

Transit Program

The Bloomington-Normal urbanized area is served by two public transit providers and several agencies and institutions that provide transportation services to program recipients and/or the general public. There is continuing cooperation between the public providers and the agencies, with many of the latter relying on the public transit agencies to supplement their transportation resources. Much of this coordination originates or is facilitated through the MCRPC Transportation Advisory Committee, a group focused on coordination between public transit, social service agencies with transportation programs and advocacy agencies representing groups with specific transportation needs.

The public providers are Connect Transit in the urban area, and SHOW BUS for rural public transit. Because the Connect Transit charter limits it to service only within the incorporated areas of Bloomington and Normal, there are areas within the MPA in which SHOW BUS can provide service. These agencies are in an ongoing conversation regarding opportunities to improve services through coordination and cooperation.

Occasionally non-profit program providers elect to rely on the public transit agencies to operate their transportation programs, which in some instances they must provide under contract terms with state or federal funders. As an example, the Advocate BroMenn Adult Day program, which had been using IDOT-sourced vehicles to operate its program in conjunction with Connect Transit paratransit, has in recent years contracted with SHOW BUS to operate its program. This has allowed the program to expand its catchment area throughout McLean County and this expanded the number of clients it can serve. As this contract was initiated, IDOT vehicles awarded to Advocate were made available to SHOW BUS to facilitate program delivery.

In another instance, the YWCA of McLean County had used IDOT vehicles in its Job Access-Reverse Commute (JARC) program, and later in taking on a non-emergency medical transport program called Medivan, having received one of the first New Freedom grants in the state. When the various section 5310 programs were consolidated, IDOT elected to focus such funding on the Consolidated Vehicle Purchase program and to end funding for operations. For the YWCA, this led to several years of running Medivan at a loss, circumstances which became unsustainable. The operation of the program was turned over to Connect Transit, and is now managed through Connect Mobility.

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Connect Transit



FISCAL YEAR 2020-2024 TOTAL EXPENSES, REVENUES AND FUNDING

Federal Funding and Projections							
FTA Funding Source							
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Total Appropriation:	\$2,848,990	\$2,848,990	\$3,153,909	\$3,153,909	\$3,153,909	\$3,153,909	\$3,153,909
Total Funds Available:	\$2,848,990	\$2,848,990	\$3,153,909	\$3,153,909	\$3,153,909	\$3,153,909	\$3,153,909
Prior Year Carryover Operating:	\$246,591	\$4,507,340	\$5,354,330	\$6,127,939	\$6,914,848	\$7,470,757	\$1,991,666
Prior Year Carryover Capital:							
Total Funds:	\$3,095,581	\$7,356,330	\$8,508,239	\$9,281,848	\$10,068,757	\$10,624,666	\$5,145,575
Uses	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
	FFY18	FFY19	FFY20	FFY21	FFY22	FFY23	FFY24
Contract (Federal Dollars):	\$2,498,387	\$2,002,000	\$2,380,300	\$2,367,000	\$2,598,000	\$8,633,000	\$4,553,000
Operating:	\$1,705,875	\$2,002,000	\$2,118,000	\$2,277,000	\$2,441,000	\$2,633,000	\$2,853,000
Capital:	\$792,512	\$0	\$262,300	\$90,000	\$157,000	\$6,000,000	\$1,700,000
Carryover	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
Current FFY Carryover:	\$4,507,340	\$5,354,330	\$6,127,939	\$6,914,848	\$7,470,757	\$1,991,666	\$592,575
Prior FFY Carryover:			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Remaining:	\$4,507,340	\$5,354,330	\$6,127,939	\$6,914,848	\$7,470,757	\$1,991,666	\$592,575

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND FUNDING PROJECTS

Budget for FY2020:					
Project	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source		Cost
Bus Stop Infrastructure Improvements		Occur through 2020	Local	\$105,000	\$105,000
Maintenance Rehab	Install solar arrays and charging stations maintenance garage	Occur through 2020	FTA 5339	\$250,000	\$1,200,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$780,000	
			Local	\$170,000	
Customer Service Center - Uptown Station	Construct a Customer Service Center in Uptown Station	Occur through 2020	FTA 5307	\$41,250	\$150,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$97,500	
			Local	\$11,250	
Maintenance Rehab	Install showers in Maintenance Garage	Occur through 2020	FTA 5307	\$140,000	\$175,000
			IDOT	\$0	
			Local	\$35,000	
Administration HVAC	Replace HVAC System	Occur through 2020	FTA 5307	\$70,000	\$200,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$130,000	
			Local	\$0	
Service Vehicle - Maintenance Truck	Replace Service Truck	Occur through 2020	FTA 5307	\$4,800	\$24,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$15,600	
			Local	\$3,600	
Service Vehicle	Replace Relief Vehicles	Occur through 2020	FTA 5307	\$20,000	\$100,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$65,000	
			Local	\$15,000	
A&E Customer Service Center	Customer Service Center in Uptown Station	Occur through 2020	FTA 5307	\$20,000	\$25,000
			IDOT Debt Service		
			Local	\$5,000	
			FTA 5307	\$296,050	
			FTA 5339	\$250,000	
			Local	\$333,600	
			IDOT DS	\$1,088,100	
			Total Cost		\$1,979,000

Budget for FY2021:					
Project	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source		Cost
Bus Stop Infrastructure Improvements		Occur through 2021	FTA 5307	\$0	\$187,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$121,550	
			Local	\$65,450	
Replacement Electric Buses	Purchase (4) electric buses	Occur through 2021	FTA 5339	\$1,400,000	\$4,000,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$2,600,000	
			Local	\$0	
Mid-Life Overhaul - Fixed Route Buses	Overhaul (5) fixed route buses	Occur through 2021	FTA 5307	\$90,000	\$450,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$292,500	
			Local	\$67,500	
				FTA 5307	\$90,000
				FTA 5339	\$1,400,000
				IDOT DS	\$3,014,050
				Local	\$65,450
				Total Cost	\$4,637,000
Budget for FY2022:					
Project	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source		Cost
Bus Stop Infrastructure Improvements		Occur through 2022	FTA 5307	\$0	\$71,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$46,150	
			Local	\$24,850	
Replacement Electric Buses	Purchase (4) electric buses	Occur through 2022	FTA 5339	\$1,400,000	\$4,120,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$2,678,000	
			Local	\$42,000	
Mid-Life Overhaul - Fixed Route Buses	Overhaul (7) fixed route buses	Occur through 2022	FTA 5307	\$133,000	\$665,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$332,500	
			Local	\$199,500	
Service Vehicles	Replace Relief Vehicles	Occur through 2022	FTA 5307	\$24,000	\$120,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$78,000	
			Local	\$18,000	
				FTA 5307	\$157,000
				FTA 5339	\$1,400,000
				Local	\$284,350
				IDOT DS	\$3,134,650
				Total Cost	\$4,976,000

Budget for FY2023:					
Project	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source		Cost
Build Downtown Transfer Center		Replaced throughout 2023	FTA 5307	\$6,000,000	14,000,000
			FTA 5339	\$3,000,000	
			IDOT Capital	\$3,000,000	
			Local	\$2,000,000	
Replacement Electric Buses	Purchase (4) electric buses	Occur through 2023	FTA 5339	\$1,400,000	\$4,243,600
			IDOT Debt Service	\$2,758,340	
			Local	\$85,260	
			FTA 5307	\$6,000,000	
			FTA 5339	\$4,400,000	
			IDOT DS	\$2,758,340	
			IDOT Capital	\$3,000,000	
			Local	\$2,085,260	
			Total Cost		\$18,243,600
Budget for FY2024:					
Project	Description	Action/Comments	Funding Source		Cost
Bus Stop Infrastructure Improvements		Occur through 2024	FTA 5307	\$0	\$120,000
			Local	\$120,000	
Replacement Electric Buses	Purchase (4) electric buses	Occur through 2024	FTA 5307	\$1,400,000	\$4,370,908
			IDOT Debt Service	\$2,841,090	
			Local	\$129,818	
Mid-Life Overhaul - Fixed Route Buses	Overhaul (10) fixed route buses	Occur through 2022	FTA 5307	\$300,000	\$1,000,000
			IDOT Debt Service	\$300,000	
			Local	\$400,000	
			FTA 5307	\$1,700,000	
			IDOT DS	\$3,141,090	
			Local	\$649,818	
			Total Cost		\$5,490,908