

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**  
**WORK SESSION COUNCIL AGENDA ADDEUNDUM I**  
**109 E. OLIVE ST., BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701**  
**TUESDAY, May 26, 2015; 5:30 – 6:30P.M.**

**ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

- Item 4b. TIGER Grant Application for McLean County and Connect Transit, Bill Wasson  
McLean County Administrator. (*Office of the McLean County Administrator  
Letter Dated May 21, 2015.*)



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TO: Steven Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager, City of Bloomington

FROM: Bill Wasson, County Administrator

DATE: May 21, 2015

McLean County and Connect Transit(Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System) staff were recently contacted and asked to provide a presentation to the City of Bloomington Council concerning the Connect Transit Application for a TIGER Grant in cooperation with the planned expansion of the McLean County's Law & Justice Center, adjacent to the Abraham Lincoln Parking Garage.

This concept would incorporate two of the community's 2015 "One Voice Projects" into a single integrated project, incorporating Connect Transit's downtown Bloomington Multi-Modal Transportation Center and the expansion of the McLean County Law & Justice Center. McLean County and Connect Transit have been working jointly, exploring options for improvements to Transit facilities in downtown for over a year. The County has also been working for the past 18 months to address identified deficiencies in community mental health services and capacities.

Connect Transit's Downtown Transportation Center currently serves 436,662 rides a year from the downtown connection point. The transit component is anticipated to provide better convenience to passengers through construction of passenger amenities, including restrooms, bus tracking displays, ticket vending and heated waiting areas.

The County's Law & Justice Center expansion project will provide needed capability to provide appropriately for individuals with mental health requirements within the justice system. Through expansion of facilities to address mental health needs, additional overall capacity will be generated for facilities which have been identified in several recent studies as exceeding capacity.

The preliminary TIGER grant proposal included a request for \$15,000,000 of a total project cost of \$45,000,000. Pre-architectural estimates of expansion cost for the Law & Justice Center are between \$27,000,000 and \$49,500,000, depending upon build-out.

The collaboration and cooperation between McLean County and Connect Transit will provide a dedicated transit solution to Bloomington's central business district. This will provide ladders of opportunity for community members by emphasizing multi-modal connections to the area's employers, social services, education, and entertainment options. In addition, the project would combine the multi-modal transit hub with a critical expansion of McLean County's Law and Justice Center to address a demonstrated need for additional services. County and Connect Staff will be available.

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