

# 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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