

Meeting of the RTA Board of Directors

December 15, 2022

Welcome! Meeting Starts at 9am

Meeting Agenda: [RTAChicago.org](https://www.rtachicago.org)



1. Call to order

Pledge of allegiance



RTA Board of Directors meeting

2. Roll call

3. Approval of minutes

4. Public comment



5. Executive Director's report



Budget and plan update

Date	Event
Thursday, December 15	RTA Board Meeting, Vote on Regional Budget and Capital Program
Monday, January 9	Public comment for <i>Transit is the Answer</i> closes
Thursday, February 16	RTA Board Meeting, Vote on <i>Transit is the Answer</i>

2023 Community planning program: call for projects

- Call closed October 14, 2022
- 64 total applications – 11 RTA review
- Priority to applicants from high and very high need communities
- Public comment period
January 17 - February 3, 2023



Today's agenda



6. Information items



6a. Update on the activities of the RTA Transit Access Citizens' Advisory Board



6b. Presentation of the Semi- Annual Project Management Oversight Report



PMO program

- Project Implementation and Delivery
- RTA Strategic Plan Goals and Priorities
- Transparency
- RTA website and RTAMS



State project life cycle



PMO projects

Funding source	Budget (\$ million)	New projects	Total number of projects
State Projects	\$2,454.1	17	81
Total Projects $\geq$ \$10M	\$7,417.2	8	73

State funded project status

Funding source	Total awarded (\$ million)	Expended (\$ million)	Active projects	Planning & procurement	Completed projects	Total projects
Rebuild Illinois	\$2,600.0	\$354.0	46	25	6	77
PAYGO	\$681.0	\$351.6	44	14	10	68

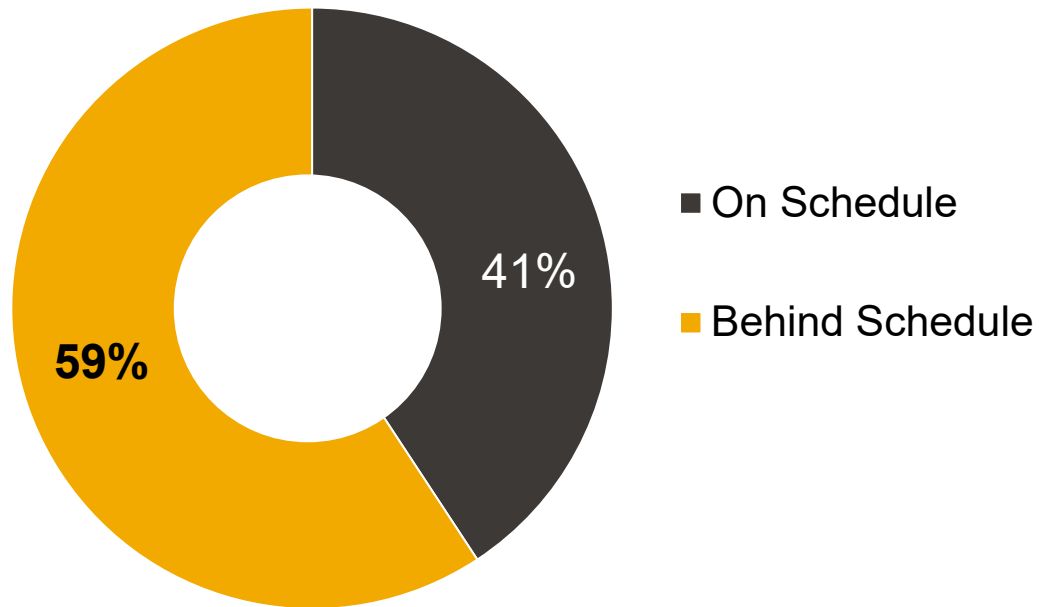
Project scope performance

- 3 Change orders this reporting period
- 89% of projects without change orders

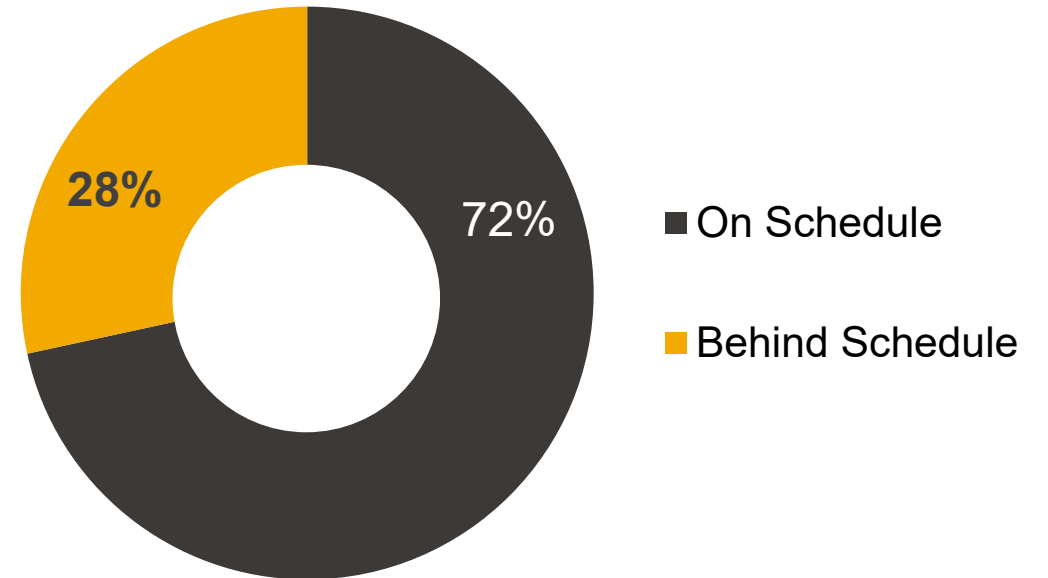


Project schedule performance

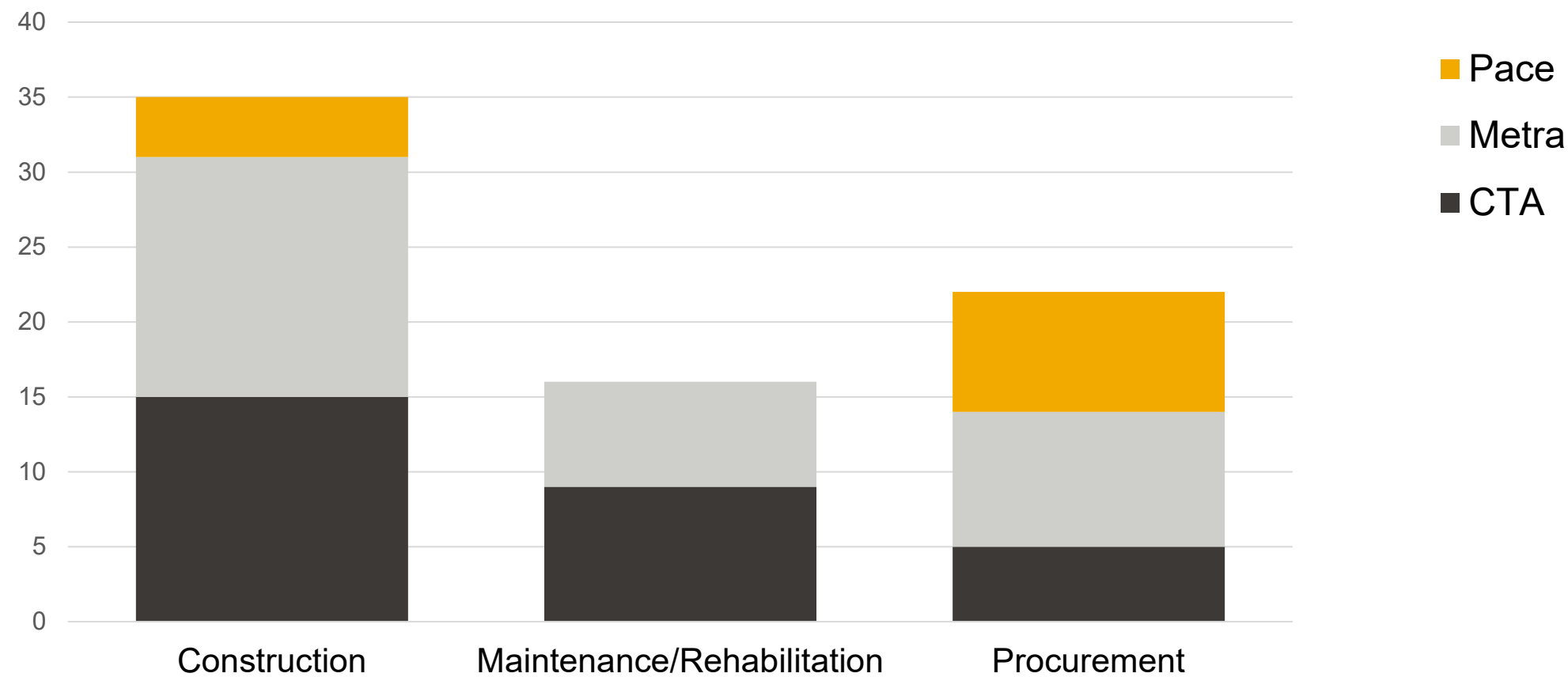
Overall Schedule



Project Implementation Schedule



Project types



Rebuild Illinois project highlights

Project	Highlights
CTA – Non-Revenue 61 st Street Rail Shop	This project will provide for the construction of a new maintenance and repair facility for non-revenue equipment. The design has been completed and construction activities are underway.
Metra – Ravenswood Station	Metra is undertaking the construction of a new station for the inbound half of the Ravenswood Station. The construction activities are ongoing with installation of light fixtures and tiles.
Pace – New I-55 Plainfield Garage	This project is for the construction of a new bus garage facility in Plainfield. The construction activities are nearing completion with installation of equipment and furniture underway.

Completed projects

Project	Highlights
CTA – Irving Park Station – Escalator and Canopy Replacement	CTA completed the replacement of escalators and canopies at the Irving Park Station.
Pace – Bus Stop Improvements – Joliet Gateway Center	Pace and the City of Joliet completed the construction of a new bus turnaround facility that is part of the Joliet Transportation Center project.
Pace – Purchase 15-Passenger Paratransit Buses	Pace completed the procurement of 23 paratransit vehicles under this project.



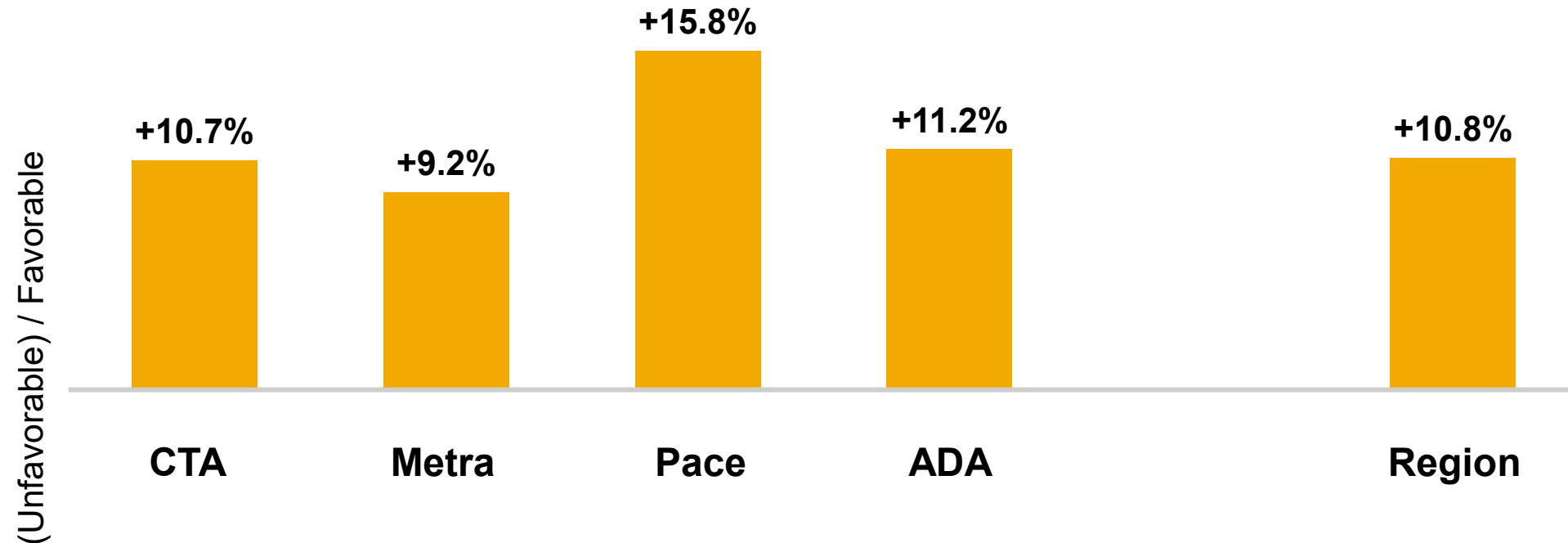
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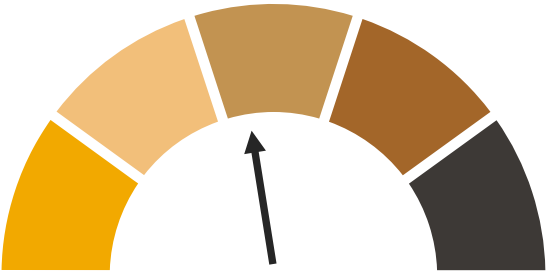
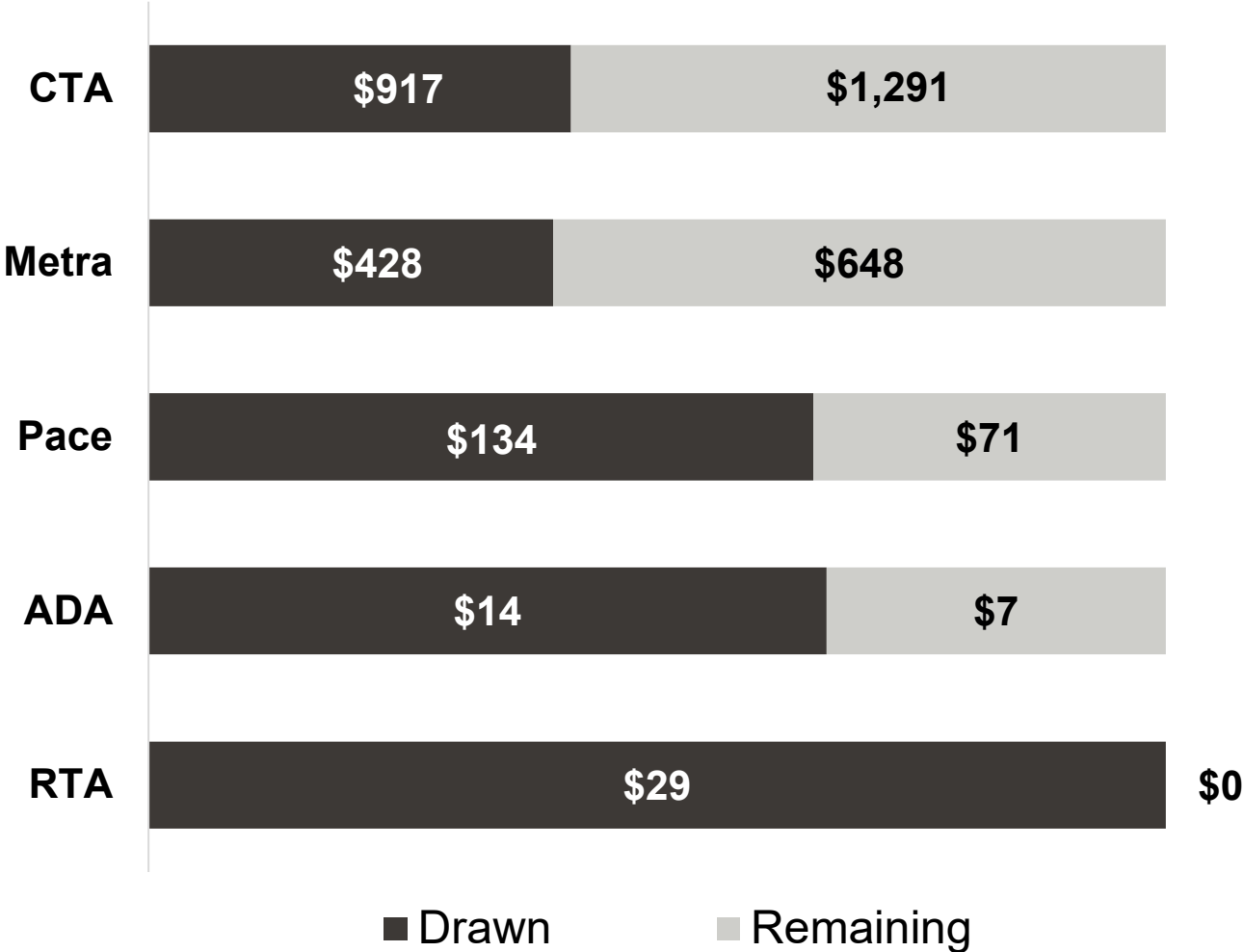
6c. Report on monthly financial results – October 2022



Operating deficit variances from budget – YTD through October



Relief funding drawn (in millions)



Region total
drawn = 43.0%

\$1.523B
of
\$3.540B



6d. Strategic Plan update



TRANSIT IS THE ANSWER

Five-Year Regional Transit Strategic Plan
Draft for Public Comment

December 2022



DRAFT

Transit is the Answer Draft

2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan

Summary of Draft Plan Release Activities

Plan released on December 5, 2022 and distributed through:

- Press Release, media outreach, social media
- Newsletter, emails and personalized outreach
- Joint public hearing with Budget

Public comment available through January 9, 2023:



Complete comment form available at
www.rtachicago.org/region/transit-is-the-answer

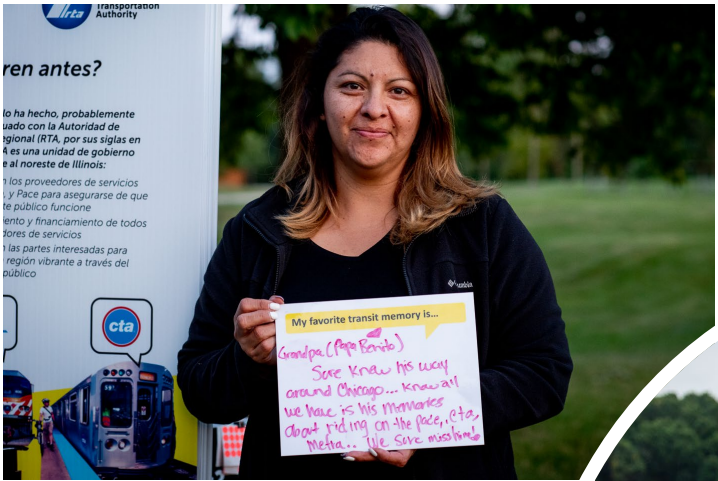
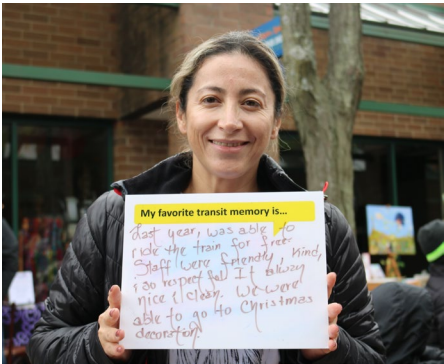


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New Process, New Voices



Committed to Change

Equity

Stewardship

Vision

**Safe, reliable, accessible
public transportation that connects
people to opportunity, advances equity,
and combats climate change.**

Principles



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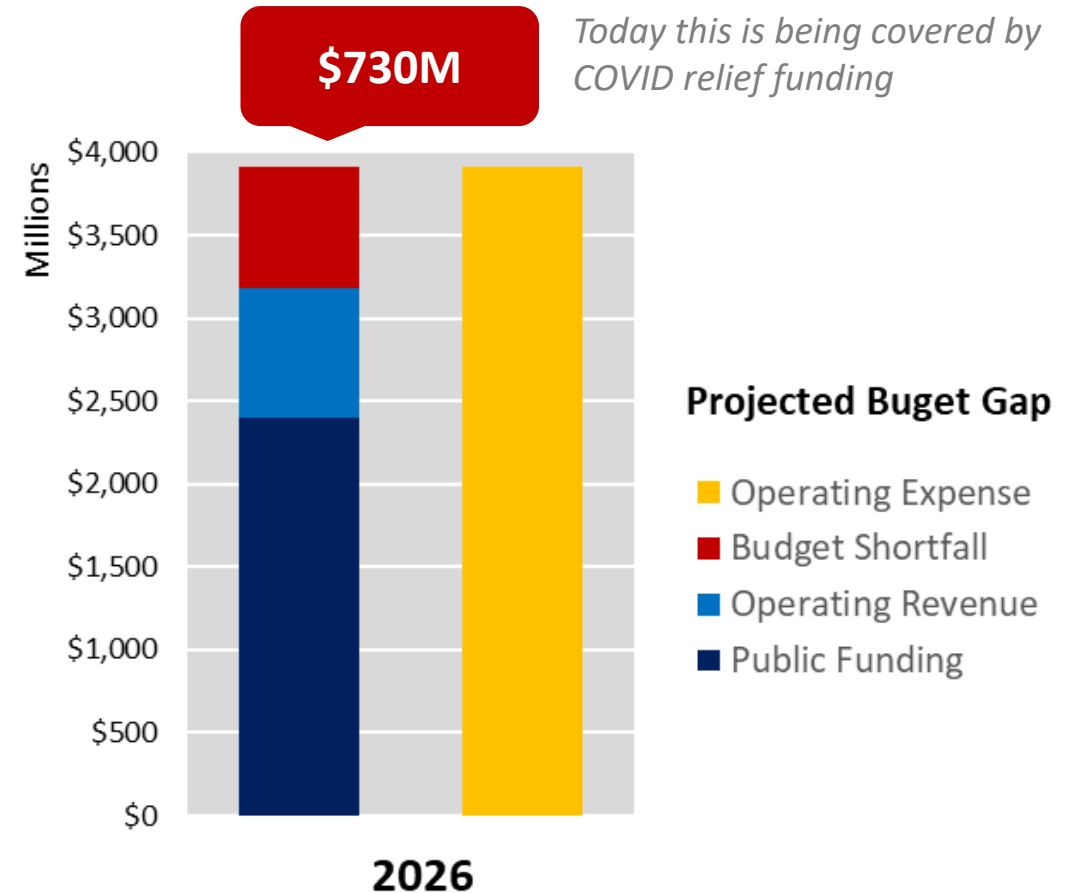
Equity



Stewardship

Current Funding Structure Not Sustainable as \$730 Million Transit Budget Deficit is Possible by 2026

Public Funding stable due to strong sales tax receipts
+
Operating Revenue very low due to fewer riders and fewer fares
=
Not enough to cover expenses in 2026



Transit Impact Analysis

For every \$1 invested in the Transit System, the Region gains \$3.86 in benefits



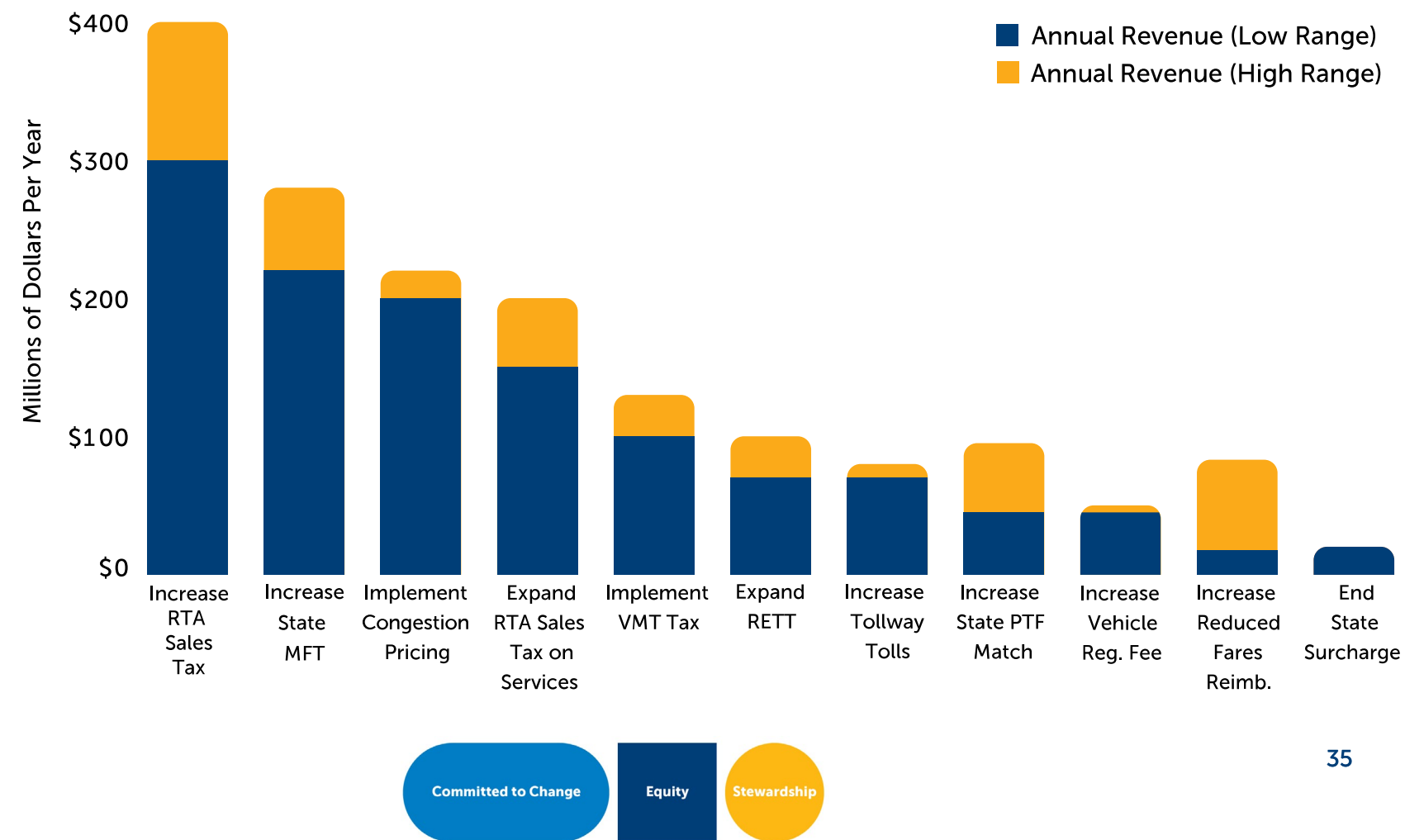
Inaction, Service Cuts, and Fare Increases are Not Acceptable – or Sustainable

- Drastic fare increases will drive down ridership
- Overwhelming support to seek additional funding to maintain and expand transit service



The Agencies are Working Toward Multi-Pronged Solutions

- Analyzed 27 potential revenue solutions identifying the top 11
- Evaluation criteria
- Combination approach



Capital Funding is Stable and Paying Dividends

- Rebuild Illinois funds end drought in state capital funding – for now
- Federal infrastructure law is keeping the construction projects flowing
- Administrative improvements at the RTA and Service Boards are improving transparency and speeding up delivery
- 12 new evaluation themes and metrics to be incorporated into 5-year capital program

We're Moving Forward with an Agenda for Advocacy and Action

- Background and evidence
- Stakeholder Working Group input
- Related projects, pilots, and accomplishments
- Activities to support the agenda
- What could be possible with more

Shared Regional Activities

Transit Funding

Take affirmative steps forward to secure increased funding for transit operations and make the system less reliant upon fare revenue through:

- Executing a public outreach campaign
- Identify funding options and developing revenue proposals.
- Obtaining continued recovery ratio relief and developing permanent funding structural reform.

Shared Regional Activities

Rider Experience

Deliver a set of new regional transit initiatives that will make the system better for riders including:

- Convening a region-wide, cross-sector safety and security summit.
- Seeking funding to pilot an expanded regional free or reduced fare program available to people experiencing low incomes.
- Commissioning an independent review of the accessibility and quality of rider communication, signage, and information-sharing.

Shared Regional Activities

Thriving Communities

Collaboratively begin development of three action plans to program investments that support a thriving region including:

- A regional blueprint for improved accessibility.
- A regional transit climate action plan.
- A transit-friendly communities policy.

Measuring Progress

In the future our region's transit system will be...

- Safe, accessible, reliable, and useful for riders
- In a state of good repair
- Financially stable

In the future our region will be...

- Connected
- Winning the fight against climate change
- Thriving

Call to Action

- *Organizations:* Join our **Transit is the Answer Coalition**. We will be in touch about opportunities for you to participate in plan implementation activities.
 - A partner toolkit to advocate for increased funding for transit will be available upon RTA Board consideration of this plan in February 2023.
- *Individuals:* Sign up for RTA communications and follow RTA on social media to receive regular updates on the coalition and progress on the plan actions.
- Visit www.rtachicago.org to sign up and learn more.

Next Steps

- To comment on the plan, go to www.rtachicago.org/region/transit-is-the-answer and use the comment form by January 9, 2023.
- Incorporating input and finalizing draft.
- *Transit is the Answer* presented for adoption at the February 2023 Meeting of the RTA Board of Directors.
- Plan implementation

6e. The Illinois General Assembly's request for CMAP's transit recommendations



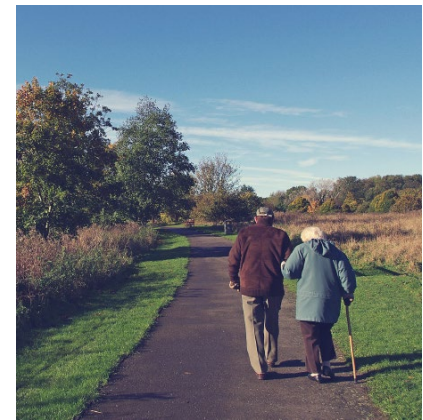
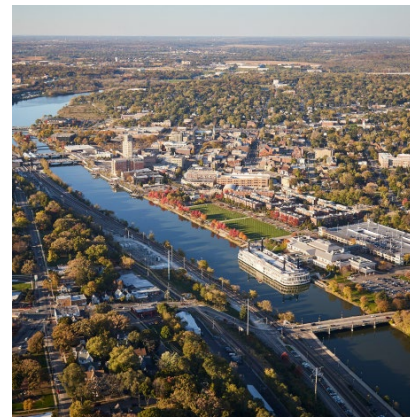
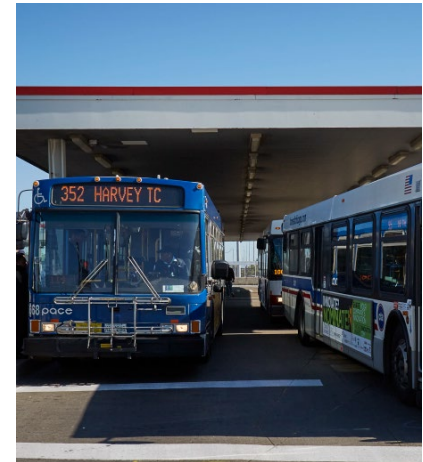


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Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

RTA Board

December 15, 2022



Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

State directive via Public Act 102-1028

Public Act 102-1028

SB3848 Enrolled

LRB102 25837 AWJ 35185 b

AN ACT concerning local government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is amended by adding Section 5.10 as follows:

(70 ILCS 3615/5.10 new)

Sec. 5.10. Report of legislative recommendations.

(a) By January 1, 2024, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and its MPO Policy Committee, in coordination with the Authority, shall develop and submit a report of legislative recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly regarding changes to the recovery ratio, sales tax formula and distributions, governance structures, regional fare systems, and any other changes to State statute, Authority, or Service Board enabling legislation, policy,

Legislative mandate



Focus areas

- Long-term financial viability
 - Comprehensive and coordinated system
 - Safety
 - Security
 - Cleanliness
 - Efficiency
 - Supports and fosters efficient land use



Considerations

- Racial equity
- Climate change
- Economic development
- The RTA's strategic planning efforts

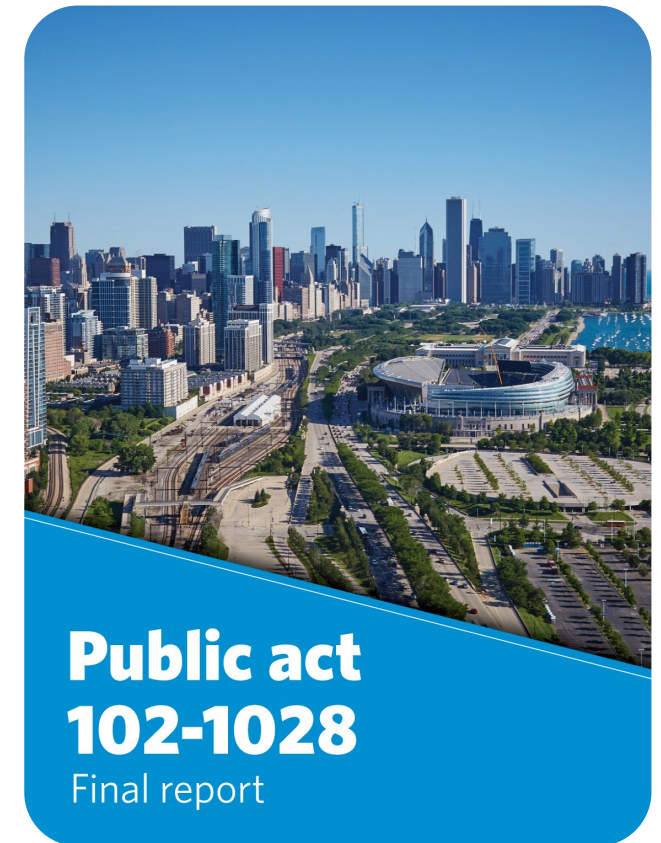
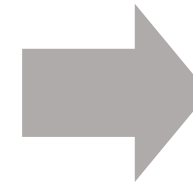
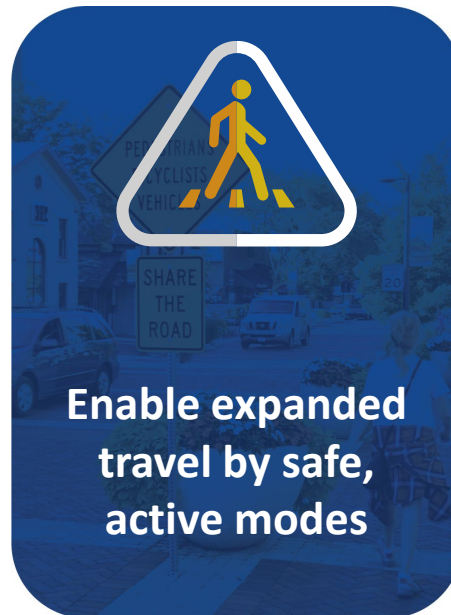


Mechanisms

- The recovery ratio
- Sales tax formula and distributions
- Governance structures
- Regional fare systems
- Any other changes to State statute, Authority, or Service Board...
 - Enabling legislation
 - Policy
 - Rules
 - Funding

Builds on prior CMAP work

The report will be informed by Mobility Recovery project recommendations



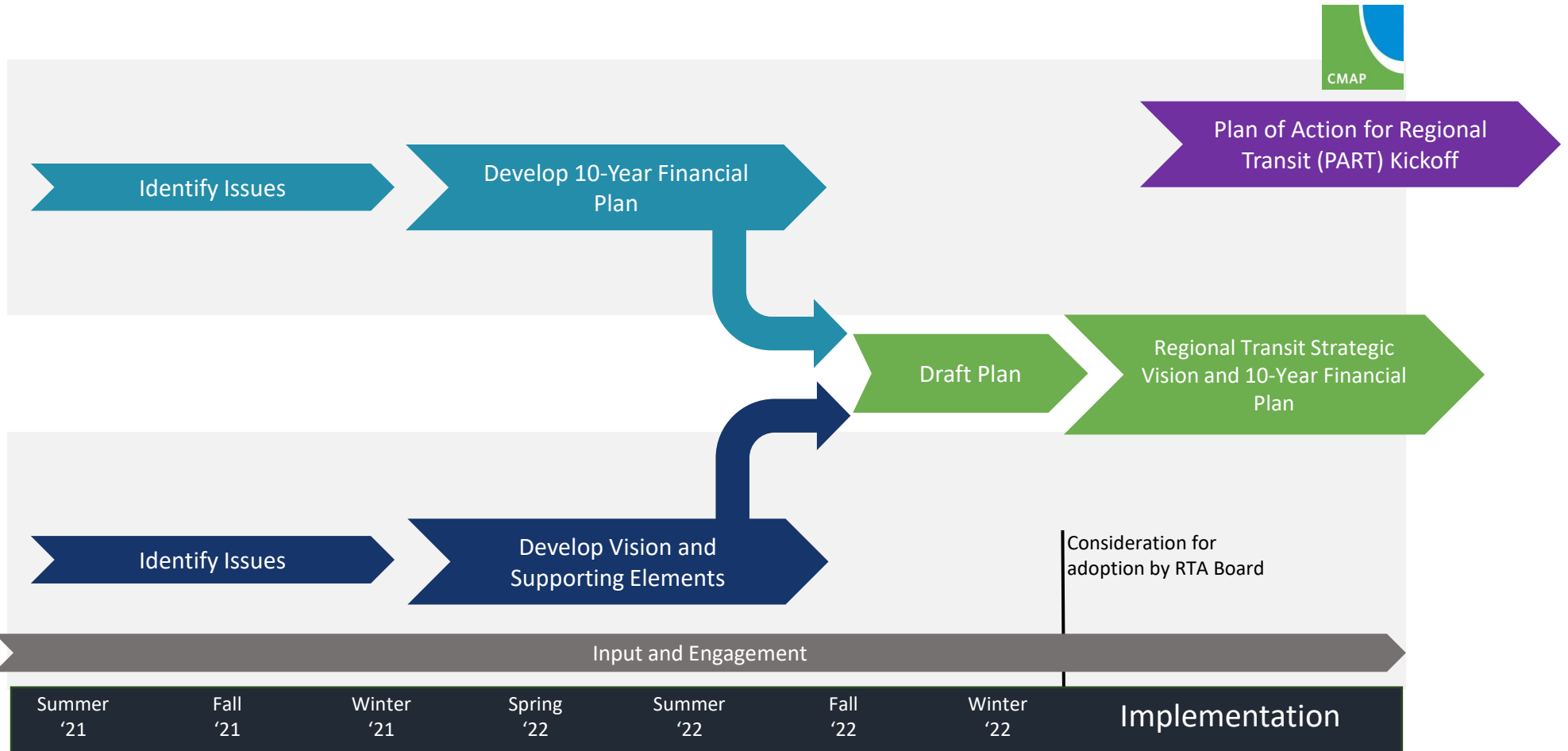
Final report

102-1028

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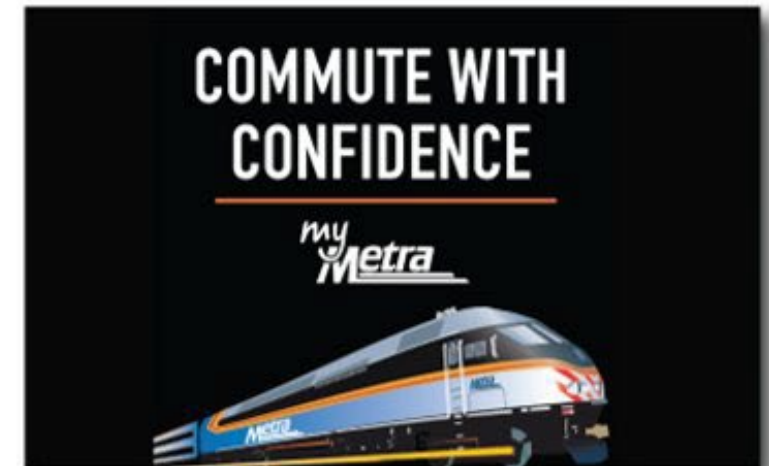
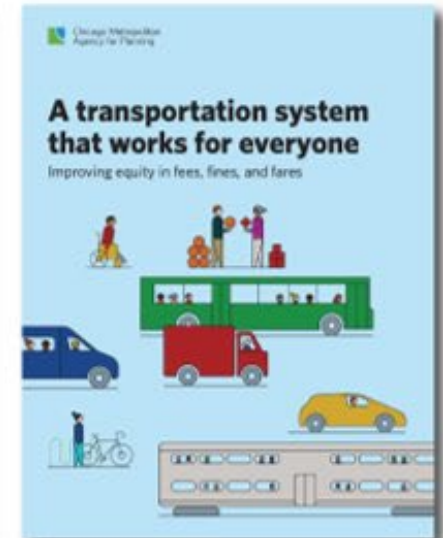
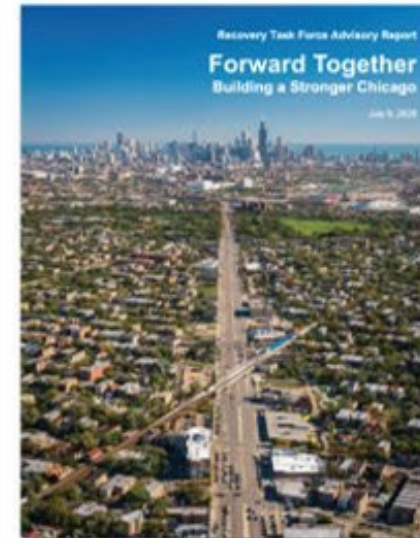
Leverages work done in RTA strategic plan

rta Financial Planning



rta Strategic Planning

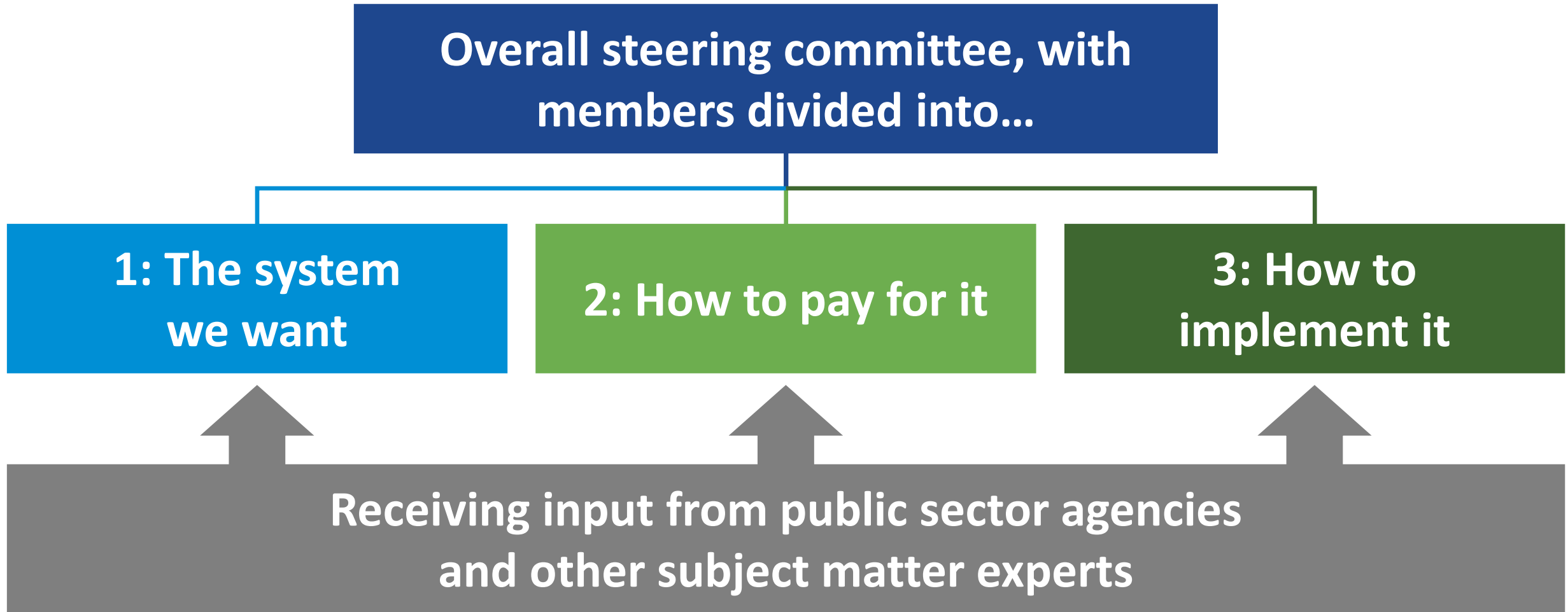
Builds on prior regional resources



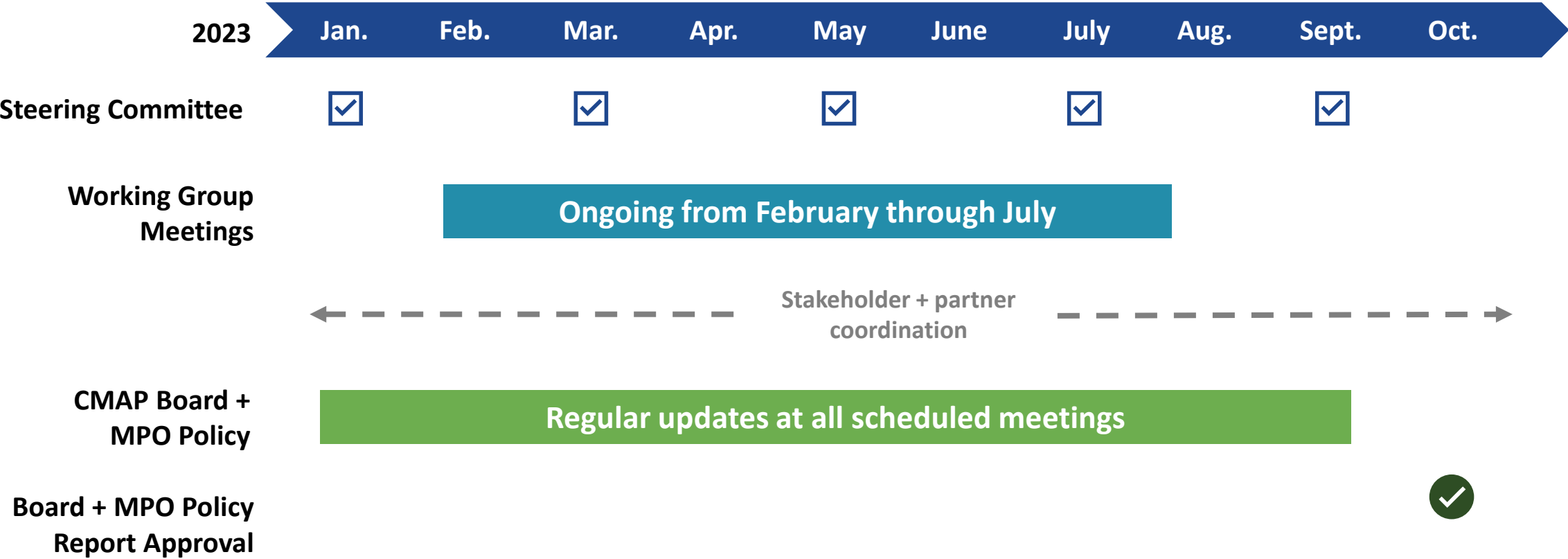
Project timeline

July – Sep. 2022	Scoping and project planning
Oct. 2022	Joint Board/MPO Policy Committee discussion
Oct. – Dec. 2022	Pre-work (recruiting steering committee, developing the context, refining scope)
Jan. 2023	Convene steering committee as defined in the legislation
Jan. – Sep. 2023	Steering and working committee meetings/updates, public engagement, recommendation and report development, legislative coordination
Oct. 2023	CMAP Board and MPO approve content of report for legislature
Nov. – Dec. 2023	Socialization of final recommendations with the ILGA
Jan. 2024	Report of recommendations submitted to legislature January 1

Steering committee structure



Stakeholder engagement



Report content

The system we want



Identify strategies to increase ridership and to improve the transit user experience

- Regional rail
- Better bus service
- Fare integration
- Transit-oriented development (TOD)
- ADA accessibility

How to pay for it



Investigate existing and new revenue sources, and examine cost reduction levers

- Revenue sources
 - (Modify) Existing: sales tax, state funds: motor fuel tax, public transportation funds, fare revenue (recovery ratio)
 - New: tolling / vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- Cost efficiencies

How to implement it



Determine how to effectively implement new governance structures and other changes

- Funding allocation
- Decision-making
- Planning responsibilities
- Operating responsibilities



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What we need from you?

- Strong internal & external partnership
- Technical expertise
- Regional perspective
- Partnership in an expedited timeline
- Proactive discussions on complex issues
- Commit to a Plan of Action for Regional Transit





Next steps

- Kick off meetings with service boards leadership & staff (*completed*)
- Present to all working committees and other public sector stakeholders
- Launch steering committee in mid-January
- Ongoing coordination with RTA





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Please contact us with any questions
or concerns.





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Thank you!

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7. Action items



7a. Ordinance authorizing the amendment of the 2022-2026 Capital Program

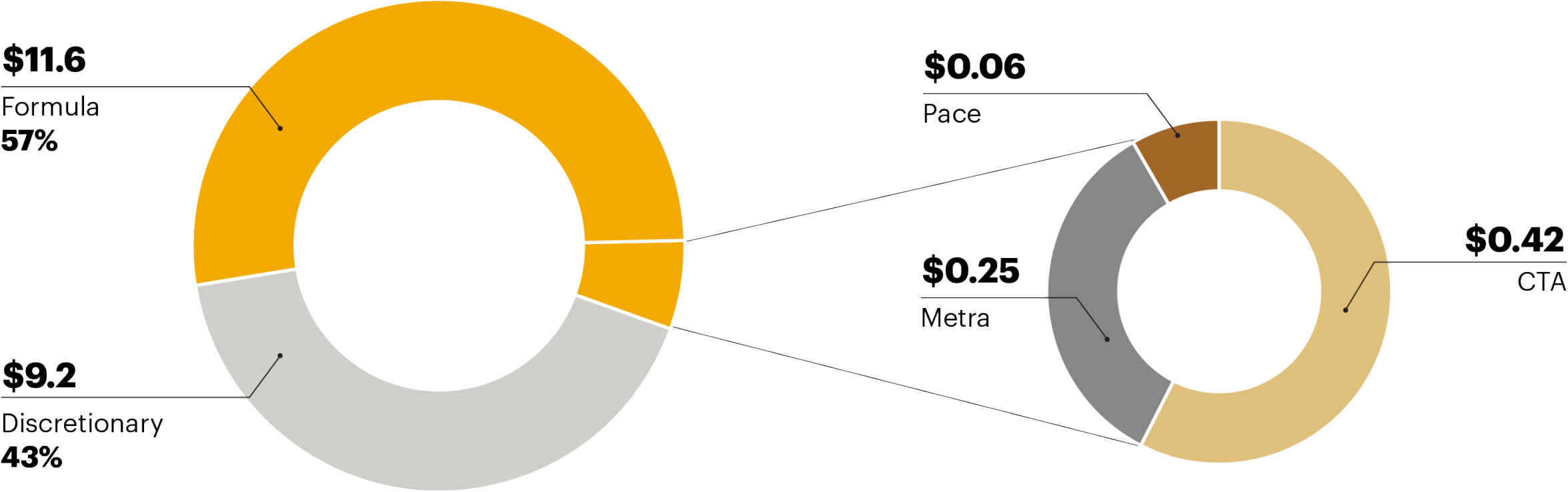


2022-2026 funding changes (in millions)

2022-2026 Capital Program funding changes

	Current	Change	Proposed
CTA	\$2,615.75	\$69.05	\$2,684.80
Metra	\$1,573.39	\$19.62	\$1,593.01
Pace	\$309.66	\$32.82	\$342.48
2022-2026 Capital Program total available	\$4,498.80	\$121.49	\$4,620.29

Federal funding (2022) (in billions)



Discretionary opportunities

Discretionary Grant Program (greater than \$100M)	2022 Funds (in billions)
New Starts	\$2.95
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)	1.42
Low and No Emission Bus and Bus Facilities	1.12
Railroad Crossing Elimination	1.10
Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program	0.61
Core Capacity	0.46
Small Starts (includes Expedited Delivery Program)	0.39
Bus and Bus Facilities Program – Discretionary	0.38
All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)	0.35
State of Good Repair - Discretionary	0.30

Funding source highlight:

RAISE:

- (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity)
- Designed to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives
- Pace received a \$20.0M grant for the Harvey Intermodal Transit Center



Funding source highlight:

- 5339B Buses and Bus Facilities Program Discretionary:
- To replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and equipment and to construct bus-related facilities, including low and no emission operations.
- CTA received \$23.0M for Chicago Garage Electrification and \$5.8M for electric bus purchases



Funding source highlight:

- Areas of Persistent Poverty Program:
- Provides funding for planning studies or financial plans to improve transit in areas experiencing long-term economic distress.
- CTA received \$450K for planning on the Red Line Extension (RLE)



Funding source highlight:

- Community Project Funding:
- Grants for public transportation projects whose recipients and purposes are specifically identified by Congress in an appropriations act
- CTA Received 3 grants
- \$2.0M 103rd St Garage electrification
- \$2.1M ASAP – Elevator Replacement
- \$1.5M RLE Design



Proposed ordinances for approval

Approval of the Amendment to the 2022-2026
Capital Program

7b. Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Budgets, 2024- 2025 Financial Plans, and 2023- 2027 Capital Programs of the Service Boards and Authority



RTA 2023 budget hearings

County Board Presentations

11/1/22	Cook	11/4/22	Lake
11/10/22	McHenry	11/22/22	DuPage
12/8/22	Will	12/13/22	Kane

RTA Public Hearing

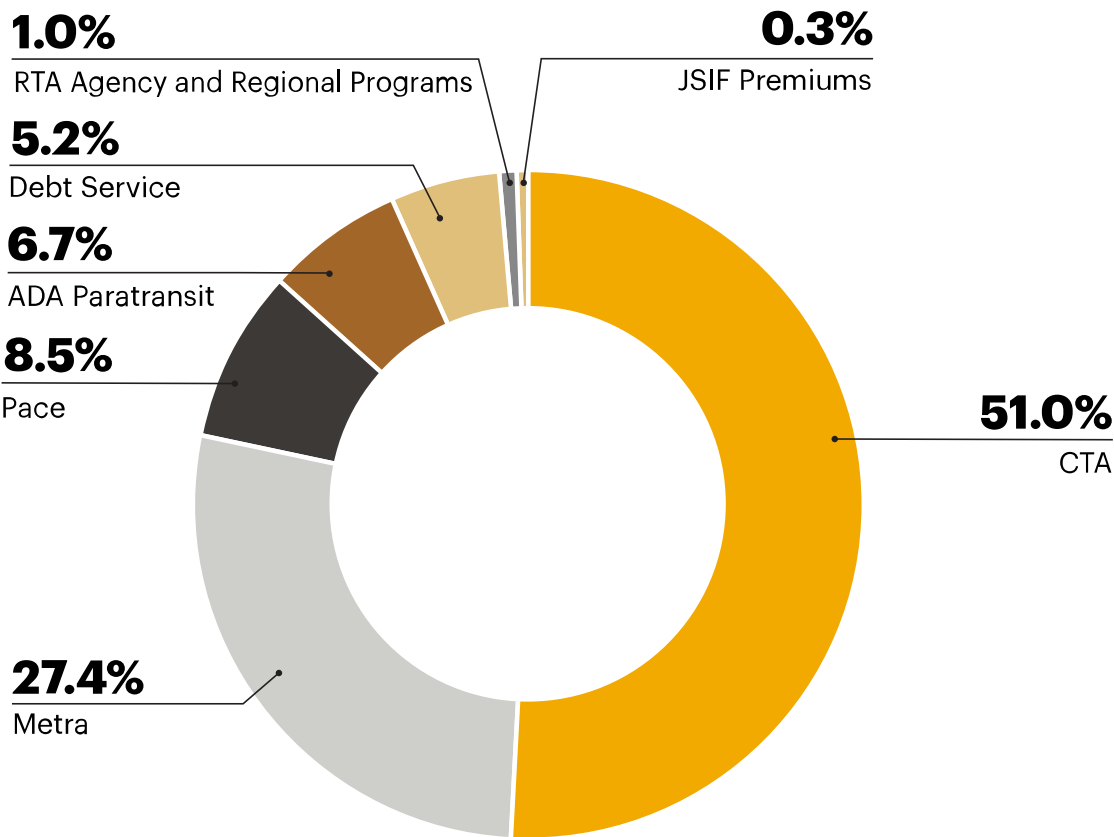
12/7/22 Virtual via Zoom, 21 attendees provided testimony



Regional operating budget

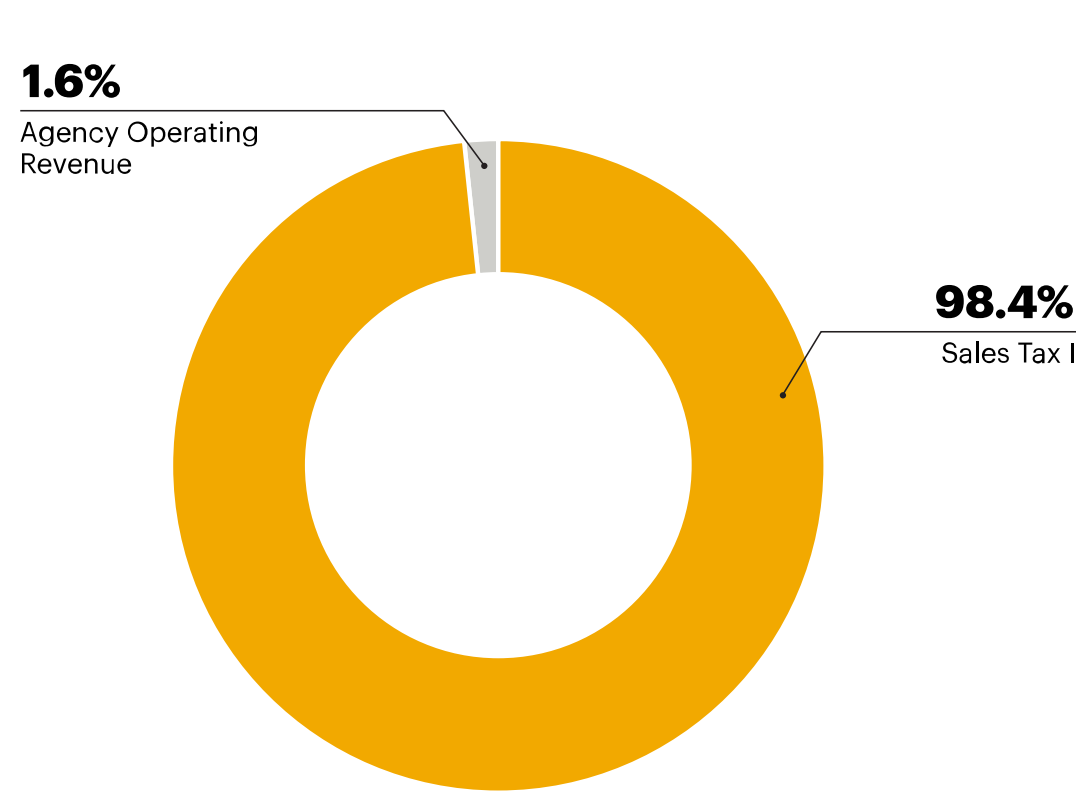
Proposed 2023 regional operating budget:
\$3.583 billion

- 6.0% increase over 2022 budget
- 11.3% increase over 2022 estimate

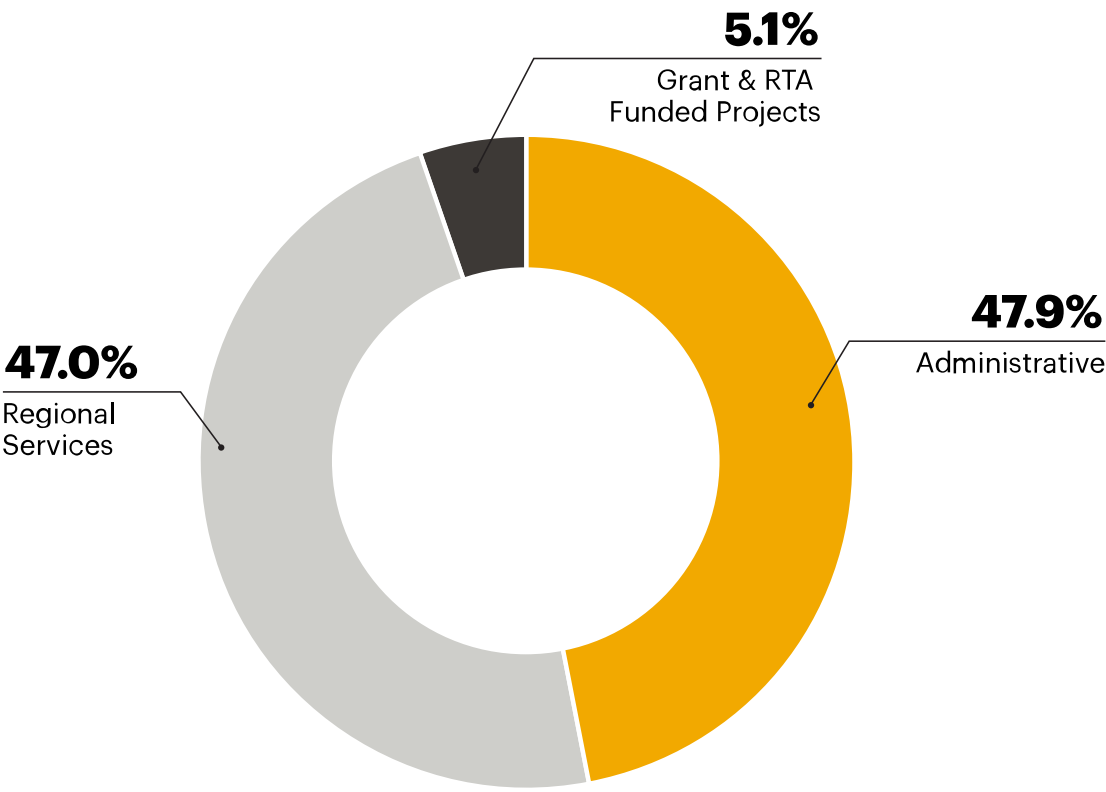


2023 RTA agency budget

Revenues = \$36.9 million



Expenses = \$36.9 million



Federal COVID relief funding utilization

(in millions)	Total allocated	Drawn for 2020-2022	Budgeted for 2023-2025	Remaining after 2025
CTA	\$2,209.2	\$986.7	\$1,206.3	\$16.2
Metra	\$1,076.2	\$477.0	\$599.2	\$0.0
Pace Suburban Service	\$205.5	\$161.5	\$44.0	\$0.0
ADA Paratransit	\$20.7	\$13.8	---	\$6.9
RTA	\$28.8	\$28.8	---	\$0.0
Total	\$3,540.4	\$1,667.8	\$1,849.5	\$23.1
Percent of total	---	47.1%	52.2%	0.7%



Recovery ratios

System-Generated revenue recovery ratios	RTA requirement	2023 as budgeted	2024 as planned	2025 as planned
CTA	42.0%	50.1%	50.7%	50.1%
Metra	39.0%	50.0%	50.9%	50.6%
Pace Suburban Service	17.0%	17.0%	17.0%	17.0%
Region (statutory)*	37.0%	45.8%	50.0%	50.0%
ADA Paratransit	7.5%	7.5%	10.0%	10.0%
Region (excluding relief funding)	---	23.6%	25.4%	26.4%

* Includes non-specific regional level-revenue credits of \$101 million and \$122 million to meet 50% requirement in 2024 and 2025, respectively.

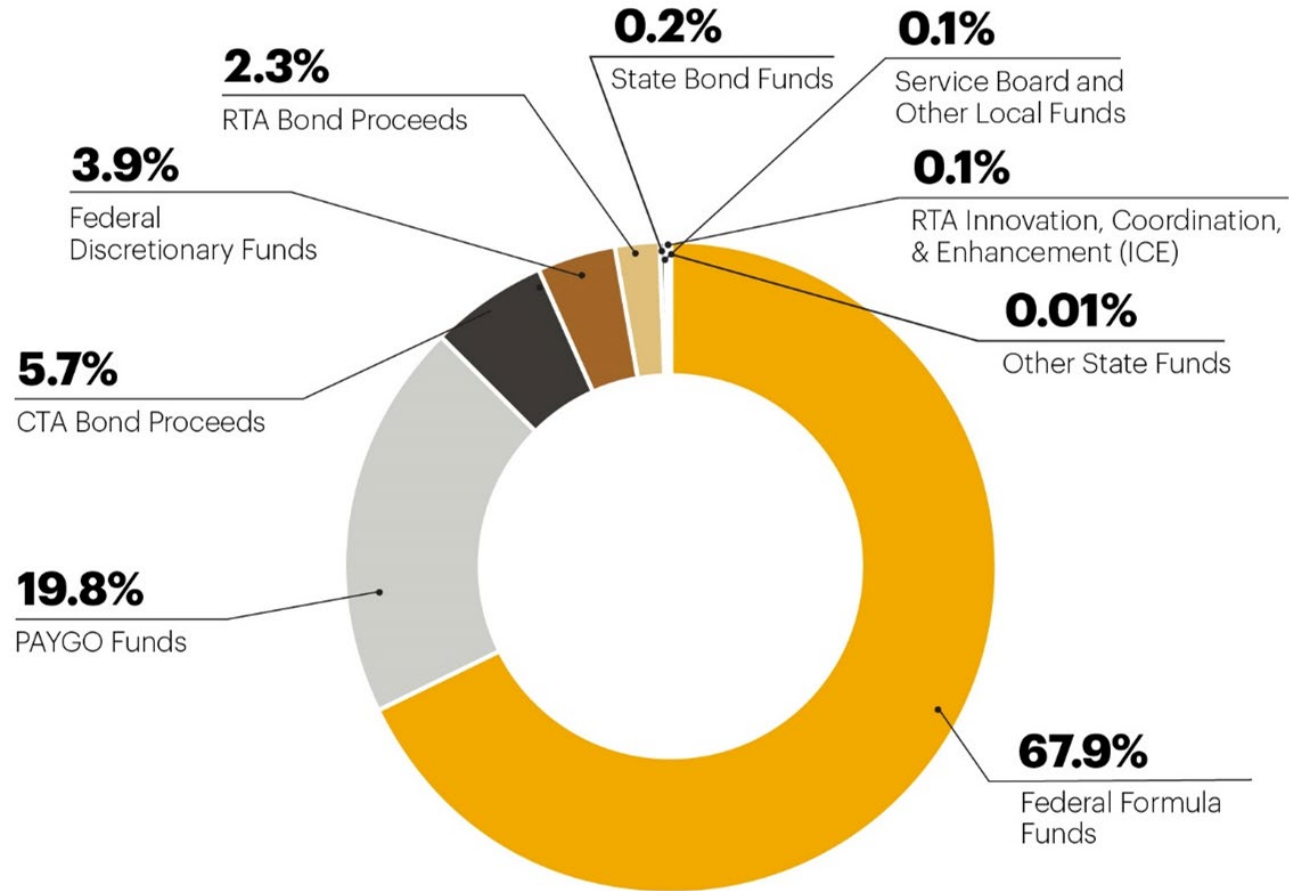


Capital Program

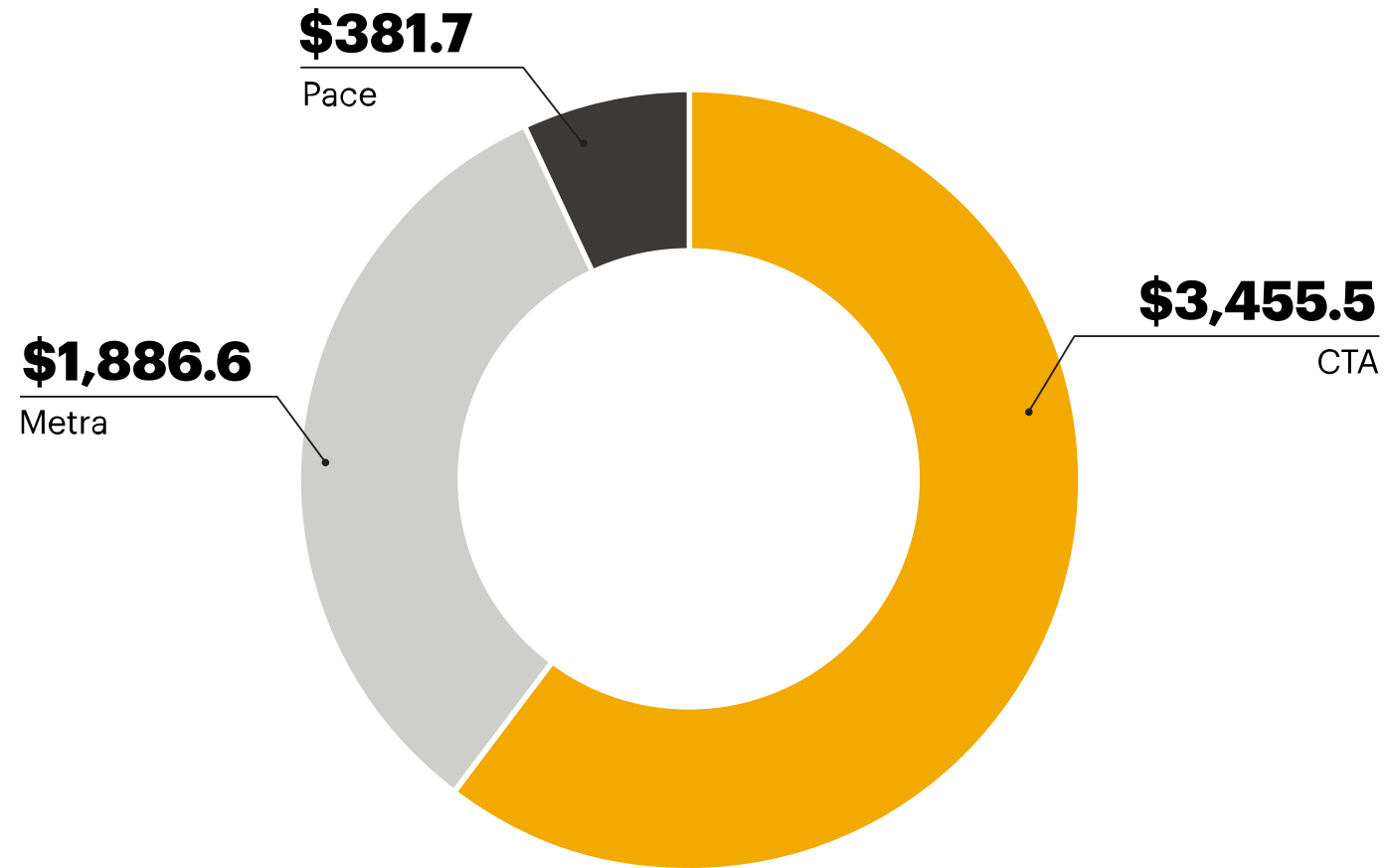


2023-2027 Regional Capital Program funding

**Proposed 2023-2027
Capital Program: \$5.724 billion**



2023-2027 Funding by Service Board (in millions)



Equity

Service Board	Project	2023-2027 Program
CTA	Red Line Extension	\$340 million
	Bus Slow Zone Elimination	\$15 million
Metra	Auburn Park Station	\$32 million
	Harvey Transportation Center	\$21 million
Pace	Pulse 95th Street	\$21 million
	Paratransit Vehicle Purchase	\$19 million



Accessibility

Service Board	Project	2023-2027 Program
CTA	All Stations Accessibility Program	\$110 million
	Reconstruct Brown Line Western Station	\$13 million
Metra	New Rail Cars	\$274 million
	Van Buren Street Station	\$16 million
Pace	Community Transit/On Demand Vehicles	\$5 million



Sustainable transit

Service Board	Project	2023-2027 Program
CTA	Articulated Electric Buses & Charging Equipment	\$144 million
	Bus Garage Electrification - Chicago Garage	\$115 million
Metra	Zero-Emissions Locomotives	\$36 million
	Zero-Emission Trainsets	\$20 million
Pace	North Division Electrification	\$96 million
	Southwest Division Electrification	\$94 million



Conclusion

Staff recommends Board adoption of the proposed ordinance approving:

- 2023 Service Board and RTA Agency operating budgets
- 2024-2025 financial plans
- 2023-2027 capital programs



**7c. Ordinance
authorizing a
contract for the
Kimball Station
Area Curb
Management and
Mobility Plan**



7d. Ordinance authorizing a contract for strategic asset management support services



**7e. Ordinance
authorizing a
contract for security
monitoring and
maintenance
services at the RTA
Corporate office**



**7f. Ordinance
appointing
Jeff Goodloe to
the RTA Board of
Pension Trustees**



7g. Resolution honoring Mary Beth Canty



7h. Approval of travel expenses reimbursement(s)



8. New business



Adjournment

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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