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MEETING OF THE RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUGUST 20, 2020

Welcome!

Meeting Starts at 9 a.m.

Meeting Agenda

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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REMEMBERING GOV. JAMES THOMPSON

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2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3a: From the Board of Directors Meeting held on July 16, 2020

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were accepted online in advance of this meeting.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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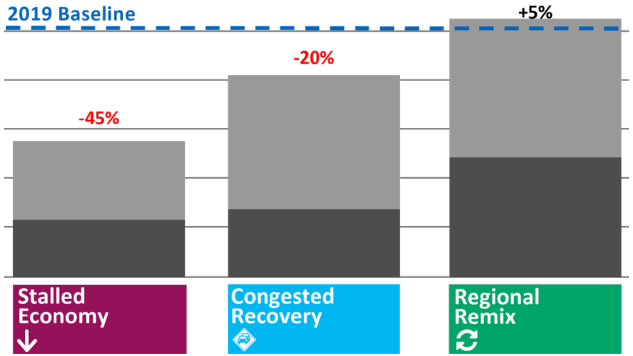
DATA-DRIVEN COVID RESPONSES




DRAFT Framework for Transit Capital Investments

Public Comment Period:
July 15 to August 28, 2020

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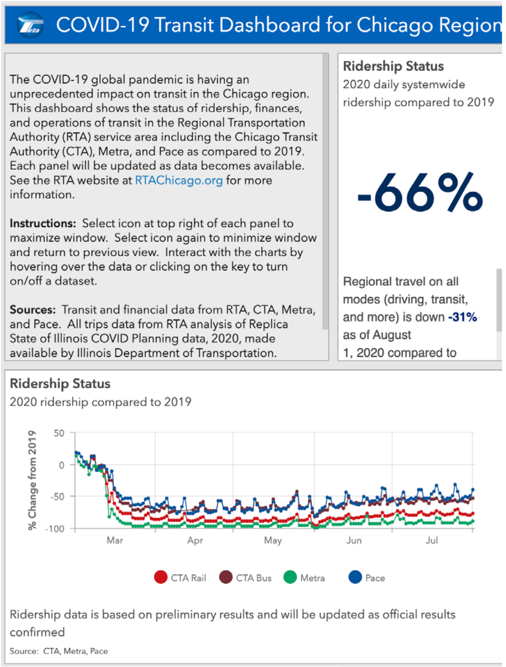
COVID-19 Transit Dashboard for Chicago Region

The COVID-19 global pandemic is having an unprecedented impact on transit in the Chicago region. This dashboard shows the status of ridership, finances, and operations of transit in the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) service area including the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, and Pace as compared to 2019. Each panel will be updated as data becomes available. See the RTA website at RTAChicago.org for more information.

Instructions: Select icon at top right of each panel to maximize window. Select icon again to minimize window and return to previous view. Interact with the charts by hovering over the data or clicking on the key to turn on/off a dataset.

Sources: Transit and financial data from RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace. All trips data from RTA analysis of Replica State of Illinois COVID Planning data, 2020, made available by Illinois Department of Transportation.

Ridership Status
2020 daily systemwide ridership compared to 2019

-66%

Regional travel on all modes (driving, transit, and more) is down -31% as of August 1, 2020 compared to

Ridership Status
2020 ridership compared to 2019

Ridership data is based on preliminary results and will be updated as official results confirmed

Source: CTA, Metra, Pace

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SNAPSHOT OF BUSINESSES’ VIEWS

As of June, many surveyed businesses were unsure if and how workers would return to offices

- Pre-COVID, about 60% of their staff commuted by transit
- Less than half plan to bring employees back before 2021
- Only one-third of large businesses (>500 employees) plan to bring them back before 2021
- About 60% plan to have staff alternate days in the office
- About 40% plan to shift working hours earlier or later

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, August 20, 2020

JOINT STATEMENT on Transit and COVID-19 Recovery

Prior to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board meeting on August 20, 2020, the executive leaders of the RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace issued this joint statement on the importance of public transportation as Northeastern Illinois battles the COVID-19 virus.

> *Together, our transit agencies have created a culture of COVID prevention. All riders should know the trains and buses have never been cleaner. CTA, Metra, and Pace staff worked heroically in the pandemic's earliest stages to carry essential workers to their jobs, and they continue providing safe, reliable trips to meet dramatically shifting customer needs.*
>
> *Business leaders recognize that transit will be essential for economic recovery, but significant financial challenges mean this can't be taken for granted. The federal CARES Act last spring included $25 billion for U.S. transit systems, providing our region with a one-time infusion of nearly $1.4 billion that has sustained our operations during this pandemic. But make no mistake: Without additional federal relief, the Northeastern Illinois transit system and others across America will face a significant shortfall in 2021 due to declining revenues.*
>
> *Therefore, we call on Congress to provide $32 billion for transit nationwide in a new COVID relief package, as recommended by the American Public Transportation Association. Within our region, we will work together to make the difficult choices necessary to sustain our transit system despite these unprecedented challenges.*

Leanne Redden	**Dorval R. Carter, Jr.**	**Jim Derwinski**	**Rocky Donahue**
RTA	CTA	Metra	Pace
Executive Director	President	CEO/Executive Director	Executive Director

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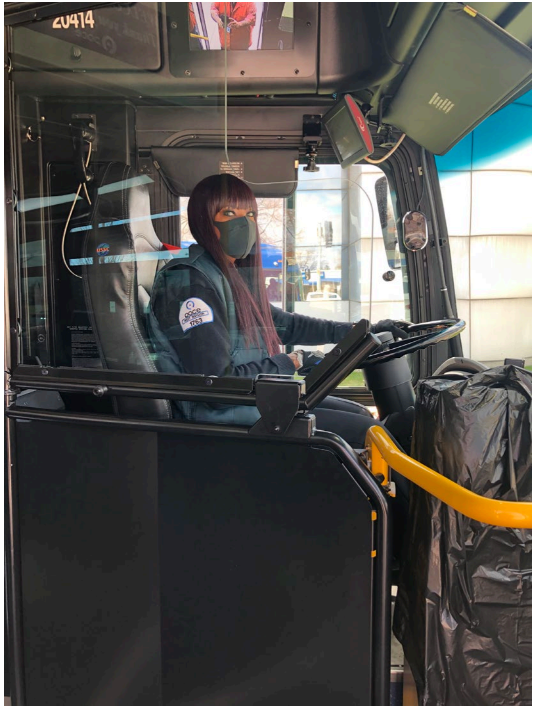

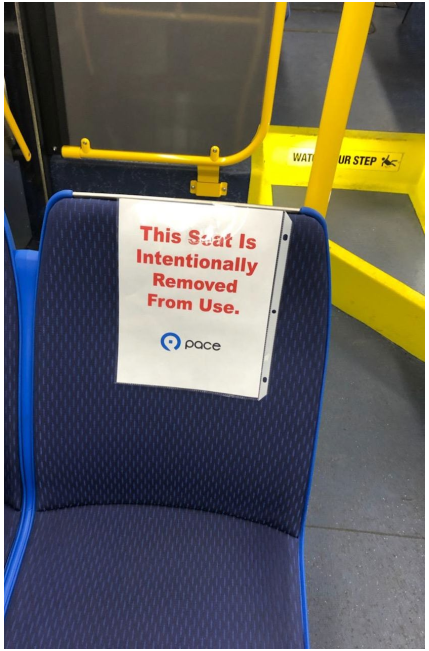

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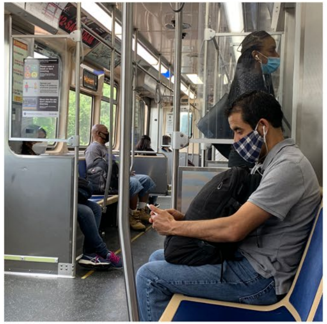
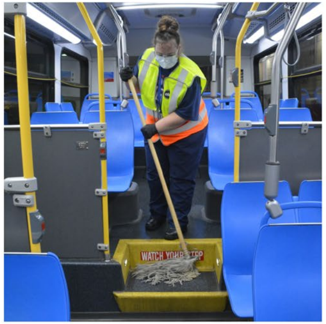
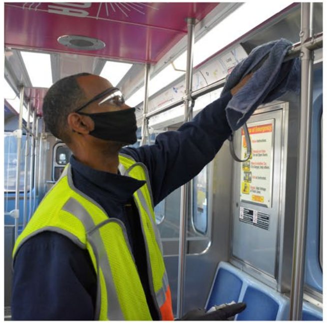
NORA LEERHSEN AND JEREMY FINE, CTA

CTA







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A CULTURE OF COVID SAFETY

STATE DELINQUENCY FIGURES

Month	Amount Delinquent
August	$214.5 million
July	$260.8 million
2020 Cost of Short Term Borrowing YTD	$3.2 million
2019 Cost of Short Term Borrowing YTD	$5.2 million
Short-Term Borrowing Authority	$400 million
Outstanding Short-Term Borrowing	$150 million

2020 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

- In response to May funding amendment
- Revised CTA, Metra, Pace, ADA, and RTA Agency budgets
- ADA Paratransit funding requirement has increased and continues to evolve

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INFORMATION ITEMS

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6B. PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – SECOND QUARTER 2020

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INVEST IN TRANSIT

The 2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan for Chicago and Northeastern Illinois

1 DELIVER VALUE ON OUR INVESTMENT

2020 REGIONAL PERFORMANCE: Q2

INDICATOR/MEASURE	2020 VALUE	% CHANGE	TREND
Annual Capital Funding	$2,773,537,270	+190%	↑
Capital Expenditures	$544,799,448	-0.5%	↔
Operating Cost per Passenger Trip	$9.32	+83.6%	↑
Fare Revenue per Passenger Trip	$1.67	-7.5%	↓

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SPOTLIGHT: CAPITAL PROGRESS UPDATE

- Capital construction has continued throughout COVID
- All Rebuild Illinois bond funds now in grant agreements
- Investment Framework comments due 8/28

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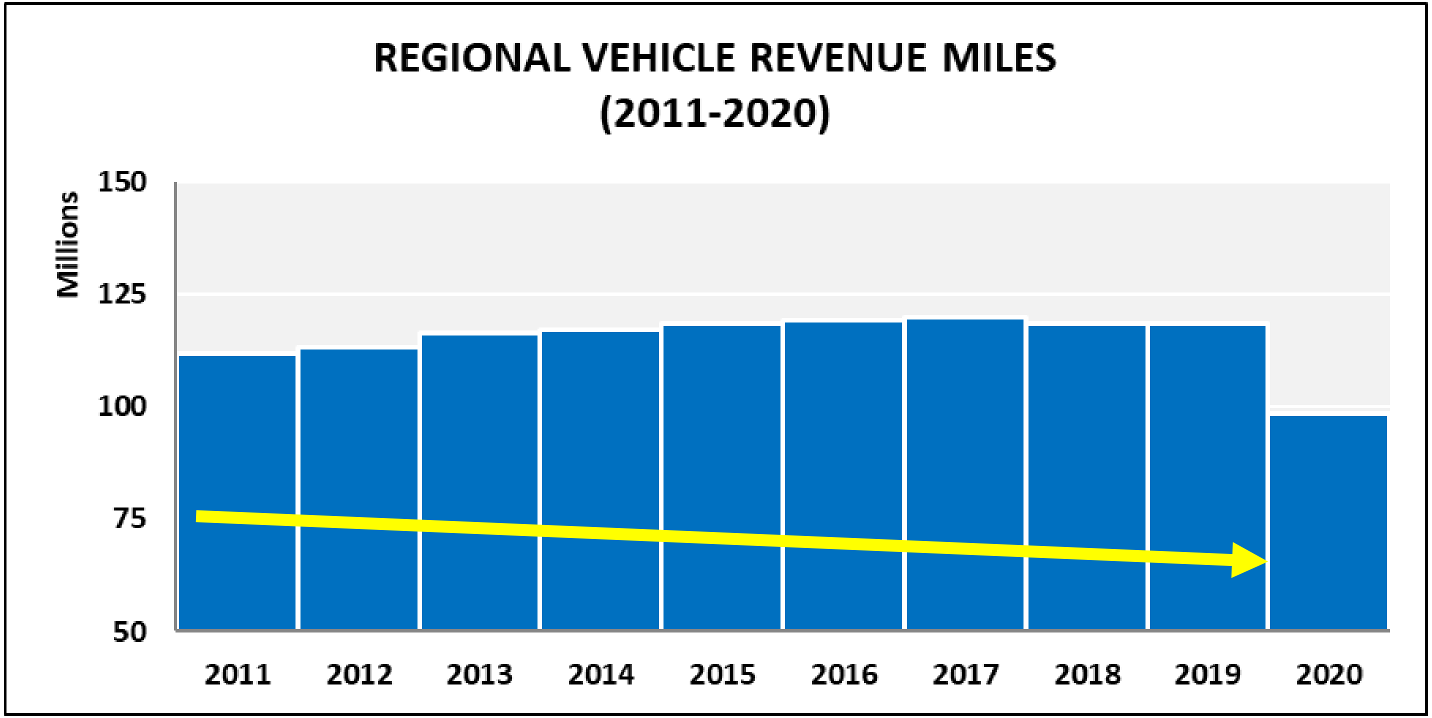
2 BUILD ON THE STRENGTHS OF OUR NETWORK

2020 REGIONAL PERFORMANCE: Q2



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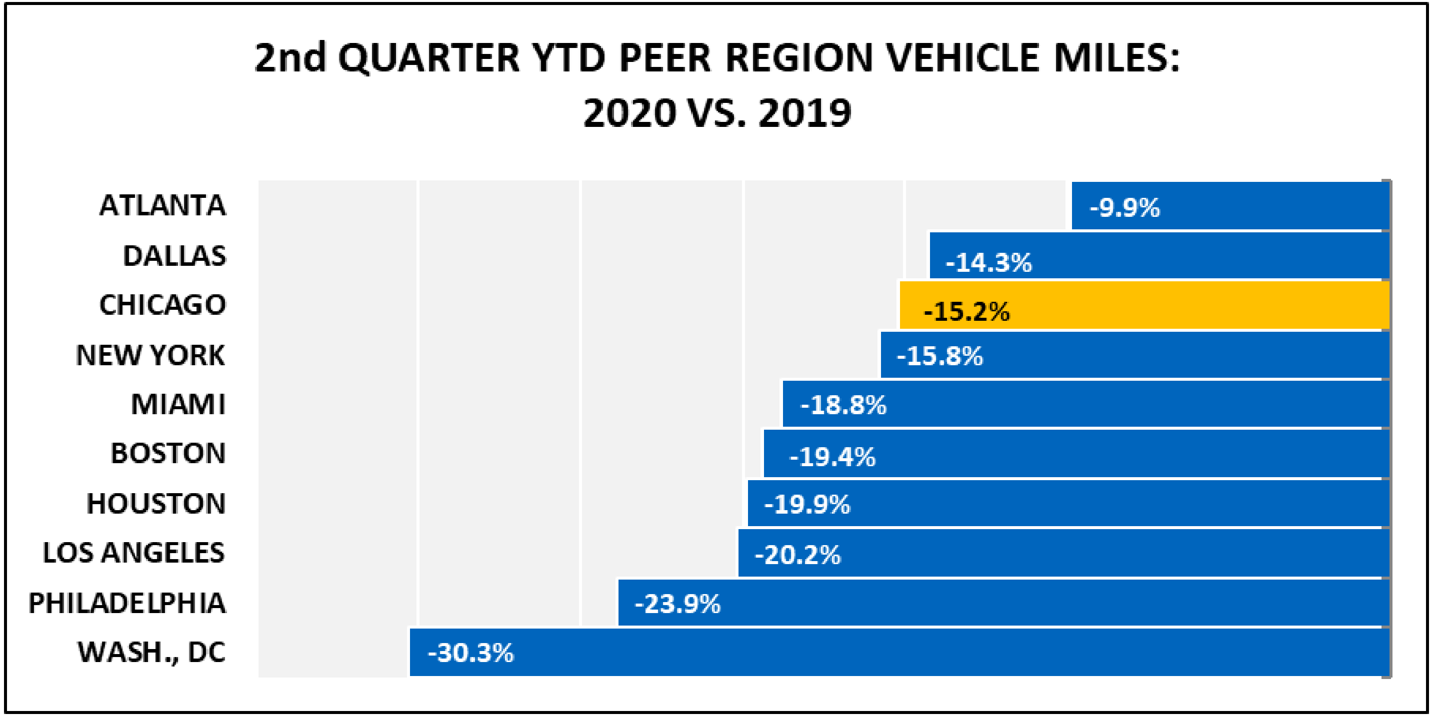
SPOTLIGHT: SERVICE DURING PANDEMIC



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STAY COMPETITIVE

2020 REGIONAL PERFORMANCE: Q2

INDICATOR/MEASURE		VALUE	TREND
Ridership		145,011,806	↓
Average speed		14.6 mph	↓
On-Time Performance	CTA Bus	84.03%	N/A
	CTA Rail		
	Metra	96.7%	↑
	Pace bus	84.1%	↔

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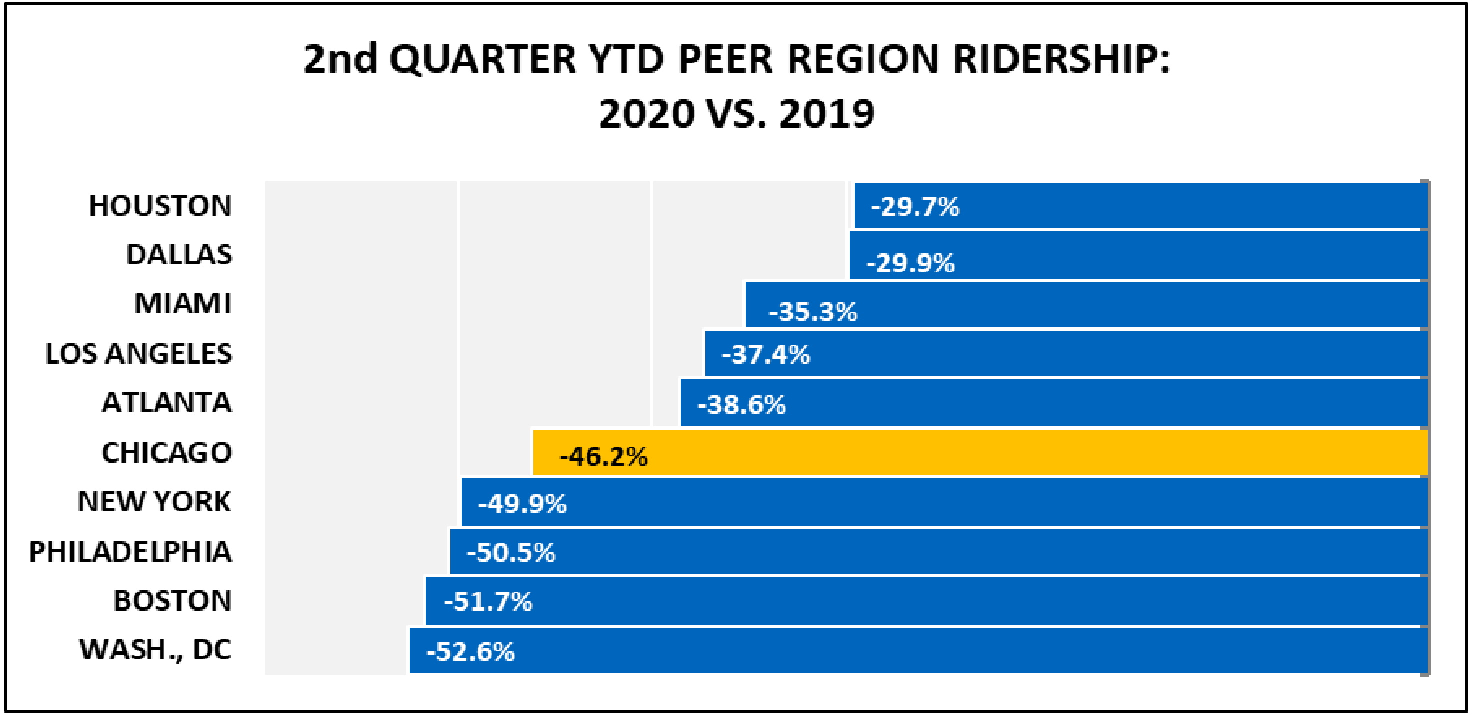
SPOTLIGHT: PEER RIDERSHIP TRENDS



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SUMMARY

- Impacts of COVID-19 evident in first half of 2020
- Capital work continued while operations were more affected
- U.S. peer regions also experience impacts

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6B. OVERVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC COVID-19 RECOVERY PLANNING FOR REGIONAL TRANSIT

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RTA RECOVERY PLANNING APPROACH

- Reiterate *Invest in Transit* vision and goals
- Monitor and communicate pandemic impacts
- Coordinate with recovery efforts underway
- Conduct “scenario planning” project
  - Look ahead 1-2 years
  - Consider range of possibilities
  - Engage stakeholders

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Our vision is public transit as the core of the region's robust transportation mobility network.

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WE AIM TO...

1 Deliver value on our investment

2 Build on the strengths of our network

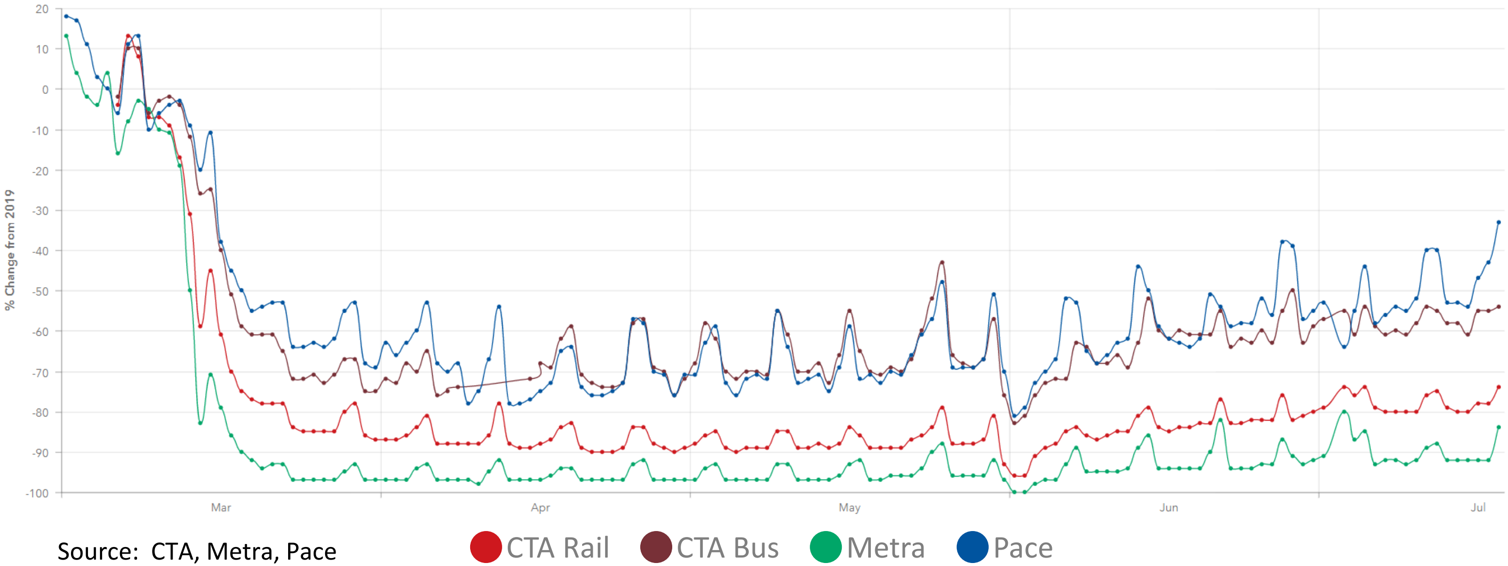
3 Stay competitive

REGIONAL TRANSIT PIVOT IN MARCH

- Shelter-at-home orders starting March 21
- Shut-downs and concerns quickly impacted:
  - The economy
  - The way that people work, learn and shop
  - People’s willingness to travel together
- Transit, in turn, was significantly impacted

IMPACTS TO TRANSIT USE

Ridership Status 2020 ridership compared to 2019



Source: CTA, Metra, Pace

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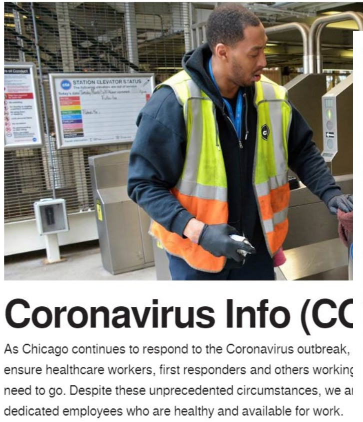
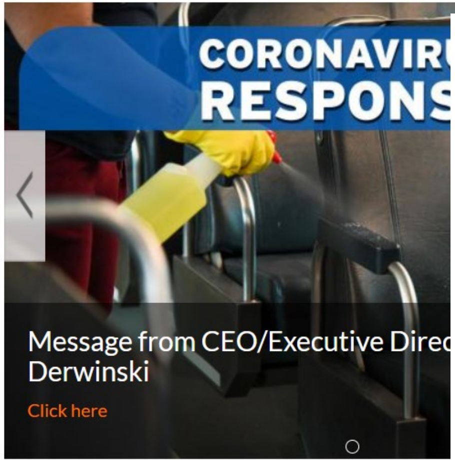
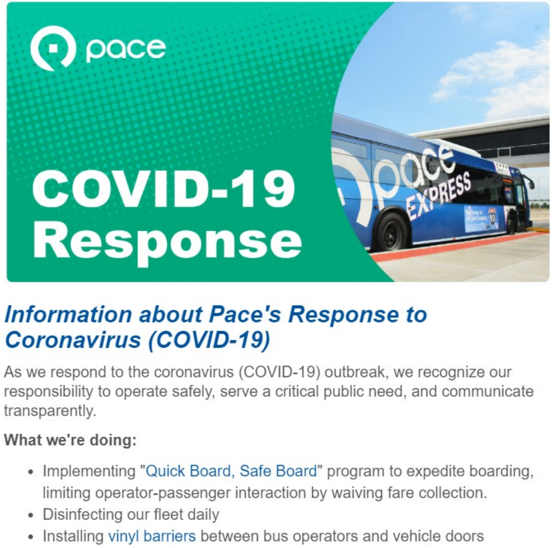
IMPACTS TO AGENCY FOCUS







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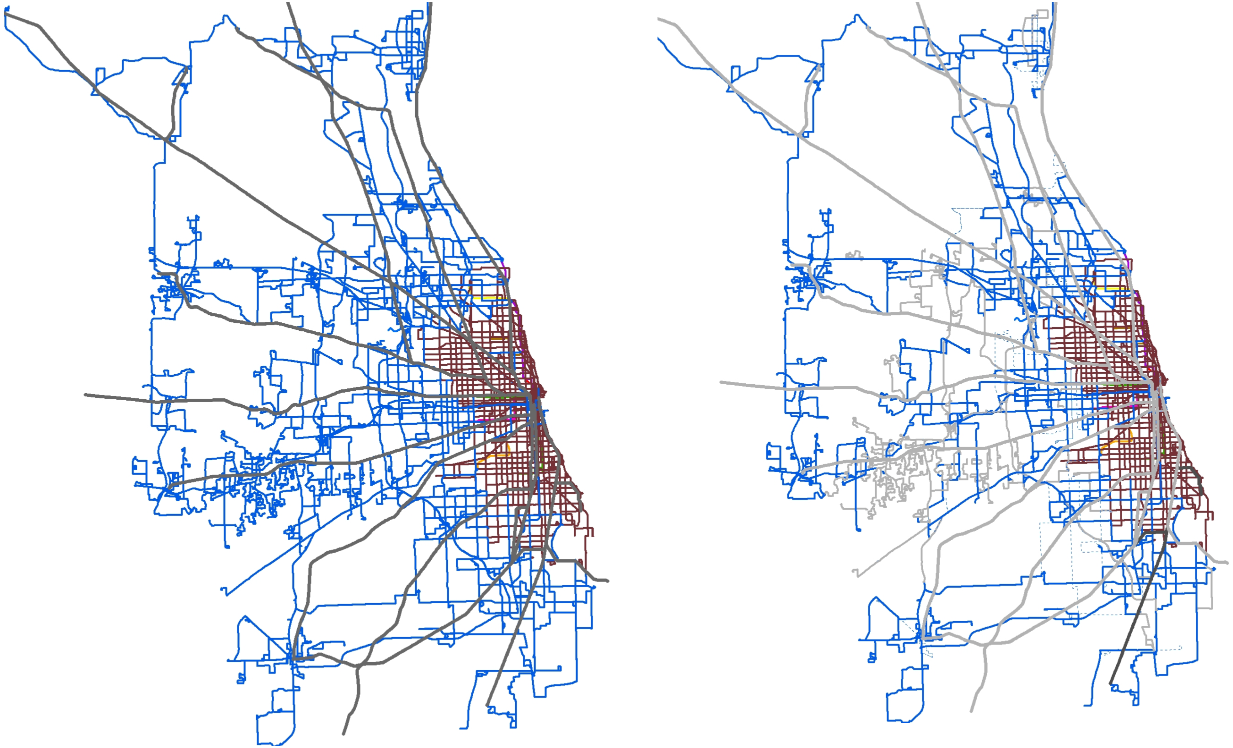
IMPACTS TO SERVICE LEVELS



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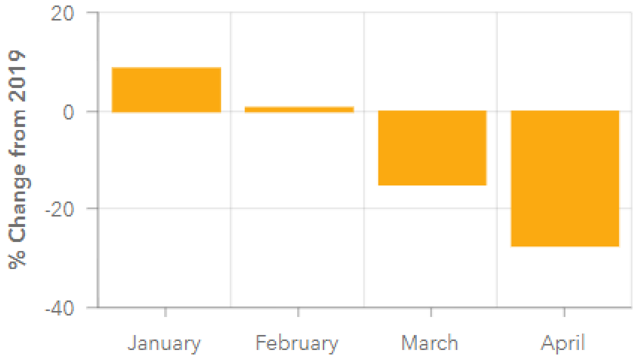
IMPACTS TO FUNDING AND REVENUE

RTA Sales Tax Status

2020 sales tax revenue compared to 2019

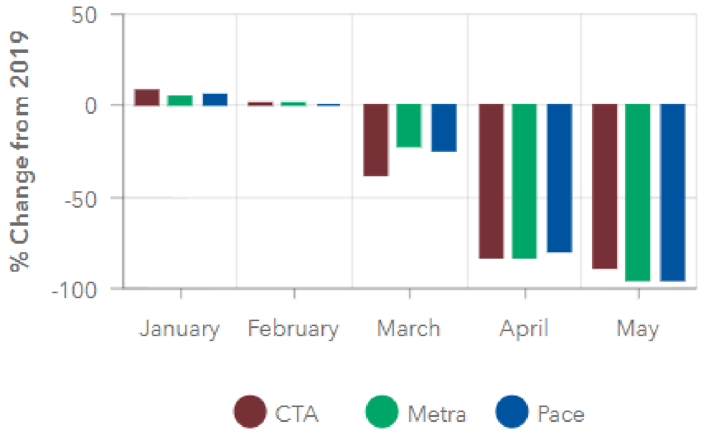


Sales tax data is based on preliminary results and will be updated as actuals confirmed

Source: RTA Finance

Farebox Revenue Status

2020 farebox revenue compared to 2019



Source: CTA, Metra, Pace

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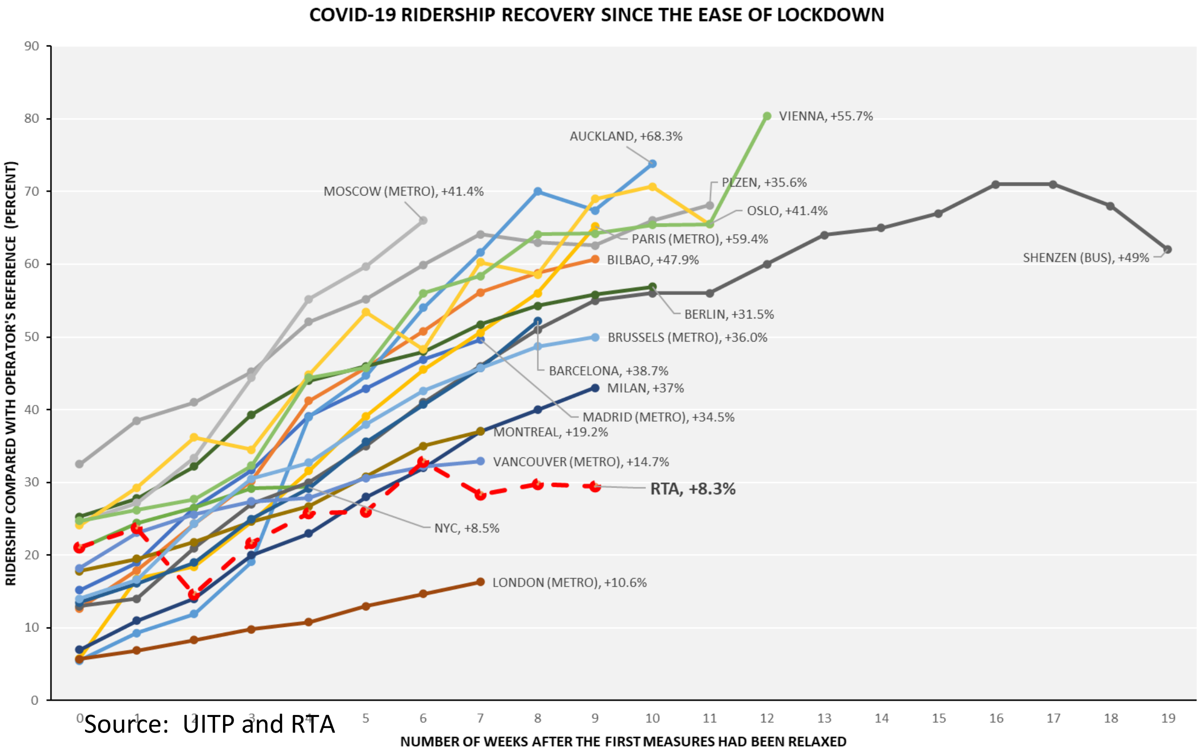
IMPACTS EXTEND AROUND WORLD



Source: UITP and RTA

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RTA'S SCENARIO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- Develop several potential scenarios
- Explore impacts of each to:
  - **Economy –** How will **transit funding** be impacted if employment is down and the economy continue to falter?
  - **Commuting –** How will **transit volumes** be affected if more people work from home?
  - **Transit Mode Choice** – How will **transit use** change based on people's cultural perception of transit?
- Estimate relative impact to funding

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SCENARIO PLANNING IS AND ISN'T

A helpful way to:

- Consider a variety of illustrative futures
- Evaluate how they each would impact transit
- Use the scenarios as a tool to prepare for action

NOT used to:

- Manage current crisis
- Predict the future or likelihood of occurrence
- Forecast behavioral changes

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SCENARIOS CONSIDERED

Stalled Economy

Economy	Commuting	Transit Mode Share
– –	– –	–

Recession Redux

Economy	Commuting	Transit Mode Share
–	– –	+

Congested Recovery

Economy	Commuting	Transit Mode Share
+	– –	– –

Telecommute Recovery

Economy	Commuting	Transit Mode Share
+	–	+

New Mobility

Economy	Commuting	Transit Mode Share
+ +	–	–

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Economy	Commuting	Transit Mode Share
+ +	–	+

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TODAY'S DISCUSSION WILL FOCUS ON THREE

Stalled Economy

Congested Recovery

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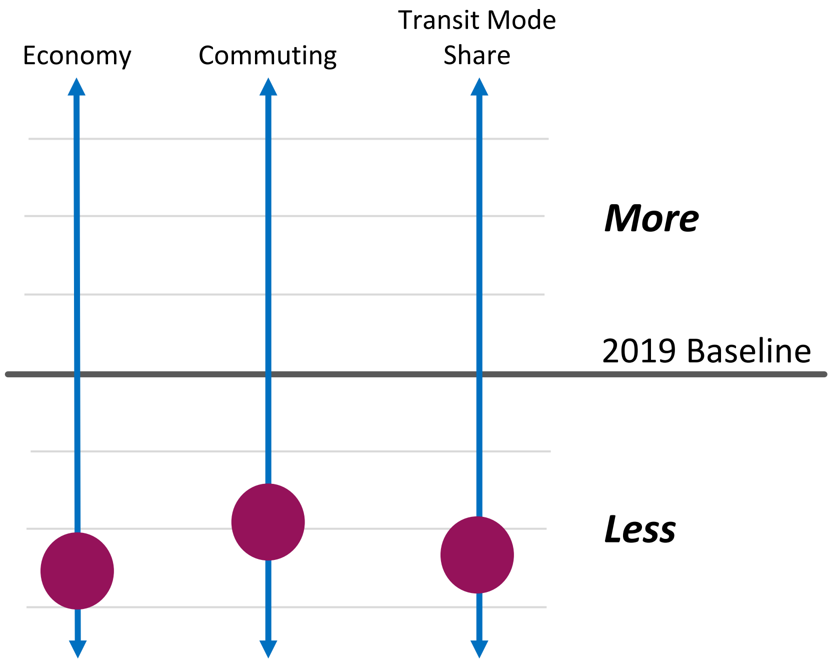
↓ Stalled Economy Scenario

- What:
  - The US plunges into economic depression
  - Unemployment high
  - Travel depressed overall
- When:
  - Near-term
- How:
  - Current policies cannot prevent or navigate
  - New policies needed to ensure mobility where most needed



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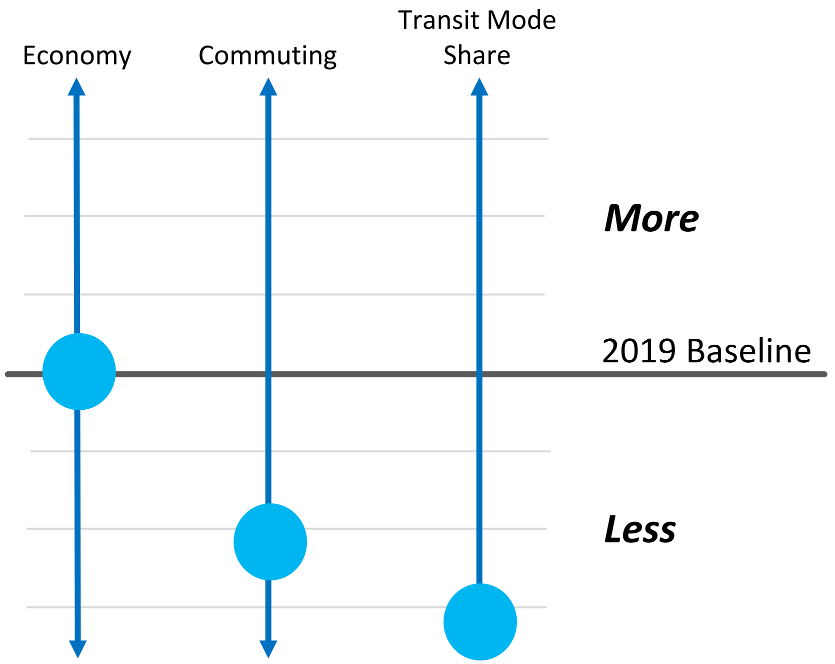
Congested Recovery Scenario

- What
  - Economic activity rebounds but is stymied by congestion, lost productivity
  - Telecommute similar to 2019
  - Travel favors private auto
- When
  - Near-term
- How
  - Current policies cannot prevent or navigate
  - New policies needed to manage externalities and shape behavior



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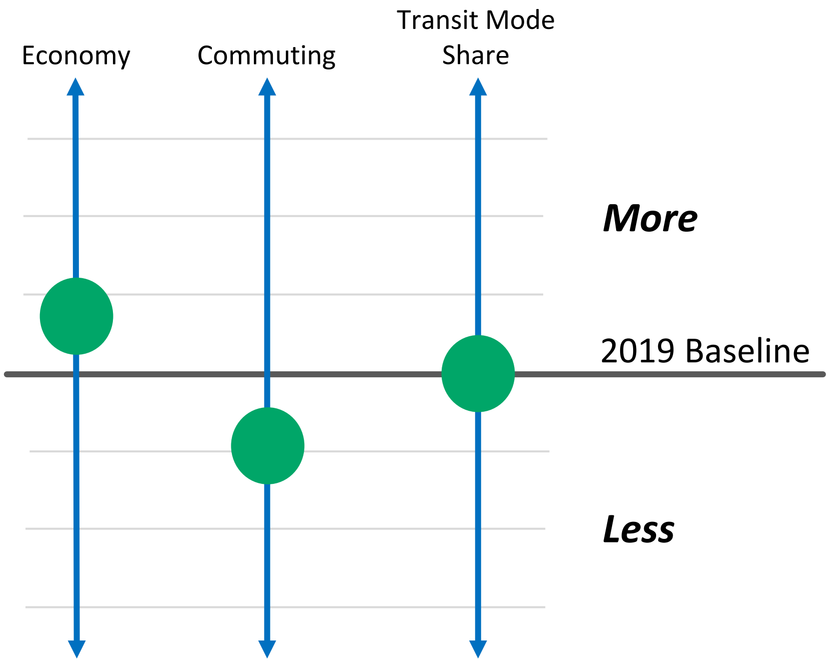
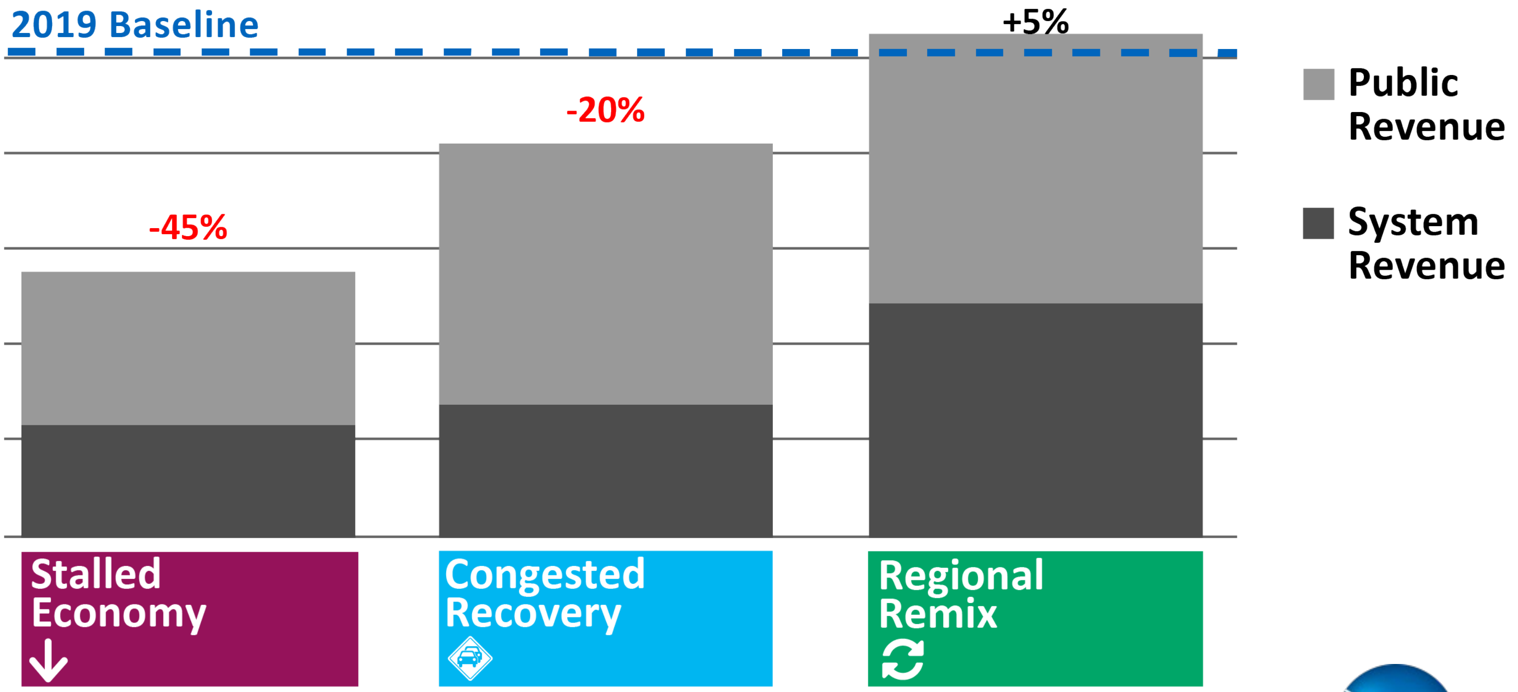
Regional Remix Scenario

- What
  - Overall economic activity exceeds 2019 levels
  - Telecommuting similar to 2019
  - Travel demand shifts in favor of public transit
- When
  - 2-5 years in future
- How
  - Current plans envision
  - Full regional cooperation & coordination needed to fully realize policies



SCENARIO RESULTS COMPARISON



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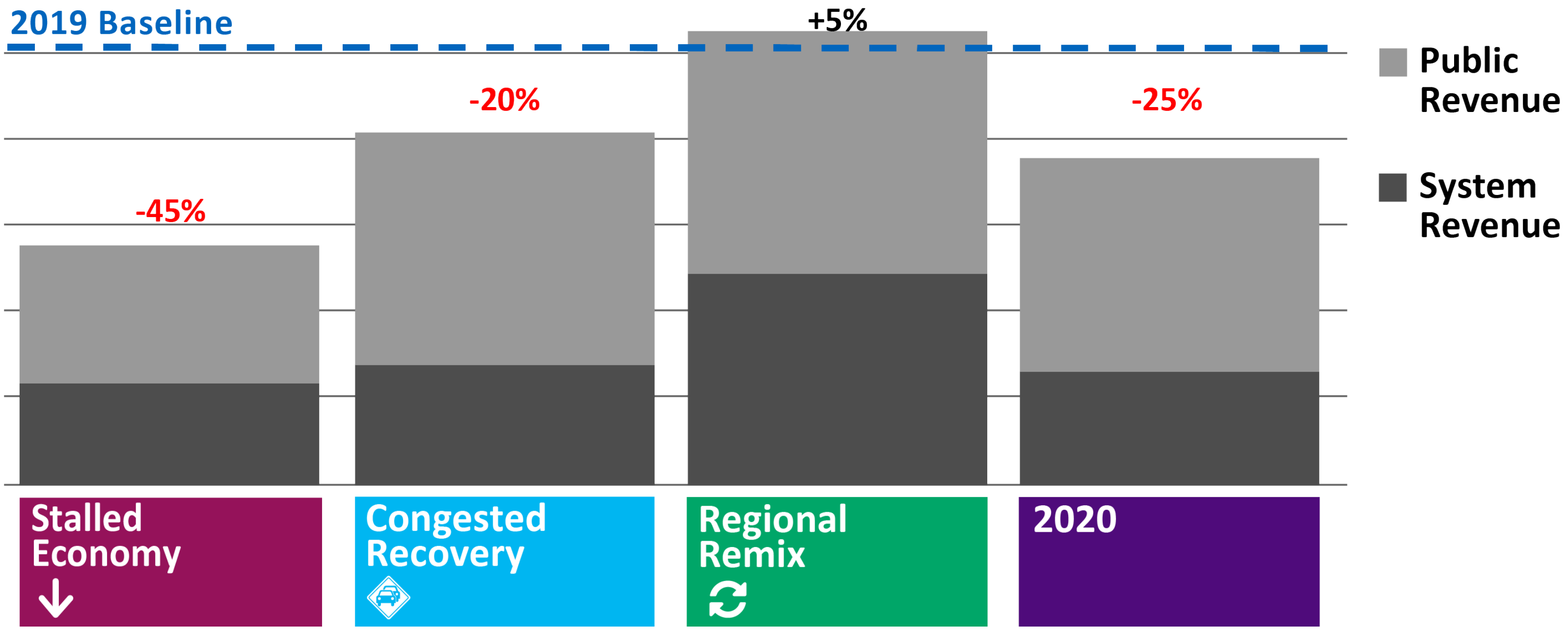
SCENARIO RESULTS COMPARISON TO 2020



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NEXT STEPS

- Convene stakeholder workshops to discuss:
  - Changes to transit mobility needs
  - Strategies for pursuing *Invest in Transit* in different environment
  - Policy actions needed to prevent crisis
- Share feedback with RTA Board
- Use guide workplan for 2021

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DISCUSSION

- What COVID-19 impacts to transit are you most concerned about?
- How well do the three scenarios capture potential futures?
- What would you like to learn from stakeholders?

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ACTION ITEMS

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7A. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 REGIONAL AND SERVICE BOARD BUDGETS

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REASONS FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT

- Required by May funding amendment
- Incorporate federal CARES Act funding for operations
  - Backfills fare revenue and public funding shortfalls
  - Protects recovery ratio requirements
- Provides updated base for 2021 budget development

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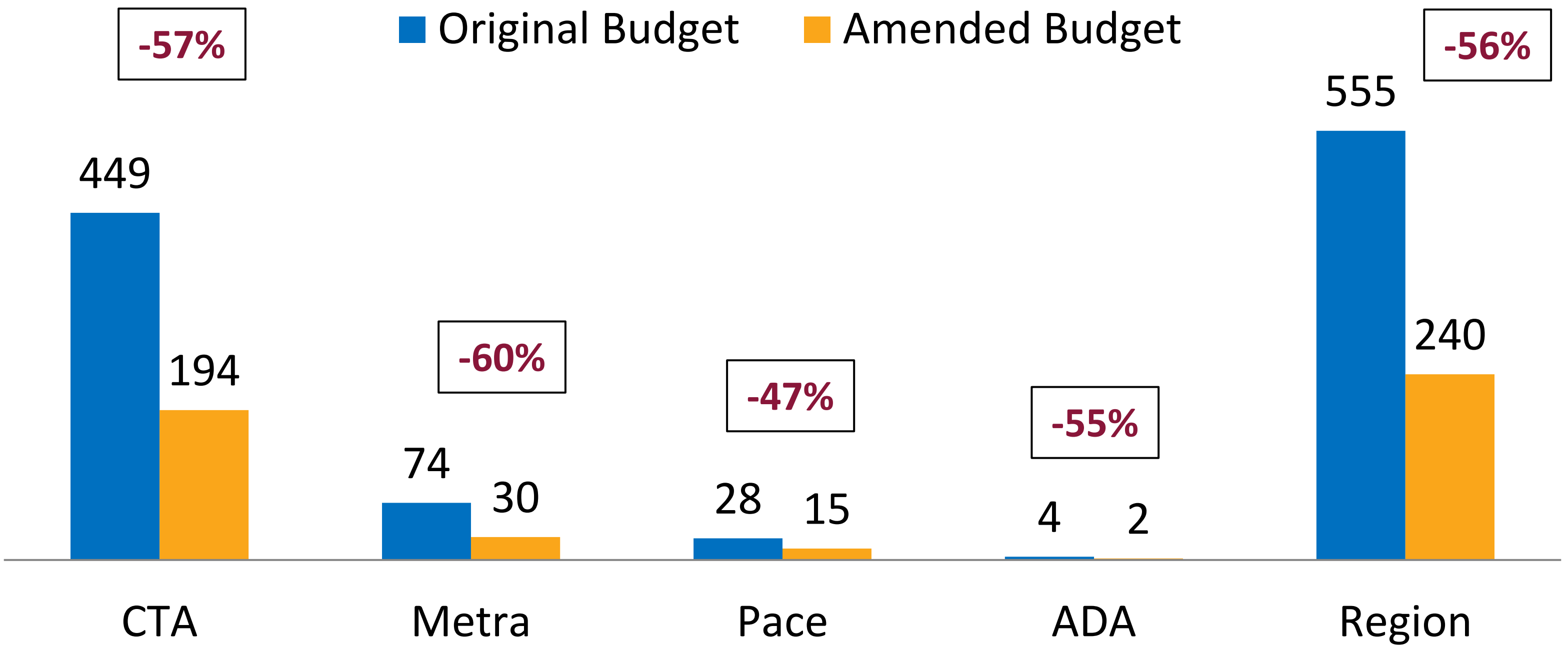
2020 RIDERSHIP PROJECTION (IN MILLIONS)



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SERVICE BOARD EXPENSES (IN MILLIONS)

	2020 Budget	2020 Amended	**Change**	% Change
CTA	$1,570.5	$1,592.1	**$21.6**	+1.4%
Metra	827.4	795.2	**(32.2)**	-3.9%
Pace	239.9	239.9	**(0.0)**	-0.0%
ADA Paratransit	195.3	153.6	**(41.7)**	-21.4%
Total SB Expense	**$2,833.1**	**$2,780.8**	**($52.3)**	-1.8%

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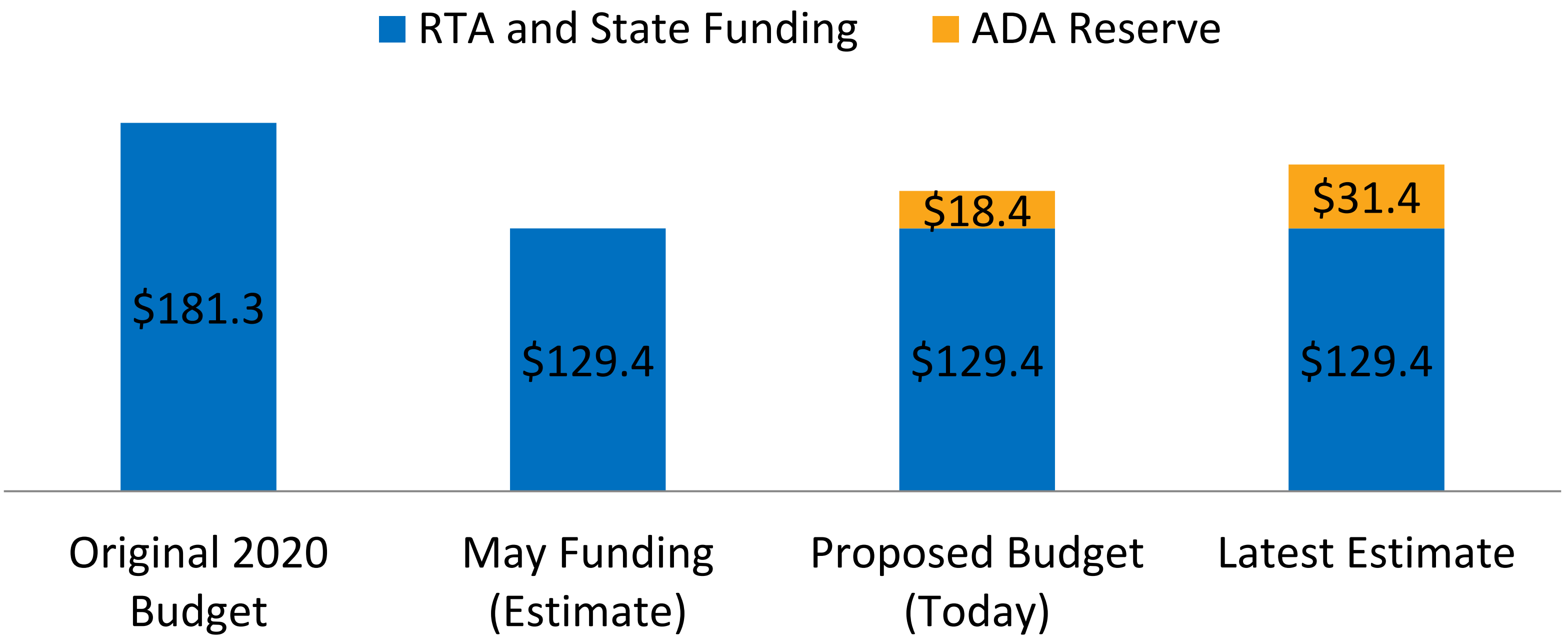
ADA PARATRANSIT FUNDING



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RECOVERY RATIOS

	2020 Budget	2020 Amended
CTA	55.3%	54.8%
Metra	52.5%	53.0%
Pace	30.3%	30.3%
Region	**50.2%**	**51.3%**
ADA Paratransit	10.0%	10.0%

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RTA ACTIONS

- $7.7M of reductions versus original 2020 budget to maintain balance with CARES Act funding.
  - Identified $3.5M reduction, or 10% of original $35.1M 2020 Agency Budget net expense:
    - Administrative net expense, -$0.9M
    - Regional Services and Programs net expense, -$2.6M
  - Identified $4.2M reduction of net debt service due to lower interest rates

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CARES ACT FUNDING UTILIZED

Better than expected sales tax results and/or positive budget variances will decrease the amount of CARES Act funding ultimately required for 2020.

(in millions)	Total Apportionment	Budgeted For Lost Fare Revenue	Budgeted For Lost Funding	% Of Total Utilized*
CTA	$817.5	$425.5	$264.6	84.4%
Metra	$479.2	$194.5	$100.6	61.6%
Pace	$112.8	$29.7	$53.4	73.7%
RTA	$28.8	---	$28.8	100.0%
Total	**$1,438.3**	**$649.7**	**$447.4**	**76.3%**

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7b. RESOLUTIONS CERTIFYING FINANCIAL RESULTS - SECOND QUARTER 2020

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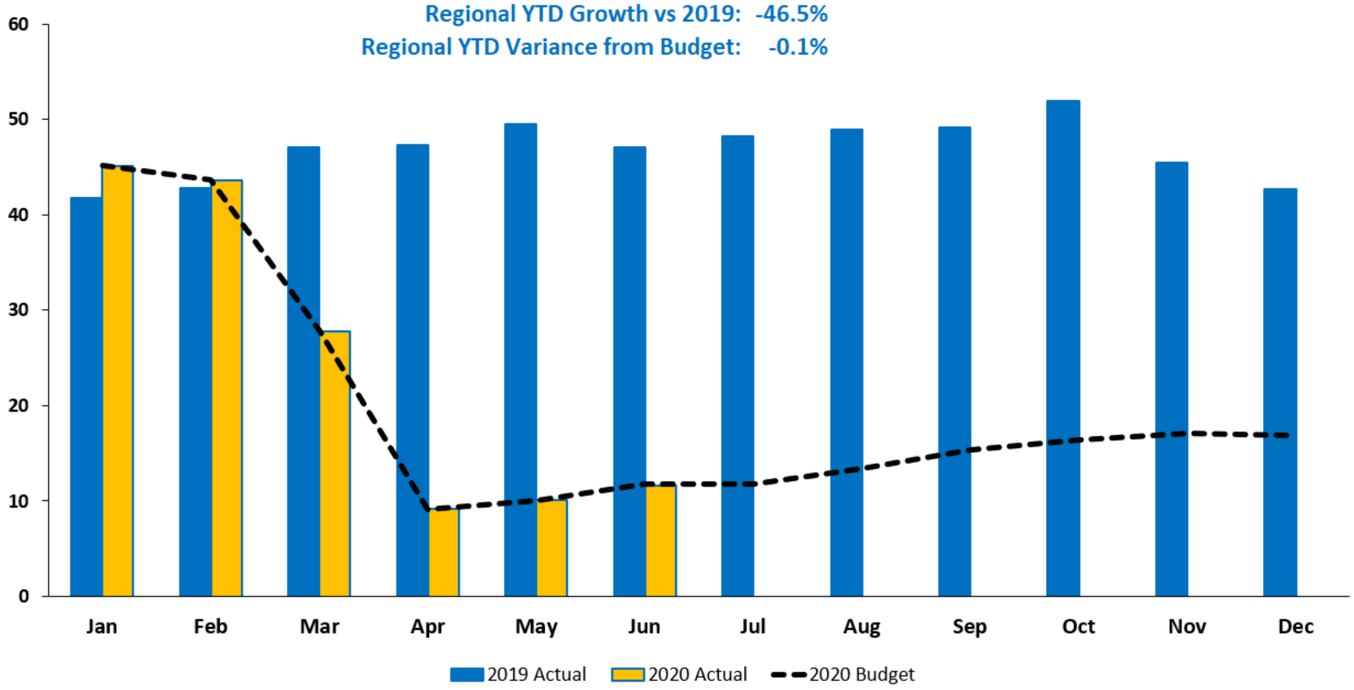

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7b. RESOLUTIONS CERTIFYING FINANCIAL RESULTS - SECOND QUARTER 2020

OPERATING REVENUE				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	% Variance
CTA	$326.8	$326.8	($0.0)	(0.0%)
Metra	$183.2	$187.7	($4.5)	(2.4%)
Pace	$24.1	$24.1	($0.0)	(0.0%)
Pace ADA	$4.3	$4.3	$0.0	0.0%
Total	**$538.5**	**$543.0**	**($4.5)**	**(0.8%)**

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7b. RESOLUTIONS CERTIFYING FINANCIAL RESULTS - SECOND QUARTER 2020

PUBLIC FUNDING				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	% Variance
CTA	$432.3	$403.7	$28.6	7.1%
Metra	$198.1	$193.3	$4.9	2.5%
Pace	$70.9	$68.4	$2.5	3.6%
Pace ADA	$83.2	$83.2	($0.0)	(0.0%)
Total	**$784.6**	**$748.6**	**$35.9**	**4.8%**

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7b. RESOLUTIONS CERTIFYING FINANCIAL RESULTS - SECOND QUARTER 2020

EXPENSES				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	% Variance
CTA	$781.7	$781.7	$0.0	0.0%
Metra	$372.5	$381.0	$8.4	2.2%
Pace	$103.0	$118.6	$15.6	13.2%
Pace ADA	$94.1	$94.1	$0.0	0.0%
Total	**$1,351.3**	**$1,375.4**	**$24.1**	**1.8%**

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7b. RESOLUTIONS CERTIFYING FINANCIAL RESULTS - SECOND QUARTER 2020

NET RESULTS			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
CTA	($22.6)	($51.2)	$28.6
Metra	$8.8	$0.0	$8.8
Pace	($7.9)	($26.0)	$18.1
Pace ADA	($6.5)	($6.5)	($0.0)
Total	**($28.2)**	**($83.8)**	**$55.5**

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7b. RESOLUTIONS CERTIFYING FINANCIAL RESULTS - SECOND QUARTER 2020

YEAR-TO-DATE RECOVERY RATIOS					
	Without CARES	CARES $	With CARES	Budget	Variance
CTA	29.9%	$143.7	51.4%	51.4%	(0.0)
Metra	31.4%	$74.9	53.0%	53.0%	(0.0)
Pace	22.7%	$7.1	30.0%	25.8%	4.1
Pace ADA	7.1%	$0.0	7.1%	7.7%	(0.6)
Total	**29.6%**	**$225.8**	**48.9%**	**48.3%**	**0.6**

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7b. RESOLUTIONS CERTIFYING FINANCIAL RESULTS - SECOND QUARTER 2020

YEAR-TO-DATE OPERATING DEFICIT (millions)				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	% Variance
CTA	($454.9)	($454.9)	$0.0	0.0%
Metra	($189.3)	($193.3)	$3.9	2.0%
Pace	($78.9)	($94.5)	$15.6	16.5%
Pace ADA	($89.7)	($89.7)	$0.0	0.0%
Total	**($812.8)**	**($832.4)**	**$19.6**	**2.4%**

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7c. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2020-2024 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND EXTENDING ICE FUNDED PROJECTS

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7d. ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RTA'S FEDERALLY MANDATED TITLE VI PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 2020-2023

7e. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR STATE CONSULTING SERVICES

7f. TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT(S)

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NEW BUSINESS

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NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 10.

We will advise you of the location or virtual nature of this meeting as the date approaches and the status of the COVID-19 situation is updated.

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