

McLean County Museum of History

Bus Transit Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1937-current
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Brief History

The Bloomington-Normal public transit system opened in 1938 under the name “Bloomington-Normal City Lines Inc.” During its early period, the public transit system incorporated buses and street cars in its fleet but eventually changed to buses only. In 1975, the name of the transit system was changed to simply “Bloomington-Normal Public Transit.” In 2014, the system underwent a rebranding and adopted the name “Connect Transit,” though it still kept the legal title of “Bloomington-Normal Public Transit.”

Scope

The collection includes newspaper articles, bus schedules, route maps, and informational pamphlets detailing the services and fares.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Bloomington-Normal City Lines

- 1.1 Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Time Schedule, Effective July 1, 1937.
- 1.2 Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Time Schedule, Effective 1943.
- 1.3 Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Time Schedule, Effective, (No Date).
- 1.4 Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Time Schedule, Effective February 1, 1951.
- 1.5 Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Time Schedule, Effective January 5, 1959.
- 1.6 Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Time Schedule, Effective October 23, 1967.
- 1.7 Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Time Schedule, Effective October 23, 1967.
- 1.8 Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Time Schedule, Effective September 1, 1971.
- 1.9 Bloomington-Normal City Lines Bus Pass for Students, 1954/1955.
- 1.10 Bloomington-Normal City Lines Transfer Pass (No Date).
- 1.11 “Buses to Begin New Routes, New Schedules Tomorrow” (include route map), January 4, 1959.

Folder 2: Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System

- 2.1 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System, Bus Schedules Pamphlet that includes maps and times, Effective January 1, 1974. 2 copies.
- 2.2 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, etc., November 1977.
- 2.3 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, and a street index (No Date).
- 2.4 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, and a street index, Nov 1 1977.
- 2.5 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, and a street index, March 1, 1978.
- 2.6 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, and a street index, May 1, 1980.

- 2.7 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, and a street index, April 1, 1981.
- 2.8 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, and a street index. 1982.
- 2.8 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, and a street index, August 1, 1982.
- 2.9 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, and a street index, August 1997.
- 3.0 Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Pamphlet that includes a map of bus routes, fare prices, services, transfer sites, and a street index, January 2005.

Folder 3: Connect Transit

- 3.1 Connect Transit, “Riders Guide” includes maps for all bus routes, information on services, fare prices, transferring, and rules while riding, Effective February 2013.
- 3.2 Connect Transit, “Riders Guide” includes maps for all bus routes, information on services, fare prices, transferring, and rules while riding, Effective April 2015.
- 3.3 Connect Transit, “Rider Guide” includes maps for all bus routes, information on services, fare prices, transferring, and rules while riding, Effective August 2016.
- 3.4 Connect Transit flyer advertising new routes starting on 8/15 (No year) and free rides from 8/15-8/28 (No year). A phone number and web address are listed in the lower right corner.
- 3.5 Connect Transit flyer giving the specifications for their “XD40- Xcelsior Diesel” bus. Includes the bus’s measurements, propulsion, capacity, accessibility, weight, clearances, turning radius, and main components.
- 3.6 Connect Transit, Three bus passes.
One is a “Fast Past” dated May 2016 which allowed the owner to ride the bus for the month dated on the pass.
The second is a “30 Day Pass” with magnetic strip which allowed the rider to ride the bus for the dates posted on the back, June 4, 2016 to July 3, 2016.
Plus, a “change card” that provides change for cash paid in the form of a pass for additional rides. Used at various times in August 2016.
- 3.7 Postcard: Keep Connect Transit Moving! Encouraging public to lobby Illinois officials to forward overdue payments and avoid suspending service, October 2016.
- 3.8 Card: “Keep Connect Transit Moving!” Encouraging public to lobby Illinois officials to forward overdue payments and avoid suspending service, March 2017.
- 3.9 Connect Transit “Rider Guide” includes maps for all bus routes, information on services, fare prices, transferring, and rules while riding, effective September 2017.
- 3.10 Flier: Free Bus to Eastview Church food pantry, 2018.
- 3.11 Flier for “Extended Service Engagement Sessions,” June 2018. Public input on proposal to extend service hours for key routes and reduce for less used routes.

Folder 4: Bus Garage

- 4.1 “City Lines to Build \$30,000 Bus Garage,” *Pantagraph*, September 30, 1940.
- 4.1 “Work to Start Immediately On Bus Garage,” *Pantagraph*, May 15, 1941. Includes drawing of what the finished garage will look like.

Folder 5: Miscellaneous

- 5.1 Ticket for Annual Valentines Dance sponsored by Local 752 Business Drivers & Maintenance Employees, Feb 16, 1958.
- 5.2 City Directory search, 1938-2016.