

MEETING OF THE RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 17, 2022

Welcome!

Meeting Starts at 9 a.m.

Meeting Agenda

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RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

A photograph of the North Carolina State Capitol building, a large, ornate, light-colored stone structure with a prominent central dome and classical columns. In the foreground, a bronze statue of a man in a suit stands on a tiered stone pedestal. The building is flanked by large, leafy green trees, and the sky is a clear, pale blue.

TODAY'S AGENDA



6. INFORMATION ITEMS

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6a. REPORT ON MONTHLY FINANCIAL RESULTS – JANUARY 2022



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FINANCE TERMS AND EQUATIONS

Operating Deficit = Operating Revenue – Operating Expense

- Also known as “Funding Requirement”
- Primary metric for quarterly certifications

Recovery Ratio = Operating Revenue / Operating Expense

- Types include “Farebox Recovery Ratio” and “Statutory Recovery Ratio”

Net Result = Operating Revenue + Public Funding – Operating Expense

- Also known as “Surplus / (Deficit)”

JANUARY 2022 SERVICE BOARD RESULTS

OPERATING REVENUE (IN MILLIONS)				
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% Variance</u>
CTA	\$23.2	\$23.1	\$0.1	0.3%
Metra	\$9.2	\$9.8	(\$0.6)	(6.4%)
Pace	\$2.4	\$2.8	(\$0.4)	(14.6%)
<u>Pace ADA</u>	<u>\$0.6</u>	<u>\$0.8</u>	<u>(\$0.2)</u>	<u>(20.7%)</u>
Total	\$35.4	\$36.5	(\$1.1)	(3.1%)

OPERATING EXPENSES (IN MILLIONS)				
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% Variance</u>
CTA	\$143.6	\$145.8	\$2.2	1.5%
Metra	\$70.2	\$77.5	\$7.3	9.4%
Pace	\$17.7	\$22.7	\$5.0	22.1%
<u>Pace ADA</u>	<u>\$16.1</u>	<u>\$18.0</u>	<u>\$1.9</u>	<u>10.4%</u>
Total	\$247.6	\$264.0	\$16.4	6.2%



OPERATING DEFICITS (IN MILLIONS)				
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% Variance</u>
CTA	(\$120.4)	(\$122.7)	\$2.3	1.9%
Metra	(\$61.0)	(\$67.7)	\$6.7	9.9%
Pace	(\$15.3)	(\$19.9)	\$4.6	23.2%
<u>Pace ADA</u>	<u>(\$15.5)</u>	<u>(\$17.2)</u>	<u>\$1.7</u>	<u>9.9%</u>
Total	(\$212.2)	(\$227.5)	\$15.3	6.7%

FEDERAL RELIEF FUNDING USAGE

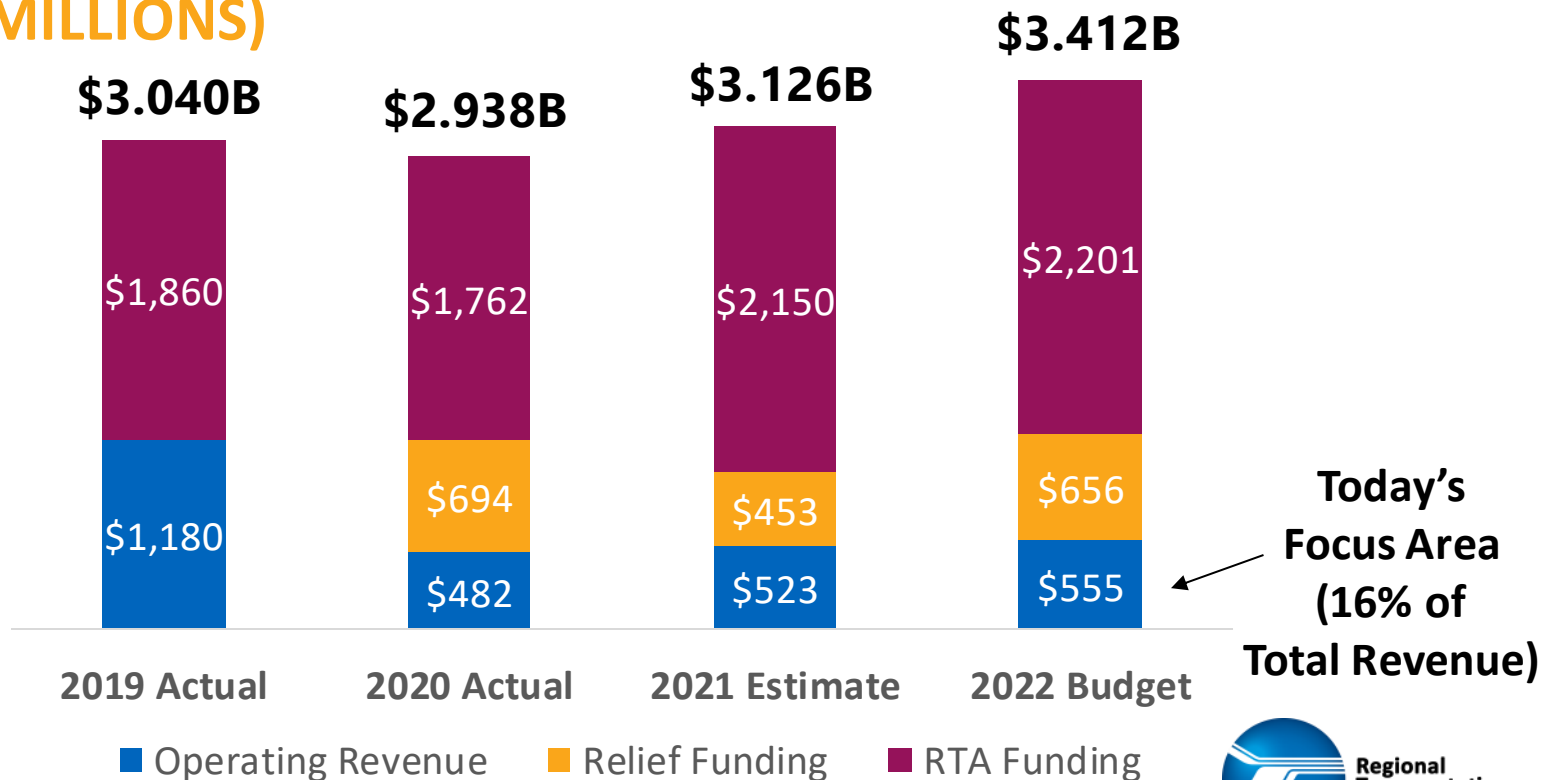
(in millions)	Total Apportioned	Drawn through January 2022	% Drawn
CTA	\$2,209.2	\$827.6	37.5%
Metra	\$1,076.2	\$292.9	27.2%
Pace	\$205.5	\$26.7	13.0%
ADA	\$20.0	\$12.7	63.5%
RTA	\$28.8	\$28.8	100.0%
Total	\$3,539.7	\$1,188.7	33.6%

Includes CARES Act, CRRSAA, ARP Act, and Discretionary ARP (CTA only)



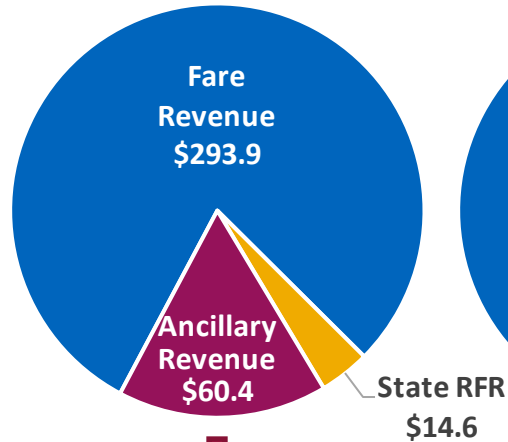
TOTAL REVENUE FOR OPERATIONS

(IN MILLIONS)



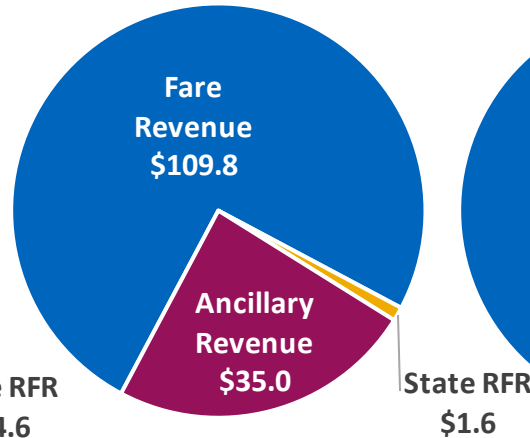
BUDGETED 2022 OPERATING REVENUE

CTA \$368.9M



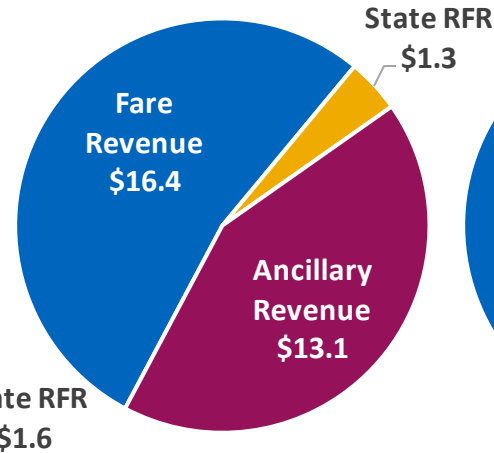
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Local Gov't Contributions

Metra \$146.4M



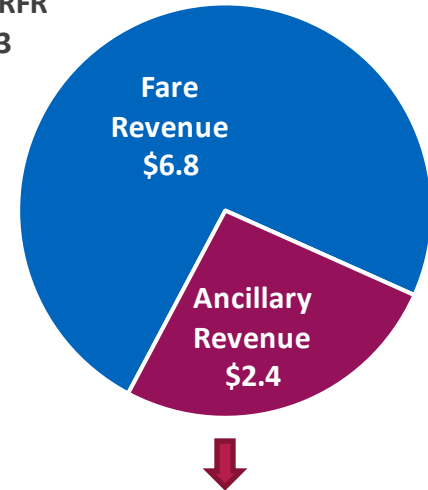
RR Crossing Work
Trackage Fees,
Advertising, Leasing
Parking

Pace \$30.9M



Local Gov't Contributions
Advertising

ADA \$9.1M



RTA Certification Trip
Reimbursements



NEW FINANCE REPORTING TOOL



6b. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – PUBLIC INPUT ON EMERGING VISION FOR THE CHICAGO REGION'S TRANSIT SYSTEM

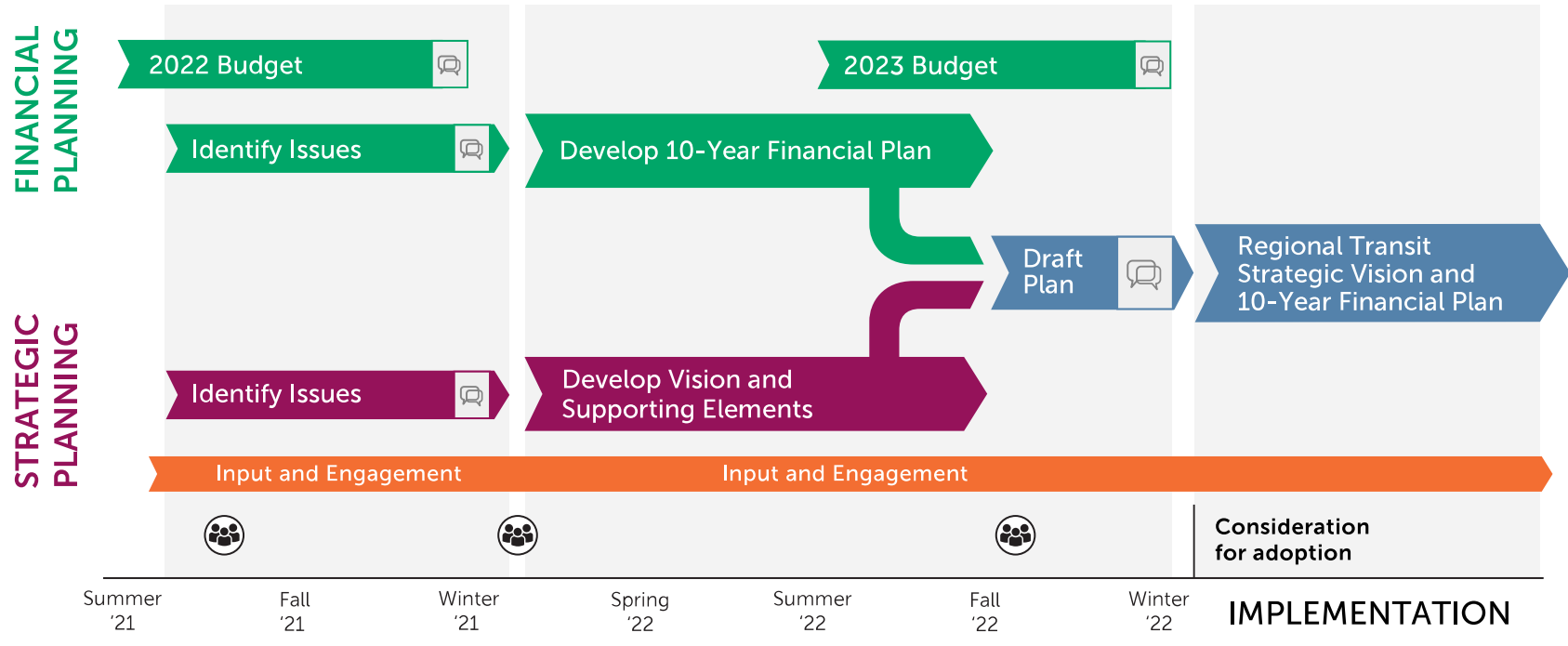


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Regional Transit Strategic Plan Timeline

Collaborative development of a new strategic direction for the region's transit system will occur along three tracks and consist of multiple overlapping activities.

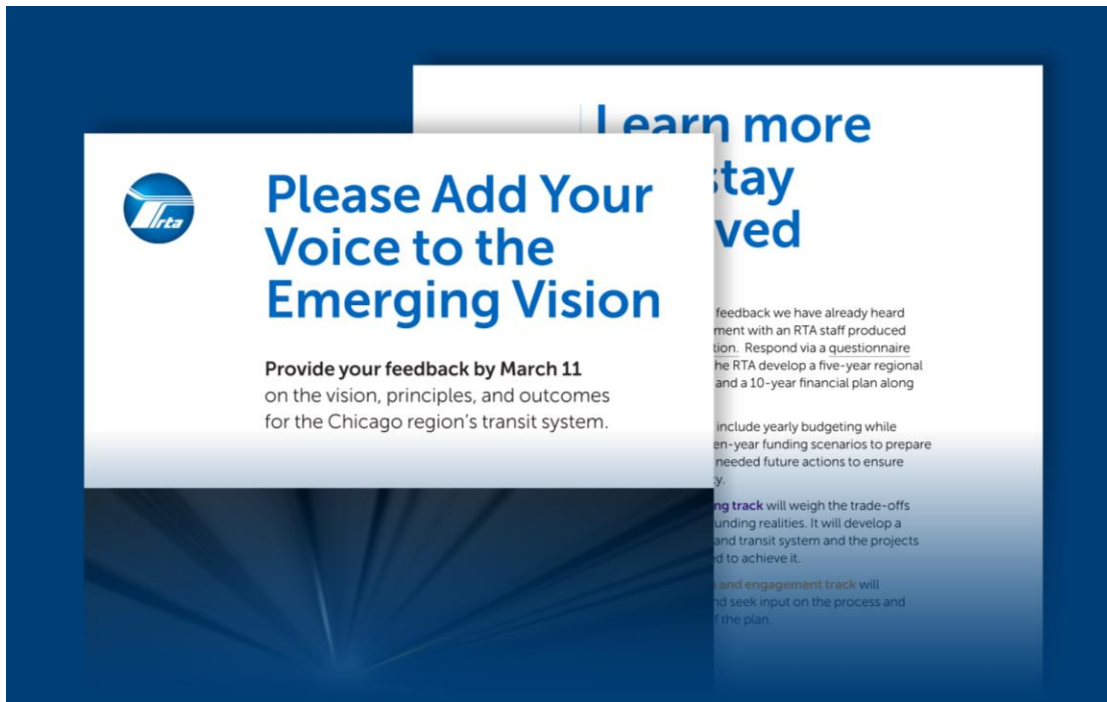


INPUT RECEIVED

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- Letters to the Board
 - Climate Reality Project – Chicago Chapter
 - Advocacy groups
 - Civic Committee and Chicagoland Chamber
- Workshops
 - Climate Reality Project
 - Barrington Area COG

PUBLIC COMMENT SURVEY

A graphic with a dark blue background and a white rectangular box in the center. The box contains the RTA logo, a title, a deadline, and a call to action. To the right of the box, there is additional text that is partially obscured.

 **Please Add Your Voice to the Emerging Vision**

Provide your feedback by March 11
on the vision, principles, and outcomes
for the Chicago region's transit system.

Learn more
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feedback we have already heard
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tion. Respond via a questionnaire
the RTA develop a five-year regional
and a 10-year financial plan along

include yearly budgeting while
en-year funding scenarios to prepare
needed future actions to ensure
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ing track will weigh the trade-offs
funding realities. It will develop a
and transit system and the projects
d to achieve it.

y and engagement track will
nd seek input on the process and
of the plan.

VISION:

Anonymous

9 Days ago

Focus on use of renewable energy (i.e. electrify buses and trains and power them with solar energy.)

Anonymous

14 Days ago

Good transit builds community (by allowing people who would otherwise not visit an area to do so via transit) and enhances quality of life (connecting to cultural hubs and festivals), in addition to providing work opportunities.

Anonymous

10 Days ago

The statement also should note that public transit should adapt to societal changes, like what happened during the pandemic.



PRINCIPLES:

Anonymous

12 Days ago

Equity must have stronger emphasis, including addressing suburban transportation deserts in lower income communities

Anonymous

14 Days ago

Focus on being a true regional transportation network for all types of trips, not just for daily commutes into downtown. This implies better off-peak headways and better connections.

Anonymous

12d ago

Rethink the focus on cost efficiency (as embodied by things like the 50% fare recovery ratio) in favor of focusing on transit as an essential service

OUTCOMES:

Anonymous

2 Days ago

Sustainable. The outcomes should include sustainability and 100% carbon free transit. Also pedestrian and bike friendly transit options (bike racks, easy locking, maps that connect routes for pedestrians and cyclists and make it easier for people to walk and cycle.

Anonymous

9 Days ago

Connected needs to be fleshed out, as presently the region is connected, but the service is inadequate or indirect. I would also add integrated, with transit services being better coordinated and finally actualizing a universal fare system.

Anonymous

3 Days ago

Modernized system that fights climate change and attracts more users to the system and more people to the region.

Anonymous

10 Days ago

I'm not sure but I really really really like these. Connected is highly important to me. It is very isolating to be without a car, even in environments with decent public transportation. If there was even more reliable public transportation that took you every just like a car could, i imagine i would feel much better about relying on that alone

SUMMARY OF INPUT

- Frequent, affordable service
- Include equity as a major element of the plan
- Recognize the immediacy of the climate crisis
- Commit to change and act urgently to meet the moment

Staff Proposed Change to Vision, Principles and Outcomes Based on Input

CHANGES MADE

VISION

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

PRINCIPLES

- Commitment to change
- Equity
- Stewardship

OUTCOMES

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

OUTCOMES

In the future our region will be...

- Connected
- Winning the fight against climate change
- Thriving

Developing Specific Content Through Stakeholder Working Groups
and Technical Groups

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

WORKING GROUPS

- Three stakeholder groups, each tied to one transit system outcome and one regional outcome
- Two technical groups, responsible for the Capital Priority Project list and the 10-Year Financial Plan

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

- Learning and discussion
- Develop goals, strategies, and measures
- Cultivate and build capacity

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

Group 1: Transit Service

- Transit system that is safe, accessible, reliable, and useful for riders
- A region that is winning the fight against climate change

Group 2: Infrastructure Investment

- Transit system that is in a state of good repair
- A region of thriving communities

Group 3: Financial Responsibility

- Transit system that is financially stable
- A region that is connected

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

- RTA led
- Convened from April to July
- Each group will include members from
 - CTA, Metra and Pace staff
 - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
 - Pace, CTA, Metra ADA Advisory Boards, RTA Citizen Advisory Board
 - Members of the riding public
 - Other government agencies, Non-profit or advocacy groups
 - Academic research institutions
 - Private-sector companies

DIVERSITY AND COMPENSATION

- Diverse representation
 - Reflect the region
- Compensation for engagement
 - Encourages engagement by riders and those who are not full-time planners
 - Advocated for by Transportation Equity Network
 - Current project in Community Planning

TECHNICAL GROUPS

- RTA led
- Staff from Service Boards and CMAP
- April - September
- Deliverables:
 - Capital Priority Projects list
 - 10-Year Financial Plan

NEXT STEPS

- Convene Working Groups
- Movers Workshop
- Reporting back to RTACAB and Board
- Social Media, Connections, Regional Transit Update newsletter

THANK YOU!

6c. PRESENTATION OF THE FORWARD FOR ALL CAMPAIGN

A large graphic on the right side of the slide. It features a blue-tinted image of the Chicago skyline, including the Willis Tower. Below the skyline, there are images of various transit vehicles: a Metra train, a CTA bus, and a CTA rapid transit car. The text "MOVING YOU" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters, with a reflection effect below it.

MOVING YOU

WHERE WE BEGAN

- Convey: connection, momentum, evolution, community, equity
- What do we stand for as agencies?

For a better economy

For families

For NE Illinois

For the environment

For equity

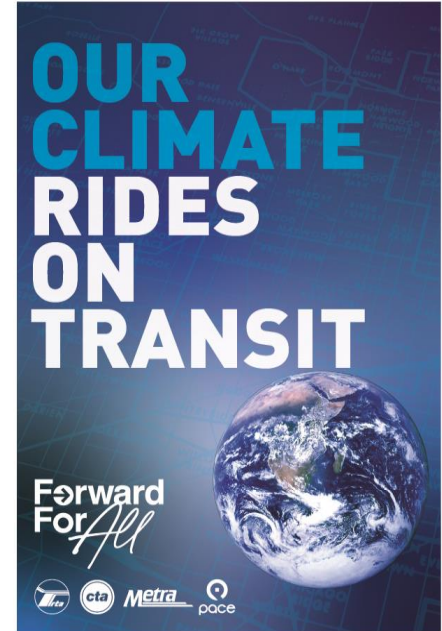
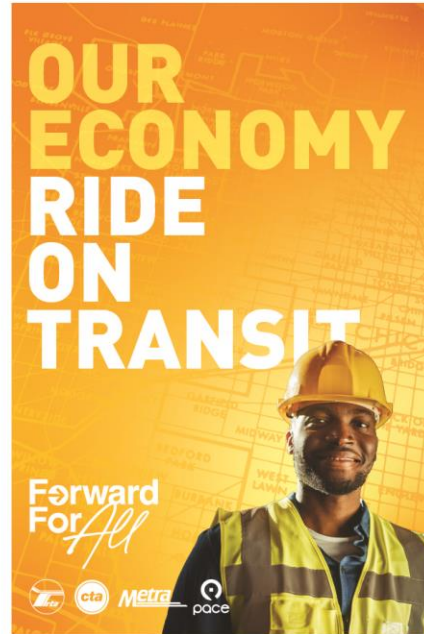
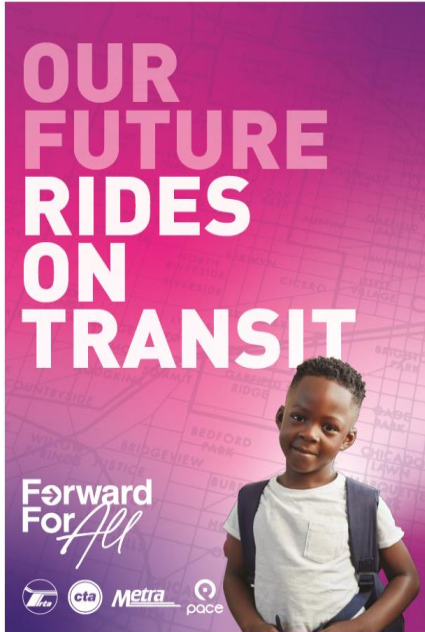
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For *All*



Metra



PHASE ONE: TRANSIT IS ESSENTIAL



OUR FUTURE RIDES ON TRANSIT

Chicagoland is a determined region of neighborhoods and villages built on a Great Lake, with innovative architecture, and **MAGNIFICENT HUMAN DIVERSITY MADE ONE** by our irreplaceable public transit system.

Much has changed in these two years of pandemic, but our enviable place in the world has not. We are a dynamic global hub of commerce and opportunity, of discovery and healing, of culture, entertainment, and activism. **WE ARE CHANGEMAKERS.**

The pandemic profoundly challenged our region's transit system. It also brought our agencies together in a strategic commitment to lead the nation in **DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.**

We see transit as the strongest tool in combating climate change, in enabling seamless connectivity for a new era of work and recreation, and in linking disenfranchised and underserved neighborhoods to jobs, education, and prosperity.

Public transit contributes to our region's environmental, economic, and social health in ways and at a scale nothing else can. As we rediscover our personal and regional rhythms, your transit agencies are primed to enable full recovery and to move Chicagoland **FORWARD FOR ALL.**

Leanne Redden
Executive Director
RTA

Dorval R. Carter, Jr.
President
Chicago Transit Authority

James M. Derwinski
CEO, Executive Director
Metra

Melinda Metzger
Interim Executive Director
Pace Suburban Bus



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OUR FUTURE

RIDES ON TRANSIT



Forward For *All*

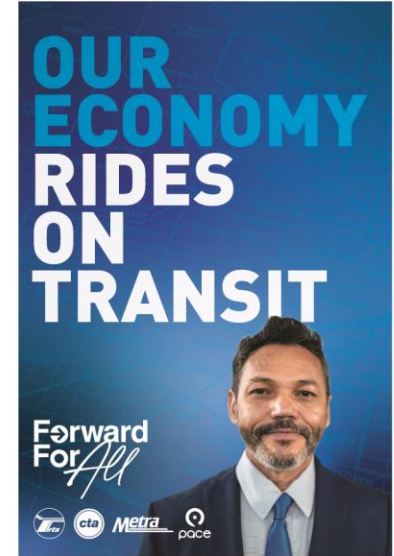
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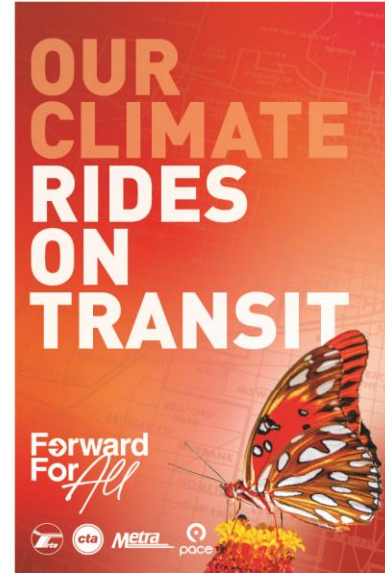
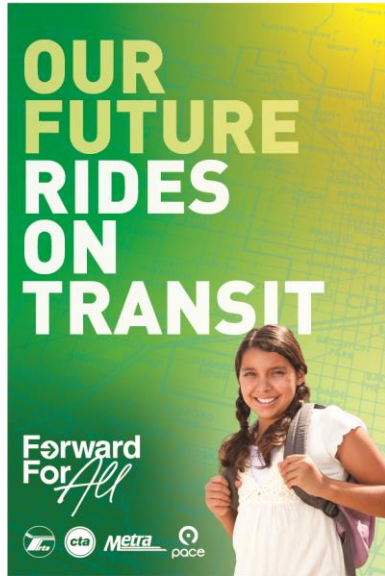
RIDES ON TRANSIT



Forward For *All*

PACE AND CTA BUS SHELTERS





UP-N AND METRA ELECTRIC STATIONS



RTA Forward For All 2...

Res Publica Group

Forwards for all location planning

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PACE Bus Shelters (25)

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North Ave. @ Broadway Ave.

Harlem Ave. @ 111th St.

North Ave. @ 1st Ave.

Golf Rd. @ Ring Rd.

... 26 more

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CTA Bus Shelters (15)

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WELLS & HUBBARD

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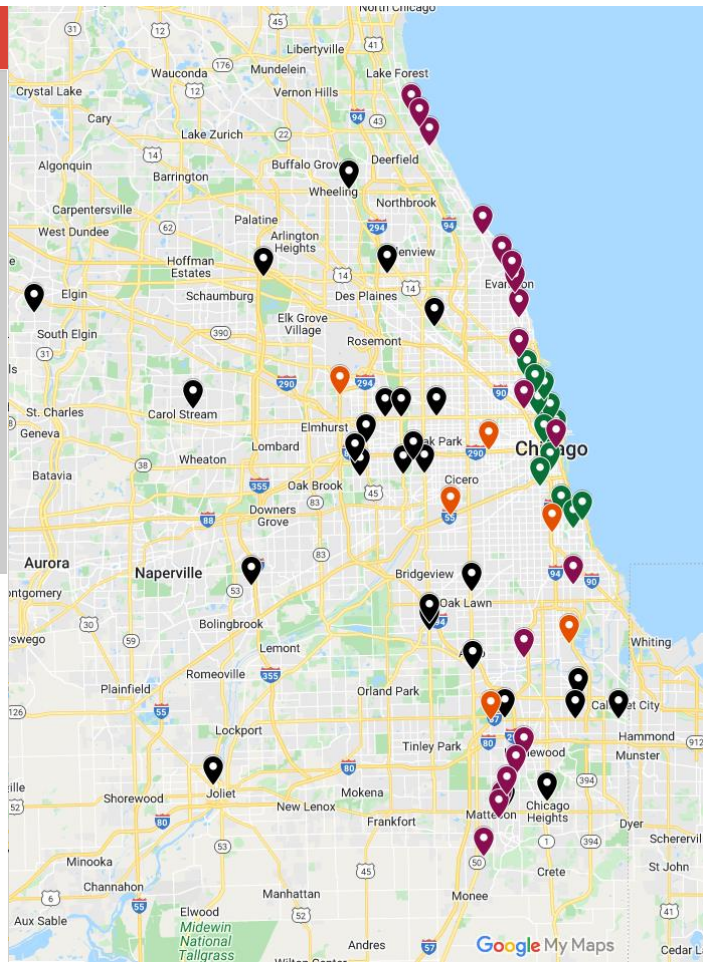
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DIGITAL ADS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

OUR FUTURE RIDES ON TRANSIT



FUTURE PHASES

- RFP for released Tuesday
- Will present challenges and build support for solutions
- Support implementation of the strategic plan recommendations
- Target audiences depending on goals

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For 

Forward
For *sustainability*

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For *business*

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For *All*



Metra



Regional
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7. ACTION ITEMS

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7a. ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2022-2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND ICE FUNDED PROJECTS TIME EXTENSIONS



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7b. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR FEDERAL CONSULTING SERVICES



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7c. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES

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8. NEW BUSINESS



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NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022. 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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