



# Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation

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To: The BPTC Board of Directors  
From: John Connell, General Manager  
Date: June 17, 2022  
Re: Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Included below are your notes for the meeting of the Board of Directors set for Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room, 130 W. Grimes Lane in Bloomington.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Approval of Route Changes effective August 15, 2022

After a series of public input sessions, BT staff propose two primary service changes derived from the original Route Optimization Study (2019-2020) to be implemented on August 15, 2022. First, staff propose to move forward with merging routes 1 South and 7 Express. The two routes operate over a very similar coverage area, but with variable frequencies throughout the day and year. Merging the routes will streamline the path of travel, and all eliminated bus stops would remain within .25mi of the redesigned route, preserving accessibility. The reconfiguration will allow BT to operate the route at 20min peak frequency when IU is in session and 30min frequency during IU breaks, improved from variable 30-60min during the day on the 1 South, and 35-40min frequency on the 7 Express.

Second, BT staff propose to abandon the proposal for the new Route 90 based upon feedback received from riders and staff members. The success of the Route 90 hinged on the increased frequency of service. Due to the agency's driver shortage, the Route 90 was proposed with a ~25 percent reduction in frequency compared to levels originally recommended through the Route Optimization Study to the general disfavor of both riders and staff.

In place of the Route 90, BT staff propose to leave the existing Route 9 unchanged, and reconfigure the path of the 3 East with its terminus at the new IU Health Hospital. The reconfiguration would eliminate two eastside routes--Route 8 and Route 10. Route 8 has historically been the least productive route in the network, and Route 10 was intended to only be a temporary solution until the implementation of a permanent route to serve the hospital. The reconfiguration of routes would result in a slight net reduction of peak weekday hours by ~4 percent.

**2. Resolution 22-13, a resolution declaring BPTC vehicles, number 0509, 0658, 1451, 1452, as surplus, and two obsolete alternators as scrap and surplus and authorizing the BPTC General Manager to dispose of such vehicles and items in accordance with BPTC Procurement Policies.**

One 2006 hybrid transit bus, two 2014 Access buses, one 2007 SUV staff vehicle, and two bus alternator cores are scheduled for disposal upon board approval. The vehicles will be listed online through Public Surplus.com, a web based government surplus auction system. The two alternators will be sold as scrap.

**3. Resolution 22-14, a resolution declaring BPTC bus #969 as total loss and authorizing the BPTC General Manager to dispose of said vehicle in exchange for proceeds paid by the Auto Liability Insurer to BPTC.**

Bus #969 was involved in an accident on 01/29/2022 resulting with a significant amount of damage to the bus. The estimate for repairs was \$41,611.79, however, given the age of the vehicle and the cost for the repair, the insurance company deemed the bus a total lost. In order to settle the claim, BPTC must relinquish title of vehicle in exchange for the settlement payment of \$41,611.79.

**4. Discussion of Fuel Costs and 2023 Budget.**

BPTC budgeted an average price of \$2.75 per gallon of fuel for 2022. Below is breakdown of the fuel cost BPTC has incurred since January 2022.

MONTH	GALLONS	PRICE/GALLON	TOTAL
JANUARY	17311.90	\$2.66	\$45,963.09
FEBRUARY	18099.80	\$2.98	\$53,883.10
MARCH	19599.00	\$3.73	\$73,006.28
APRIL	19304.40	\$3.92	\$75,576.73
MAY	15773.80	\$4.30	\$67,764.24

As you see, we will be significantly over budget for fuel if costs do not fall significantly. Christa will discuss the impacts of the fuel cost on this year's budget and on the 2023 budget during the meeting. We will also discuss some preliminary concepts for inclusion in the 2023 budget.

**5. Quarterly Review Report of RATP Dev\General Manger.**

In accordance with the contract between BPTC and RATP Dev, Board members Hartman and Horn will report on the quarterly performance review of the General Manager.

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

- Working session of the Board of Directors: The working session of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2022:
  - 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm WSP, Alternative Fuel & Infrastructure Presentation
  - 1:00pm – 2:00 pm N-Momentum, IT Assessment Presentation
  - 2:00pm – 3:00pm FourSquare, Kick-Off meeting for Strategic Plan

## **AGENDA**

**Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC)**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

**130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington, IN 47403**

**Conference Room, 5:30 P.M**

**The June 21, 2022 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/81227910370?pwd=ZzhiZ2xiRmVjTTVnOStERXh5YnZ0Zz09>**

**Meeting ID: 812 2791 0370**

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### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**06/21/2022**

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. OLD BUSINESS-
  1. Approval of Route Changes – Zac Huneck
  2. Uber/Lyft Micro-Transit Pilot program launch June 27<sup>th</sup>,
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 17, 2022
- IV. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS
  1. Resolution 22-13, a resolution declaring BPTC vehicles, number 0509, 0658, 1451, 1452, as surplus, and two obsolete alternators as scrap and surplus and authorizing the BPTC General Manager to dispose of such vehicles and items in accordance with BPTC Procurement Policies.
  2. Resolution 22-14, a resolution declaring BPTC bus #969 as total loss and authorizing the BPTC General Manager to dispose of said vehicle in exchange for proceeds paid by the Auto Liability Insurer to BPTC.
  3. Discussion regarding increased fuel expenses.
  4. Quarterly Review Report of RATP Dev\General Manger – Horn, Hartman

- V. MANAGER, STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS
  - 1. PROJECT UPDATES – John Connell
    - a. Working Session of The Board
    - b. Budget Update
  - 2. MAY OPERATING STATISTICS – Zac Huneck
  - 5. MAY FINANCIAL REPORT -- Christa Browning
  - 6. MAY PERSONNEL REPORT – Brenda Underwood
  - 7. MPO REPORT – Doug Horn
- VI. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS
- VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
- VIII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING: July 19, 2022

**RESOLUTION 22-13**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING BT BUS #969 AS TOTAL LOSS AND AUTHORIZING THE BPTC GENERAL MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF SUCH VEHICLE IN EXCHANGE FOR PROCEEDS PAID BY THE AUTO LIABILITY INSURER TO BPTC**

**WHEREAS**, FTA C 5010.1E chapter 4 sets forth procedures to be followed for the disposal due to a casualty; and

**WHEREAS**, the BPTC General Manager has identified the following vehicle as a total loss; and

<u>Vehicle Number</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>VIN</u>
969	2009	35' Hybrid	1FGGB301391177483

**WHEREAS**, the BPTC General Manager has identified asset number 2009-24 which is a 2009 35' Hybrid Gillig Bus that is being declared a total loss;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** The BPTC Board of Directors declares the above-listed vehicle as a total loss and directs the General Manager to release the above vehicle in exchange for proceeds paid by the auto liability insurer to BPTC.

**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**

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James McLary, Chairman  
Bloomington Public Transportation  
Corporation

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Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary  
Bloomington Public Transportation  
Corporation

**Approved this 21st day of June, 2022.**

**RESOLUTION 22-14**

A resolution declaring BPTC vehicles, number 0509, 0658, 1451, 1452, as surplus, and obsolete alternators as scrap and surplus and authorizing the BPTC General Manager to dispose of such vehicles and items in accordance with BPTC Procurement Policies.

**WHEREAS**, Section 1.3.7 of the Procurement Policies of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (BPTC) sets forth procedures to be followed for the disposal of scrap and surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the BPTC General Manager has identified the following vehicles and parts as surplus and scrap;

<u>Vehicle Number</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>MODEL</u>
0509	2007	Ford	Ford Escape 4WD
0658	2006	Gillig	29' Hybrid bus
1451	2014	Ford	Access Van
1452	2014	Ford	Access Van

**WHEREAS**, the BPTC General Manager has identified part number PX-5TD6-230 – Ford Alternators as obsolete and has proposed to dispose of and declare as scrap and surplus.

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

**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**

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James McLary, Chair  
Bloomington Public Transportation  
Corporation

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Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary  
Bloomington Public Transportation  
Corporation

**Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.**

**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION  
FINANCIAL NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH ENDING  
MAY 31, 2022**

**Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses for May totaled \$521,063. Salary and Fringe benefits expense for May was \$369,050. This represents a decrease from April due to the timing of payrolls and payroll accruals as well as the switch to the summer schedule resulting in less service hours. Materials and Supplies for May were \$28,755. This represents a decrease from April contributed to the timing of parts and supplies purchased and their usage as well as not receiving an invoice for April fuel. Services and Utilities expense for the month totaled \$123,258. This represents a decrease from April due mainly to two months of downtown security payments made in April – due to the City not submitting invoices timely. Through May, BT had spent 31% of the 2022 operating budget with 42% of the year completed.

**Operating Revenues**

Operating revenues for May totaled \$640,046. Operating revenues exceeded operating expenses by \$1,285,617 through May.

**Capital Expenditures**

There were no material capital expenditures for May.

**Operating Cash Balance**

May 31, 2022	May 31, 2021	Change
\$11,417,023	\$9,544,645	\$1,872,378 increase

**Self - Insurance Fund**

Medical monthly premium and claims expense for May was \$36,451.

**Self-Insurance Cash Balance**

May 31, 2022	May 31, 2021	Change
\$245,011	\$284,095	\$39,084 decrease

**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION  
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MAY 31, 2022**

	MONTH ENDING 5/31/2022	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET PLUS ENCUMBRANCES/ ADD'L APPROP.	PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET USED
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>					
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 369,050	6%	\$ 2,218,954	6,514,465	34%
Materials and Supplies	28,755	2%	379,952	1,525,320	25%
Services and Utilities	123,258	6%	521,842	2,020,939	26%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>521,063</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3,120,748</b>	<b>10,060,724</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>					
Local Tax Revenue	228,978	11%	924,623	2,080,679	44%
Fare Revenue	116,546	8%	511,055	1,473,796	35%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	79,583	13%	292,029	624,098	47%
<b>Total Locally Derived Revenue</b>	<b>425,107</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>1,727,707</b>	<b>4,178,573</b>	<b>41%</b>
Federal Operating Grants	-	0%	1,603,963	4,664,111	34%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	214,939	8%	1,074,695	2,550,664	42%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>640,046</b>		<b>4,406,365</b>	<b>11,393,348</b>	
<b>Operating Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>118,983</b>		<b>1,285,617</b>		
Federal Capital Grants	-	0%	30,630	3,909,777	1%
State Capital Grants	-	0%	-	-	0%
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	0%	-	-	0%
<b>Revenue from Capital Grants/Reserve</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>30,630</b>	<b>3,909,777</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>	<b>3,799</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100,058</b>	<b>5,242,401</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Capital Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(3,799)</b>		<b>(69,428)</b>		
<b>Net Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>115,184</b>		<b>1,216,189</b>		



**BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION  
COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED MAY 2021 AND 2022**

	MONTH ENDING 5/31/2022	MONTH ENDING 5/31/2021	% CHANGE	YTD 5/31/2022	YTD 5/31/2021	% CHANGE
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>						
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$ 369,050	\$369,866	0%	\$ 2,218,954	\$1,940,998	14%
Materials and Supplies	28,755	29,361	-2%	379,952	246,337	54%
Services and Utilities	123,258	99,146	24%	521,842	473,783	10%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>521,063</b>	<b>498,373</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3,120,748</b>	<b>2,661,118</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>						
Local Tax Revenue	228,978	214,864	7%	924,623	904,309	2%
Fare Revenue	116,546	62,079	88%	511,055	208,288	145%
Other Locally Derived Revenue	79,583	27,328	191%	292,029	163,096	79%
<b>Total Locally Derived Revenue</b>	<b>425,107</b>	<b>304,271</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,727,707</b>	<b>1,275,693</b>	<b>35%</b>
Federal Operating Grants	-	510,000	-100%	1,603,963	1,910,000	-16%
State Operating Grants (PMTF)	214,939	184,404	0%	1,074,695	922,020	17%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>640,046</b>	<b>998,675</b>	<b>-36%</b>	<b>4,406,365</b>	<b>4,107,713</b>	<b>7%</b>
Operating Gain/(Loss)	118,983	500,302		1,285,617	1,446,595	
Federal Capital Grants	-	82,543	-100%	30,630	265,812	-88%
State Capital Grants	-	-	#DIV/0!	-	-	#DIV/0!
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	-	#DIV/0!	-	-	#DIV/0!
Revenue from Capital Grants/Reserve	-	82,543	#DIV/0!	30,630	265,812	-88%
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>	<b>3,799</b>	<b>87,935</b>	<b>-96%</b>	<b>100,058</b>	<b>339,343</b>	<b>-71%</b>
Capital Gain/(Loss)	(3,799)	(5,392)		(69,428)	(73,531)	
<b>Net Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>115,184</b>	<b>494,910</b>		<b>1,216,189</b>	<b>1,373,064</b>	







**Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation  
Personnel Report  
MAY 2022**

	<b>Monthly New Hires</b>	<b>Monthly Terminations</b>	<b>End of Month Vacancies</b>
<b>Administrative Staff</b>	0	0	0
<b>Fixed Route Drivers</b>	2	0	12
<b>BT Access Drivers</b>	0	1	2
<b>Mechanics</b>	0	0	1
<b>Service Person</b>	0	0	0
<b>Service Attendants</b>	0	1	3
<b>Total</b>	2	2	18

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) May 17, 2022 5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Chair McLary convened the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation. The meeting was held with some members attending in-person and some via a virtual electronic means.

Join Zoom Meeting at the following link:

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/83170384733?pwd=WU9sNmVuMWVwTEZlZWktSIF0Y0ljdz09>

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members and staff present: Chair James McLary, Secretary Nancy Obermeyer, Board Member Doug Horn and Vice Chair Kent McDaniel. Also present were General Manager, John Connell, Controller, Christa Browning, Planning and Special Projects Manager, Zac Huneck, Human Resource Administrator/Marketing Director, Brenda Underwood.

Members of the Public: Dave Askins, B Square Beacon and Scott Farrell.

The following additional persons were also present via Zoom. Andrew Coomer, Sam Dixon and Customer Service Manager/BT Access Manager Eli McCormick

## **OLD BUSINESS**

General Manager Connell stated The FTA has granted preliminary approval of FlixBus use of the Bloomington Transit Terminal for passenger service. The final contract has been reviewed by city legal. The contract requires FlixBus to pay \$15,000 on a calendar year basis and \$60 per each departures in excess of two.

Board Member Horn made a motion to approve Resolution 22-06; a resolution approving a contract with FLIXBUS for use of the Downtown Transfer Facility. Secretary Obermeyer seconded it. The Board approved unanimously.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the April 19, 2022 meeting were presented for approval by Secretary Obermeyer and seconded by Vice Chair McDaniel. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS**

General Manager Connell stated the evaluation committee consisting of himself, BPTC Board Chair, James McLary, Vice Chair McDaniel, and Planning and Special Projects Manager Zac Huneck reviewed and evaluated proposals received from RLS Associates Inc., and Foursquare ITP for the Strategic Plan Development Services. He said the committee scored the proposals and determined Foursquare ITP was the best and most advantageous firm for the BPTC to use for this project. Mr. Connell noted the selection committee held a meeting with Foursquare on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the project priorities and to request an updated detailed budget. Mr. Connell said he emailed the Board the revised detailed budget. Mr. Connell stated, Foursquare ITP came under budget with an amount of \$99,934.00.

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 22-10; a resolution approving the General Manager to negotiate a contract not to exceed \$100,000, with Foursquare ITP for Strategic Plan Development Services. Board Member Horn seconded it. The Board approved unanimously.

General Manager Connell stated the deadline for the discretionary FTA 5339 grant applications is May 31, 2022. He said Staff is recommending applying for \$7,040,000 in federal funds for the purchase of eight Battery Electric Buses. Mr. Connell said Resolution 22-11 commits BPTC to provide to local match of \$1,760,000. He said the local funds will come from BPTC reserves and reimbursed with LIT funding from the city.

Board Member Horn made a motion to approve Resolution 22-11; a resolution authorizing an application for FY2022 FTA5539 (c) funds for eight battery electric buses for service expansion. Secretary Obermeyer seconded it. The Board approved unanimously.

General Manager Connell stated that the City Council approved a large development known as the Verve, located at 1820 N. Walnut Street, it will include several hundred units. He said the development is expected to have many IU students living there once it opens in August 2022. Mr. Connell noted one of the conditions in the City Council's approval of the development was that the development contract with BPTC to provide general public bus service to/from the development to the IU Campus. He said following the Council approval, a draft agreement with the developer was negotiated. After lengthy discussion regarding the length of the term of the agreement, we have settled on a three year agreement. Mr. Connell said the primary terms of the agreement are as follows:

CDG shall pay to BPTC for said bus transportation services a sum equal to:

\$13,981.25 on August 31, 2022	\$13,981.25 on January 31, 2023
\$13,981.25 on September 30, 2022	\$13,981.25 on February 28, 2023
\$13,981.25 on October 31, 2022	\$13,981.25 on March 31, 2023
\$13,981.25 on November 30, 2022	\$13,981.25 on April 30, 2023
\$13,981.25 on December 31, 2022	\$13,981.25 on May 31, 2023

Mr. Connell stated the hourly rate of compensation payable by CDG to BPTC for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) years of this agreement shall be \$77.59 per hour and \$79.92 per hour, respectively.

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 22-12; a resolution approving an agreement between BPTC and Bloomington IN Properties I, LLC, for transit services. Vice Chair McDaniel seconded it. The Board approved unanimously.

## **MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS**

General Manager Connell stated the RATP Dev technology assessment study has been completed. Mr. Connell said he tried to arrange the first presentation for tonight's meeting. He said it will be in June now. He said a couple of the key players were out of the country and could not make it for the presentation. Chair McLary questioned if Mr. Connell could give a brief overview of the study. Mr. Connell stated he thinks we have a lot of work ahead of us. He said technology wise we are maybe 10 years behind of where he would like to see us. Mr. Connell said he will go over the results at the June Board Meeting.

Mr. Connell stated the final report for alternative fuel should be done by the end of June. He said the presentation on the results will be in July.



Planning and Special Projects Manager Zac Huneck gave an overview of the proposed service changes. Mr. Huneck stated fixed route changes consists of four major components, merging of four east side routes. He said route 9 is one of our most productive routes and we need to make sure any changes made do not disrupt that route. He noted that route seven better represents what we are trying to do with the route optimization study.

Mr. Connell stated he was hoping for a June 6<sup>th</sup> launch date for Micro-Transit. He said we are still providing evening service. Mr. Connell noted the idea behind launching Micro-Transit, using Uber and Lyft was to reduce evening hours to give the drivers a break and be able to use PTO time. He said we are seeing little ridership in the evening hours. Mr. Connell noted an unexpected delay in the project is the legal review of the contracts. Mr. Connell said hopefully soon we will have an agreement that all parties can agree upon. He said he is hoping the latest to get everything resolved is the last week of June.

Planning and Special Projects Manager Zac Huneck stated that April 2022 fixed route provided 177,476 trips. It is up 110% from April 2021. He said BT Access provided 1961 trips for the month of April, 2022. It is up 7% from April 2021.

Controller Browning gave an overview of the April Financial Report, as included in the Board Packet.

Human Resource Administrator/Marketing Director Brenda Underwood stated we did not have any new hires in April and we lost two employees. She said she is on target working with 5 applicants and getting them on board in June. Brenda said we do have our ad running on four different radio stations. Brenda noted she has been working with New Hope and hoping to network with them to get applicants. She said the Excel Center has a new CDL certification program and she is networking with them and hoping to participate in some lunch and learns with their students. She said The Excel Center helps students to get their CDL permit then they turn them over to us for training. General Manager Connell said that Brenda has spent a couple of her weekends doing outreach activities. He said it is greatly appreciated.

Brenda stated the City Parks has their program, which I gave all the Board Members a copy. This is for their Kids City Program, they are requesting summer fun passes. Brenda said she put the cost on the attached sheet of the program she gave the Board Members. She said in return BTPC gets discount rates to Twin Lakes and we have a few employees already utilizing the program.

Secretary Obermeyer made a motion to approve the Summer Fun Passes, Vice Chair McDaniel seconded it. The board approved unanimously.

Board Member Horn stated he attended the May 13, 2022 meeting of the Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee. He said the highlight of the meeting was the adoption of The 2022 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Horn noted the final interaction of the Program includes an additional \$17,000.00 for Bloomington Transit specific to the upcoming Strategic Plan, bringing total MPO support to \$50,000.00 for that project.

## **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

The Claims for April 19, 2022 were presented for approval by Vice Chair McDaniel and seconded by Secretary Obermeyer. The claims were approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Scott Farrell stated he lives on the East side, he works on the North side and on the West side, he said he is visually disabled and he can't drive anymore. He said he is very nervous about Micro Transit. He questioned how is he supposed to be confident in any new technology, he said he does use Uber and Lyft. He noted just because the app is on his phone does not mean Uber or Lyft will have a driver available. He questioned how will this work? General Manager Connell said both companies have assured us once the program is up and running they offer incentives to the drivers. Mr. Connell stated this program is to offer a safety net to individuals who will be impacted negatively from the service reduction. Mr. Connell said when we don't have enough drivers we have to make some tough decisions. He said one of the tough decision was to eliminate the service, but he knew there would be people potentially stranded and we did not want that to happen. Mr. Connell said he thought Micro Transit would be worth a try. Chair McLary said this is a trial and that's why we need feedback. Mr. Connell reiterated getting stranded is a big concern and that's why the drivers will be given incentives. Mr. Connell said there is no guarantees and he appreciates Scott's concerns and he shares some of the same concerns too. Mr. Connell said we are in a position that something had to give with the shortage of drivers. Mr. Connell said if we see this program is not working then we will adjust accordingly. Mr. Connell noted that the driver shortage is a real crisis across the country.

Andrew Coomer asked if BPTC will be replacing all the buses with Battery Electric Buses or just purchasing eight buses with the grant? General Manager Connell said our alternative fuel study hasn't been completed. He said for example if they say the recommendation is for hydrogen fuel cell and that's the direction we are going to follow. He said we are looking at three to five year minimum, and between now and then we need buses and the money available is being targeted for battery electric buses. He said we have two now that are working well and we have the capacity to continue down that route, and that's why we are making the decision pursue it. Mr. Connell said if the direction of the alternative fuel program is going to a different type of application, it is still going to be years away before we make the transition. Chair McLary stated the federal government is funding the electric hybrid buses right now. He said that's where the money is and that's one of the reason we are buying them. Mr. Connell said the strongest potential of securing that funding is by pursuing battery electric buses.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

There were no comments from the Board Members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**

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06-21-22  
**James J. McLary, Chair**  
**Board of Directors BPTC**

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06-21-22  
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