

Regional Public Transit Investment

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Access to transit is a key economic driver for our region, yet ***Illinois provides the least state financial support for public transit operations*** of all 32 major metro systems in the United States.

Greater investments are urgently needed to ***prevent a 40% cut in transit services*** in 2026 and to improve transit access, coverage, and frequency in communities throughout the region.

Largest rail hub in the United States

Second largest transit system in the United States

1.2 million rides per day in 2024

We must work together to invest in a transit system that meets the current and future needs of urban and suburban communities.

GOVERNANCE

- ◆ Maintain the three service agencies—CTA, Metra, and Pace—under the oversight of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA).
- ◆ ***Supermajority voting requirements*** incentivize regional collaboration and consensus in decision making.
- ◆ Including ***suburban municipal officials as voting members*** of the governing board(s) ensures that the needs of our communities are represented in regional plans and investments.

INVEST IN SERVICE

- ◆ ***Address the \$770 million* fiscal cliff*** to prevent significant service cuts caused by lower ridership and less fare revenue.
- ◆ Implement a funding model with a mix of ***sustainable revenues*** that incentivize transit ridership without placing an undue burden on taxpayers.
- ◆ Invest in expanding service levels to ***connect suburban communities*** and improve access throughout the collar counties.

*Estimated by RTA

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