations/administration facility located at 130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington and its Downtown Transit Center located at 301 S.Walnut Street, Bloomington, IN. BPTC's fixed route fleet currently consists of 40 vehicles. BPTC's paratransit fleet consists of 11 vehicles. BPTC also has 12 non-revenue support vehicles.

Performance Targets & Measures

Agency Name	Asset Category	Asset Class	2025 Target	2026 Target	2027 Target	2028 Target	2029 Target	2030 Target
Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation	Equipment	Non Revenue/Service Automobile	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation	Equipment	Other Rubber Tire Vehicles	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation	Facilities	Administrative - / Maintenance Facilities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation	Facilities	Passenger Facilities	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation	Revenue Vehicles	BU - Bus	30%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation	Revenue Vehicles	CU - Cutaway	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation	Revenue Vehicles	MV - Minivan	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Capital Asset Inventory

Asset Inventory Summary

Asset Category/Class	Mode	Type of Service	Total Number	Avg Age	Avg Mileage	Avg Replacement Cost/Value	Total Replacement Cost/Value
Revenue Vehicles	N/A	N/A	51	3.2	120,000	\$607,549.02	\$30,985,000.00
AB - Articulated Bus	N/A	N/A	3	-2.0	1,781	\$1,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
BU - Bus	N/A	N/A	37	3.9	152,014	\$732,135.14	\$27,089,000.00
CU - Cutaway Bus	N/A	N/A	8	2.5	60,420	\$85,000.00	\$680,000.00
MV - Mini-van	N/A	N/A	3	1.0	2,262	\$72,000.00	\$216,000.00
Equipment	N/A	N/A	10	7.6	N/A	\$33,448.50	\$334,485.00
Non Revenue/Service Automobile	N/A	N/A	8	5.9	N/A	\$36,648.13	\$293,185.00
Other Rubber Tire Vehicles	N/A	N/A	2	14.5	N/A	\$20,650.00	\$41,300.00
Facilities	N/A	N/A	3	21.3	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Maintenance	N/A	N/A	2	27.0	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Passenger Facilities	N/A	N/A	1	10.0	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00

Condition Assessment

Asset Condition Summary

Asset Category/Class	Mode	Type of Service	Total Number	Avg Age	Avg Mileage	Avg Replacement Cost/Value	Total Replacement Cost/Value	% At or Exceeds ULB	% of Track Miles in Slow Zone	Number of Facilities less than 3 on TERM scale
Revenue Vehicles	N/A	N/A	51	3.2	120,000	\$607,549.02	\$30,985,000.00	4%	N/A	N/A
AB - Articulated Bus	N/A	N/A	3	-2.0	1,781	\$1,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	0%	N/A	N/A
BU - Bus	N/A	N/A	37	3.9	152,014	\$732,135.14	\$27,089,000.00	5%	N/A	N/A
CU - Cutaway Bus	N/A	N/A	8	2.5	60,420	\$85,000.00	\$680,000.00	0%	N/A	N/A
MV - Mini-van	N/A	N/A	3	1.0	2,262	\$72,000.00	\$216,000.00	0%	N/A	N/A
Equipment	N/A	N/A	10	7.6	N/A	\$33,448.50	\$334,485.00	10%	N/A	N/A
Non Revenue/Service Automobile	N/A	N/A	8	5.9	N/A	\$36,648.13	\$293,185.00	0%	N/A	N/A
Other Rubber Tire Vehicles	N/A	N/A	2	14.5	N/A	\$20,650.00	\$41,300.00	50%	N/A	N/A
Facilities	N/A	N/A	3	21.3	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A	0
Maintenance	N/A	N/A	2	27.0	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A	0
Passenger Facilities	N/A	N/A	1	10.0	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A	0

Decision Support

Decision Support Tools

The following tools are used in making investment decisions:

Process/Tool	Brief Description
Current and Next Year Annual Budget	Actual budgets which include capital budget for the current and next fiscal years
5 Year Federal Funding Forecast	Projections of Federal funding via 5307 and 5339 over next 5 years
5 Year Financial Plan	Projections of Federal, State, and Local funding over the 5 year horizon

Investment Prioritization

Number of vehicles, equipment, and facilities past and approaching Useful Life Benchmarks along with review of 5-year Financial Plan, 5-Year Federal Funding Forecast, and Current and Next Year Annual Budgets.

Proposed Investments

Project Name	Project Year	Asset Category	Asset Class	Cost	Priority	Updated Date
Shop Equipment for New Facility	2027	Equipment	Shop Equipment	\$400,000.00	High	
Purchase Support and Maintenance Vehicles	2027	Equipment	Non Revenue/Service Automobile	\$564,400.00	Medium	
Replacement Diesel-Hybrid Buses	2027	Revenue Vehicles	BU - Bus	\$5,271,556.00	High	
Furnishings & Office Equipment for New Facility	2027	Equipment	Transit Equipment - Furnishings	\$750,000.00	High	
New Administrative	2027	Facilities	Maintenance	\$71,300,000.00	High	



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& Maintenance Facility						
Purchase and Rebuild Major Vehicle Components	2028	Equipment	Transit Equipment - Rebuild Vehicle Components	\$1,061,616.00	Medium	
Purchase BLink Replacement Vehicles	2029	Revenue Vehicles	CU - Cutaway Bus	\$1,160,849.00	High	
Replacement Battery Electric Buses	2029	Revenue Vehicles	BU - Bus	\$11,303,042.00	Medium	

Signature

I, **Shelley Strimaitis**, hereby confirm on **09/16/2026** that the information provided in this TAM Plan is complete.



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B. Christa Browning | September Financial Report

September 2026 financial narrative and schedules, provided by the chief financial officer.

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

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses for September totaled \$1,013,469. Salary and Fringe benefits expense for September were \$681,430. This represents a 7% increase from August due to the timing of payrolls and accruals. Materials and Supplies for September were \$71,839. This reflects an increase from August due to the timing of parts and supplies purchased and their usage as well as an increase in fuel cost. Diesel fuel cost has increased from \$3.74 in July to \$5.06 in September. Services and Utilities expense for the month totaled \$260,200. This represents a large decrease due to one-time payments in August for annual ETA subscriptions; bus wraps; and New Flyer training. BT has spent 62% of the 2026 operating expense budget with 75% of the year complete.

Operating Revenues

Operating revenues for September totaled \$1,042,307 bringing year-to-date operating revenues to \$11,876,395.

Capital Expenditures

During September, BPTC had capital expenses for tires and a DPIM.

Operating Cash Balance

September 30, 2026	September 30, 2025	Change
\$16,083,422	\$16,858,418	\$774,996 decrease



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

	MONTH ENDING 9/30/2026	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET PLUS ENCUMBRANCES/ ADD'L APPROP	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET USED
Operating Expenses:					
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 681,430	8%	\$ 5,888,799	9,074,955	65%
Materials and Supplies	71,839	5%	604,015	1,584,750	38%
Services and Utilities	260,200	7%	2,392,699	3,752,280	64%
Total Operating Expenses	1,013,469	7%	8,885,513	14,411,985	62%
Operating Revenues:					
Local Tax Revenue	62,273	3%	1,638,800	2,449,392	67%
Fare Revenue	462,138	18%	1,938,607	2,575,269	75%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	92,896	1%	4,366,108	10,124,453	43%
Total Locally Derived Revenue	617,307	4%	7,943,515	15,149,114	52%
Federal Operating Grants	425,000	17%	1,475,000	2,506,616	59%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	-	0%	2,457,880	2,607,880	94%
Total Operating Revenues	1,042,307		11,876,395	20,263,610	
Operating Gain/(Loss)	28,838		2,990,882		
Federal Capital Grants	42,038	1%	3,342,143	6,686,501	50%
State Capital Grants	-	0%	-	-	0%
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	0%	-	-	0%
Revenue from Capital Grants/Reserve	42,038	1%	3,342,143	6,686,501	50%
Capital Expenditures:	50,963	0%	7,141,247	12,538,126	57%
Capital Gain/(Loss)	(8,925)		(3,799,104)		
Net Gain/(Loss)	19,913		(808,222)		



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

	MONTH ENDING 9/30/2026	MONTH ENDING 9/30/2025	% CHANGE	YTD 9/30/2026	YTD 9/30/2025	% CHANGE
Operating Expenses:						
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 681,430	\$565,203	21%	\$ 5,888,799	\$5,496,149	7%
Materials and Supplies	71,839	96,970	-26%	604,015	812,916	-26%
Services and Utilities	260,200	410,120	-37%	2,392,699	2,304,526	4%
Total Operating Expenses	1,013,469	1,072,293	-5%	8,885,513	8,613,591	3%
Operating Revenues:						
Local Tax Revenue	62,273	59,304	5%	1,638,800	1,526,434	7%
Fare Revenue	462,138	391,879	18%	1,938,607	1,780,438	9%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	92,896	100,952	-8%	4,366,108	4,555,671	-4%
Total Locally Derived Revenue	617,307	552,135	12%	7,943,515	7,862,543	1%
Federal Operating Grants	425,000	375,000	13%	1,475,000	1,215,000	21%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	-	-	0%	2,457,880	2,607,880	-6%
Total Operating Revenues	1,042,307	927,135	12%	11,876,395	11,685,423	2%
Operating Gain/(Loss)	28,838	(145,158)		2,990,882	3,071,832	
Federal Capital Grants	42,038	50,610	-17%	3,342,143	9,613,867	-65%
State Capital Grants	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Revenue from Capital Grants/Reserve	42,038	50,610	-17%	3,342,143	9,613,867	-65%
Capital Expenditures:	50,963	261,415	-81%	7,141,247	13,576,511	-47%
Capital Gain/(Loss)	(8,925)	(210,805)		(3,799,104)	(3,962,644)	
Net Gain/(Loss)	19,913	(355,963)		(808,222)	(890,812)	



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Category	Headcount	New hires	Terminations	Vacancies
Administrative Staff	18	0	0	0
Fixed Route Drivers	53	0	3	9
BT Access Drivers	5	0	0	0
Maintenance	3	0	0	0
Mechanic	3	0	0	2
Service Person	1	0	0	0
Service Attendants	4	0	0	0

September 15, 2026 regular board meeting minutes

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC)

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 – 5:30 PM.

Chair James McLary convened the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

Join Zoom Meeting at the following link:

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ROLL CALL

Board Members and staff present: Chair James McLary, Vice Chair Kent McDaniel, Board Member Don Griffin, Secretary Nancy Obermeyer, Board Member Doug Horn, 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, Grants and Procurement Specialist Zac Huneck and Safety and Training Officer Corey Inman.

Members of the Public: Dave Askins, Eli McCormick, Steve Spade, RATP Dev, Steve Sherrer, RATP Dev, Nicholas Standefer, Keolis and Ryan Adams, Keolis

The following additional persons were also present via Zoom. Justin Vanleeuwen, Desta Moore, and General Manager John Connell.

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OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

MINUTES

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve the August 19, 2026 Board Minutes. Vice Chair McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair McLary stated that we have a public hearing on Ordinance 26-02; an ordinance authorizing an award of contract for transportation management services.

Steve Sherrer, Chief Development Officer for RATP Dev stated that for more than three decades RATP Dev has had the privilege of serving the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation. He said the company was grateful for the trust placed in us and recognized that the greatest credit belonged to the employees.

He acknowledged that the evaluation committee had recommended awarding the management contract to Keolis. He stated that he was attending the meeting to respectfully ask the Board to reconsider that recommendation before authorizing the management agreement.

He stated that RATP Dev's history alone did not entitle the company to a new contract, but said its position was based on demonstrated performance, value, and continuity. He stated that under General Manager John Connell's leadership and in partnership with the Board and Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation employees, the Corporation had advanced fleet electrification, secured federal funding for a new facility, successfully negotiated two labor agreements with the union, and expanded service beyond the city limits for the first time.

He noted that these accomplishments represented only a portion of the team's work and described them as meaningful achievements for the community.

He stated that RATP Dev had raised concerns regarding the procurement process. While he expressed appreciation for the additional information provided to the company, RATP Dev did not necessarily agree with every conclusion and that he was not appearing before the Board to revisit those issues.

He stated that the disclosure showed that RATP Dev could have received full credit for its background and experience and could have scored higher than Keolis on price. He noted that Keolis's advantage resulted from its proposed General Manager and corporate support.

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Mr. Sherrer stated that RATP Dev respected the work of the evaluators but asked the Board to consider the evaluation findings alongside what he described as years of firsthand evidence of General Manager John Connell's leadership, his relationships with employees, public officials, and his ability to advance Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation's priorities.

He also stated that a change in management warranted a clear accounting of transition expenses and consideration of how ongoing initiatives would be protected. He noted that numerous initiatives were currently underway and said a change in leadership could potentially create disruption or present challenges. He acknowledged that a transition could be manageable but stated that the associated costs and risks should be considered alongside the proposed benefits.

Mr. Sherrer noted that the workforce had also asked the Board to take a closer look before awarding the contract. He stated that he was not appearing to speak on behalf of the employees but said their operational knowledge and concerns deserved careful consideration.

He stated that Keolis was a respected competitor but said the central question for the Board was what Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation would gain from a change in management and whether those gains would outweigh what he characterized as RATP Dev's demonstrated performance, price advantage and continuity.

Mr. Sherrer stated that riders, employees, and taxpayers deserved an answer to that question. He respectfully asked the Board not to authorize the proposed Keolis Management Agreement and instead take the steps necessary to continue Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation's partnership with RATP Dev.



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Mr. Sherrer concluded by stating that the request was grounded in demonstrated results and responsible stewardship of the public transportation service on which the community depends. He thanked the Board for its time.

Ryan Adams, Chief Performance Officer for Keolis North America stated that he was a proud Indiana University alumnus and a former rider of Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

He stated that Keolis is a global mobility provider operating 13 modes of transportation across 14 countries. He noted that the company completed approximately 3.3 billion passenger trips in 2015 describing each passenger journey as an opportunity to learn and improve.

Mr. Adams explained that Keolis has a Center of Excellence that collects, compiles, and shares information and best practices with General Managers throughout the organization. He stated that Keolis is committed to providing its proposed General Manager for Bloomington with access to the Center of Excellence, global best practices, and North American operational support.

He thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them on behalf of Keolis. He concluded his remarks by noting his connection to Bloomington and Indiana University and saying, "Go Hoosiers!"

Chair McLary stated that the Board had received a letter from Brandon Aken requesting that the September 15 vote on the Keolis management contract be postponed. He stated that the letter would be entered into the record.

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

NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

Chair McLary presented Ordinance 26-02; an ordinance authorizing an award of contract for transportation management services.

Chair McLary stated that the management contract has been negotiated between himself, Controller Browning, Bloomington Public Transportation's attorney and Keolis's attorney.

Board Member Griffin made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-02; an ordinance authorizing an award of contract for transportation management services. Board Member Horn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of three in favor and two opposed.

Vice Chair McDaniel stated that he had spoken with the Deputy Clerk at the City of Bloomington the previous day and informed her that depending on the outcome of the evening's proceedings he intended to contact the City of Bloomington the following morning to request that he be officially removed from his position on the Board. He stated that the circumstances were consistent with what he had expected to occur.

Chair McLary thanked Vice Chair McDaniel for his service on the Board.

Chair McLary presented Resolution 26-13; a resolution approving an Inter-local Agreement between Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation and Indiana University. General Manager Connell said attached is the proposed FY27 Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between Indiana University and Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

He said the contract revenue amount remains the same as the previous year, \$1,251,726. He noted language changes include referencing the electronic fare validators, Section 1(b) with additional language in Section 4 regarding evaluation of service utilization. He said Indiana University has approved the agreement.

Board Member Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 26-13; a resolution approving an Inter-local Agreement between Bloomington Public Transportation and Indiana University. Secretary Obermeyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair McLary presented Resolution 26-14; a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for federal fiscal year 2026 for Section 5339 funds for the acquisition of two (2) diesel-hybrid buses and for the design and construction of an Administrative, Operations, and Maintenance Complex.

General Manager John Connell stated that Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation's grant consultant, Kloepper Consulting, had provided several recommendations intended to strengthen Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation's FTA 5339 grant application and improve its competitiveness for a grant award.



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General Manager John Connell stated that one recommendation was for the Board to adopt an updated and detailed resolution formally authorizing submission of the grant application. He noted that the Board had previously approved a resolution in May authorizing submission of the FY 2026 application. However, he stated that the consultant recommended an updated resolution that more clearly identifies the project's need, scope, and funding approach and demonstrates the Board's continued commitment to the project.

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-14; a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for federal fiscal year 2026 for 5339 funds for the acquisition of two (2) diesel-hybrid buses and for the design and construction of an Administrative, Operations and Maintenance Complex. Board Member Horn seconded the motion.

Chair McLary stated that Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck had prepared a summary regarding the new facility grant which was included in the Board packet. Chair McLary stated that he, General Manager John Connell, Controller Browning, and Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck had met with the grant writing consultant. Chair McLary said the consultant indicated that Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation had a good chance of receiving the requested funding.

Chair McLary noted that he learned during the meeting that a facility of this type is classified as a 90/10 project rather than an 80/20 project, which would reduce the local funding match by ten percent.

Chair McLary stated that the current estimated cost of the new facility was approximately \$53 million. Controller Browning stated that she believed the total cost was closer to \$57 million. Controller Browning noted that Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation currently had approximately \$23 million available.

Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck stated that Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation was applying for slightly more than \$29 million in grant funding. Controller Browning clarified that the requested amount included funding for two buses.

Board Member Horn stated that he noticed the buses identified in the grant summary were New Flyer buses. General Manager John Connell confirmed that this was correct.

Board Member Horn asked whether Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation currently owned any New Flyer equipment. Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck stated that the Corporation would need to invest in additional parts and equipment in the future.

Chair McLary asked when are we expected to know whether the grant application would be funded. Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck stated that he expected the announcement to be made in mid-January 2027.

Chair McLary asked whether Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation could receive less than the full amount requested, such as \$15 million rather than the requested amount of approximately \$29 million. Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck confirmed that partial funding was possible and explained that the project was designed to be scalable. Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck stated that the intent was to ensure that if partial funding were received that we could proceed with portions of the project while maintaining a functional facility.

Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck stated that the funds currently reserved by the Corporation would be used for Phase I, which would include site work for the entire property and construction of the maintenance facility. He noted that the maintenance facility would address our immediate need for a location to perform maintenance on its vehicles.

Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck stated that Phase II would include construction of the administration building and the foundation for the enclosed bus storage facility. He stated that Phase III would consist of constructing the enclosed structure for bus storage.

Chair McLary asked whether the project could be scaled down if necessary. Grants and Procurement Specialist Zach Huneck confirmed that the project could be scaled accordingly.

Resolution 26-14; a resolution authorizing the submission of an application for federal fiscal year 2026 for 5339 funds for the acquisition of two (2) diesel-hybrid buses and for the design and construction of an Administrative, Operations, and Maintenance Complex. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair McLary stated that Rural Transit would discontinue its service between Ellettsville and Bloomington effective December 31, 2026.



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Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis explained that prior to the establishment of Route 13 in July 2024 Monroe County had requested a cost proposal for providing service to Ellettsville. Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis stated that she and General Manager John Connell developed a proposal for fixed-route service to Ellettsville that included paratransit service. She said an additional option was developed that would provide service only to Park 48 as well as an option that would serve both Ellettsville and Park 48.

Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis stated that Monroe County selected and funded the Park 48 only option which became Route 13 and was subsequently incorporated into Route 16.

Chair McLary stated that he believed Rural Transit had been undecided at that time about whether it would discontinue its service.

Chair McLary proposed establishing a committee to begin discussions with the Town of Ellettsville and Monroe County regarding potential transportation service options. He asked Board Members Horn and Board Member Griffin to serve on the committee and stated that he would like the committee to work with Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis to evaluate the available options. Chair McLary noted that he had spoken with Trent Deckard a member of the Monroe County Council, who was open to further discussion.

Board Member Horn asked whether an appropriate staff member could serve on the committee in addition to the Board members. Chair McLary stated that Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis would serve as the staff representative. Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis suggested that a representative from Operations also serve on the committee. Chair McLary agreed and stated that the new General Manager should also participate.

Operations Manager Mike Clark stated that current operational resources were very limited. He noted that the Corporation had incurred more than 800 hours of overtime during the most recent period to cover scheduled runs. Operations Manager Mike Clark stated that he understood the need for growth but expressed concern about having sufficient resources to support additional service.

Chair McLary stated that he would like to establish a Board Committee to explore options for expanding the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation Board of Directors from five members to seven members. He asked Secretary Obermeyer to serve with him on the committee. Secretary Obermeyer agreed.

Board Member Horn stated that it would be appropriate to set aside legal funds specifically for the addition of new Board members and noted that we would need to ensure compliance with applicable state statutes.

Chair McLary agreed and stated that we will consult with its attorney for guidance.

MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

Planning and Special Projects Manager Shelley Strimaitis reported on ridership for August 2026. She stated that fixed route service provided 142,759 trips. BT Access provided 2297 trips.

Controller Christa Browning gave an overview of the August 2026 Financial Report

Human Resources and Marketing Administrator Brenda Underwood reported on staffing for the month of August. She stated that Corey Inman began employment on August 3 as the Safety and Training Officer.

Human Resources and Marketing Administrator Brenda Underwood reported that the Corporation had hired a BT Access Driver and a Fixed Route Bus Operator. She stated that one driver was completing training and was expected to transition to full-time status. There are two additional drivers that are nearing completion of their training. She also reported that two Bus Operators were scheduled to begin training on October 5, 2026.

Human Resources and Marketing Administrator Brenda Underwood stated that we continue to experience difficulty recruiting mechanics which she attributed in part to the required work hours. She noted that many applicants were unwilling to work nights and weekends and that we receive very few applicants for mechanic positions.

Board Member Horn stated that he attended the August 28, 2026 meeting of the Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee.

He said that Staff shared eleven reports covering diverse topics of interest. He said one that he thought might interest our Board was a letter from Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy to various Senate Committee Chairman and Committee Ranking Members outlining the Administration's proposals to be given priority in upcoming Surface Transportation Program Reauthorizations.



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The first bullet point of many read:

Strengthening Transit Safety and Security: it is imperative that we crack down on transit systems that allow crime to run rampant, exposing workers and families to danger. To protect riders and workers, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) must be granted authority to condition Federal funds on a transit agency's proven progress in reducing fare evasion, passenger assaults, and worker assaults, supported by a mandatory set-aside for safety and crime prevention. In addition, the Secretary should have greater authority to withhold funding when transit agencies fail to keep their systems safe.

He said the Committee was also reminded that MPO Staff's call for projects for the Fiscal Year 2028-2032, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers the time period of July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2032 extends through this coming Friday, September 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Under new business Staff proposed four minor amendments to the BMCMPPO FY 2026-2030 BMCMPPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); two from the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation and two from the Indiana Department of Transportation.

He state the first BPTC amendment included updating funding for the Greenline Design & Engineering-Bus Stop & Infrastructure project, removing \$4,000,000 in FTA 5309 small start funds and its associated local funding match from FY 2027, and adding \$300,000 in 5307 funds and its associated local match to FY 2027 for traffic signal prioritization.

The second amendment included updating funding for the Bloomington transit project called "New Administrative & Maintenance Facility, adding \$23,590,551 to the FY2027 TIP for Phase I of the building construction.

He said all four amendments were included in a single resolution which was moved, seconded and approved by a unanimous vote with no decision.

He noted that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2026 at 10:30AM in the City of Bloomington Common Council Chamber.

CLAIMS

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve claims for September 15, 2026. Board Member Horn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

Chair McLary stated that representatives from Bloomington Public Transportation had the privilege of attending the National Safety Council awards celebration the previous evening. He said that he had traditionally associated the National Safety Council primarily with transportation safety but learned that the organization addresses a much broader range of workplace safety issues. He noted that he found the presentations and the various areas of safety addressed by the National Safety Council to be very informative.

Chair McLary noted that Human Resources and Marketing Administrator Brenda Underwood, Controller Christa Browning, Secretary Obermeyer, and Safety and Training Officer Corey Inman also attended the event.

Secretary Obermeyer thanked Safety and Training Officer Corey Inman for driving to the event, stating that his assistance made the trip much easier.

Chair McLary stated that he had the opportunity to get to know Safety and Training Officer Corey Inman better and learn more about him. He said he was very impressed with him and looked forward to the positive contributions he would make to the Corporation.

Chair McLary introduced Nick Standefer the new General Manager of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

Nick Standefer introduced himself and stated that he had worked in the transit industry for nearly ten years. He noted that many of the issues discussed during the meeting were not unique to Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation and that he had encountered similar challenges in other transit systems.



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Nick Standefer stated that with the support of Keolis he believes Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation can bridge existing gaps and move forward. He said that the organization appeared to have a strong foundation in place and expressed his enthusiasm about building on that foundation, working collaboratively, and getting to know the Board and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

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James McLary, Chair

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary

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October 14, 2026 board retreat / work-session minutes

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC),

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – RETREAT/WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 14, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

A retreat/work session of the Bloomington Public Transportation Board of Directors was held on October 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the BT Downtown Transit Center, Conference Room, 301 South Walnut, Bloomington, IN 47403. Present were James McLary, Douglas Horn, Zach Ammerman, Nancy Obermeyer, and Don Griffin. Also present was Christa Browning, CFO, Zac Huneck, Grants and Procurement, Shelley Strimaitis, Planning Manager, Bryan Fyalkowski, Marketing and Development, Mike Clark, Operations Manager, and Brenda Underwood, Chief Human Resource and Marketing Officer.

The purpose of the meeting for a discussion and planning concerning Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation's operations, strategic priorities, capital projects, and other matters of public business.

The meeting was open to the public in accordance with the Indiana Open Door Law, I.C. 5-14-1.5.

Other than the matter referenced above, no other business was discussed or actions taken. The meeting was then adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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James j. McLary, Chair

Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary