

Meeting of the RTA Board of Directors

March 21, 2024

Welcome! Meeting Starts at 9 a.m.

Meeting Agenda: rtachicago.org



1. Call to order

Pledge of allegiance



RTA Board of Directors meeting

- Roll call
- Approval of minutes

4. Public comment



6. Action items

6a. Amendment of the 2024-2028 Capital Program, and extensions to ICE funded projects



2024-2028 Funding changes (in millions)

2024-2028 Capital Program Funding Changes	Current	Change	Proposed
CTA	\$2,622.65	\$120.27	\$2,742.92
Pace	\$412.59	\$76.00	\$488.59
Service Board Changes Subtotal	\$3,025.24	\$196.27	\$3,231.51
Metra	\$1,947.15	\$0.00	\$1,947.15
City of Chicago	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
2024-2028 Capital Program Total Available	\$4,987.38	\$196.27	\$5,183.65

Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement (ICE) Extensions

- CTA and Metra are requesting the extension of the following four projects
 - CTA – Safety Management Systems
 - CTA – Ventra Improvements
 - Metra – GPS Train Tracker
 - Metra – Downtown Terminal Displays



Proposed ordinances for approval

- Amendment to the 2024-2028 Capital Program
- Project extensions to the ICE program

6b. Ordinance Authorizing a Contract for Transit Signage Fabrication and Installation



6c. Ordinance authorizing a contract for transit access to opportunities platform



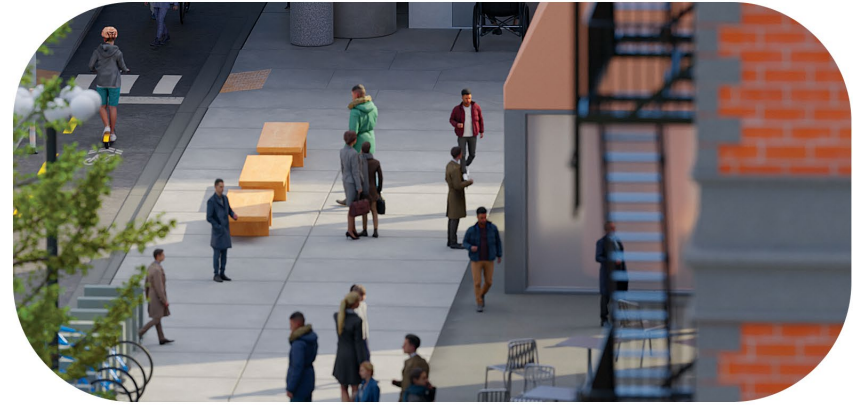
6d. Approval of travel expense reimbursement(s)



5. Information items

5a. Transit is the Answer update





PROJECT UPDATE



Chicago & Halsted Bus Priority

- Project proposal does not do enough for riders on the two busiest CTA bus routes
- RTA Act grants some authority to influence decisions on dedicated lanes for transit
- Letter to CDOT Commissioner Tom Carney included in board packet



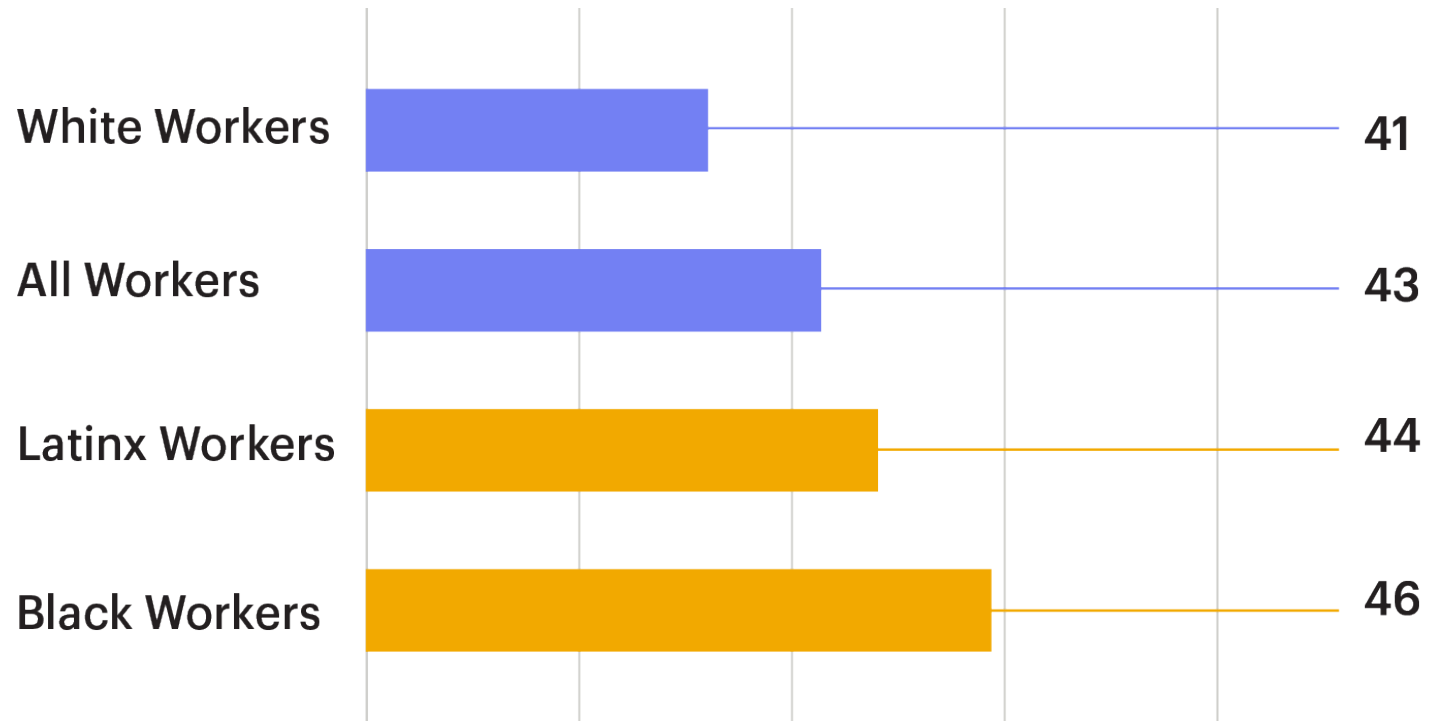
Access to Transit Program Awards

- 11 applications
- 9 projects selected:
 - 4 projects funding phase I engineering for future access improvements
 - 5 projects funding phase II engineering and construction of pedestrian, passenger, and bike facilities
- Next steps: Awarded applicants begin phase I engineering later this year. CMAQ next fall to secure 80% federal funding for phase II and construction projects



Access to Opportunities Platform

Average commute time via transit in minutes by race, Replica Fall 2021



- Transit is the Answer: Equity
- Advancing vision more equitable transit system by addressing inequities in transit
- Access to opportunities including jobs, education and healthcare

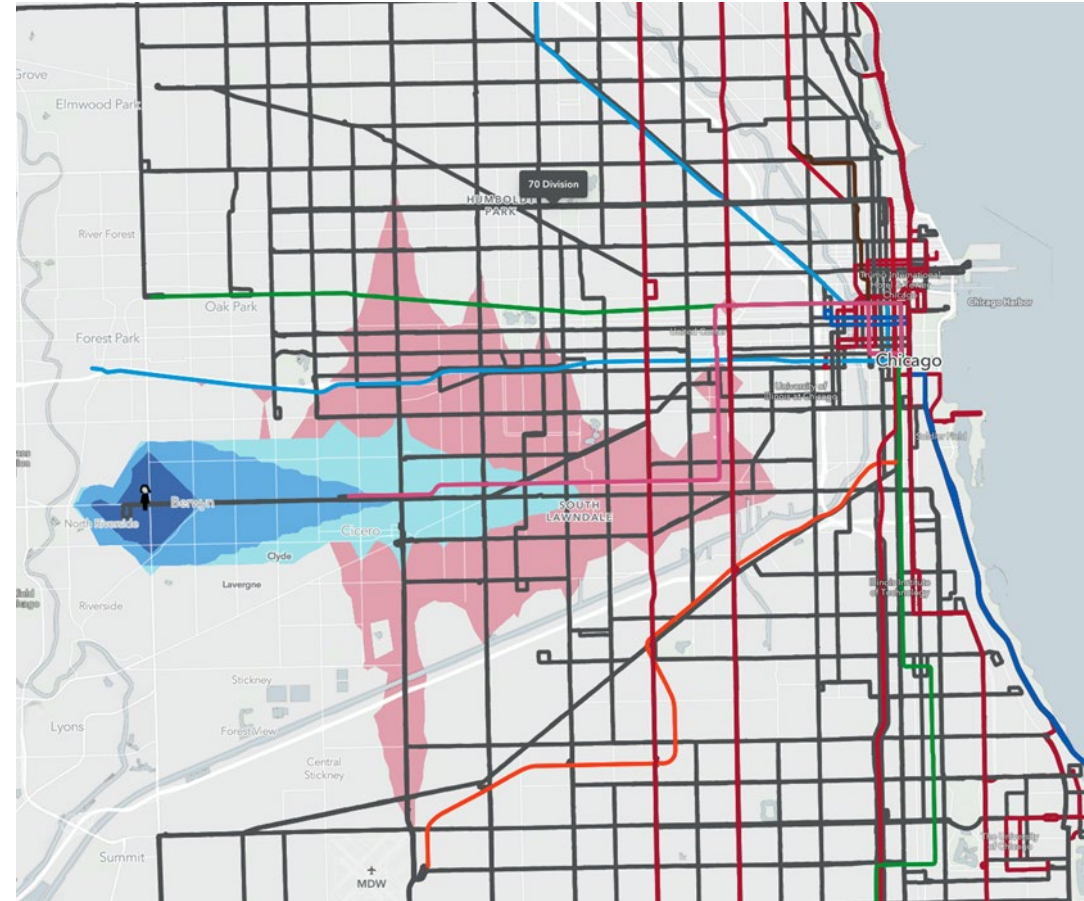
Access to Opportunities Platform, continued

- Comprehensive transportation planning and scheduling software platform
- Demographic, transit schedule, multi-modal network, travel time, cost data
- Used by 500+ local governments: Chicago DOT, Oregon DOT, Miami-Dade County, and King County Metro (Seattle)
- Available to CTA, Metra, Pace and CMAP
 - Regional cooperation and cost effectiveness



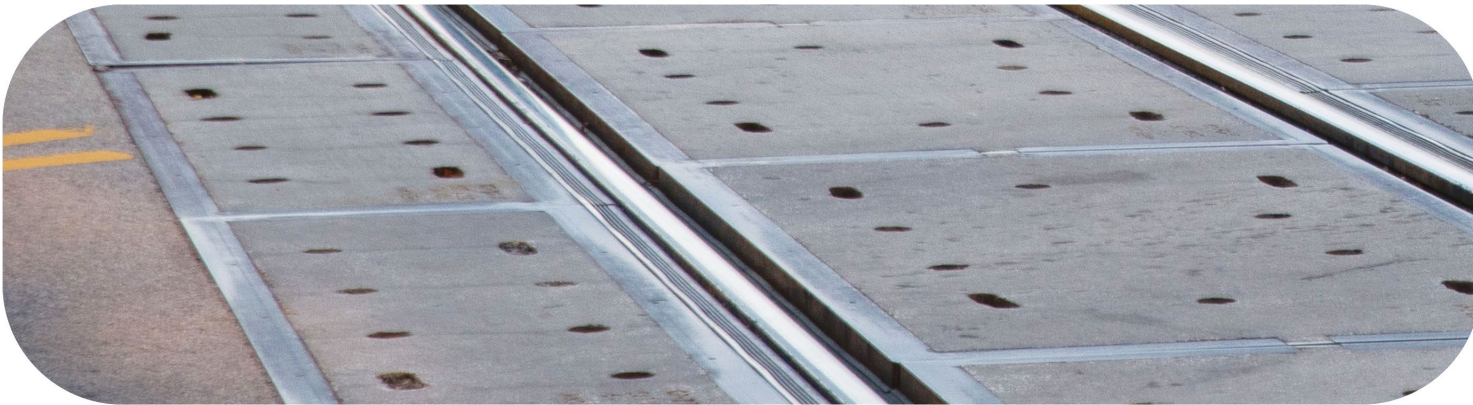
Access to Opportunities Platform

- Inform policy and strategic decisions
- Assess equity of transit funding across region
- Tools for project analysis and performance management
- Technical analysis for Transit is the Answer implementation





ENGAGEMENT

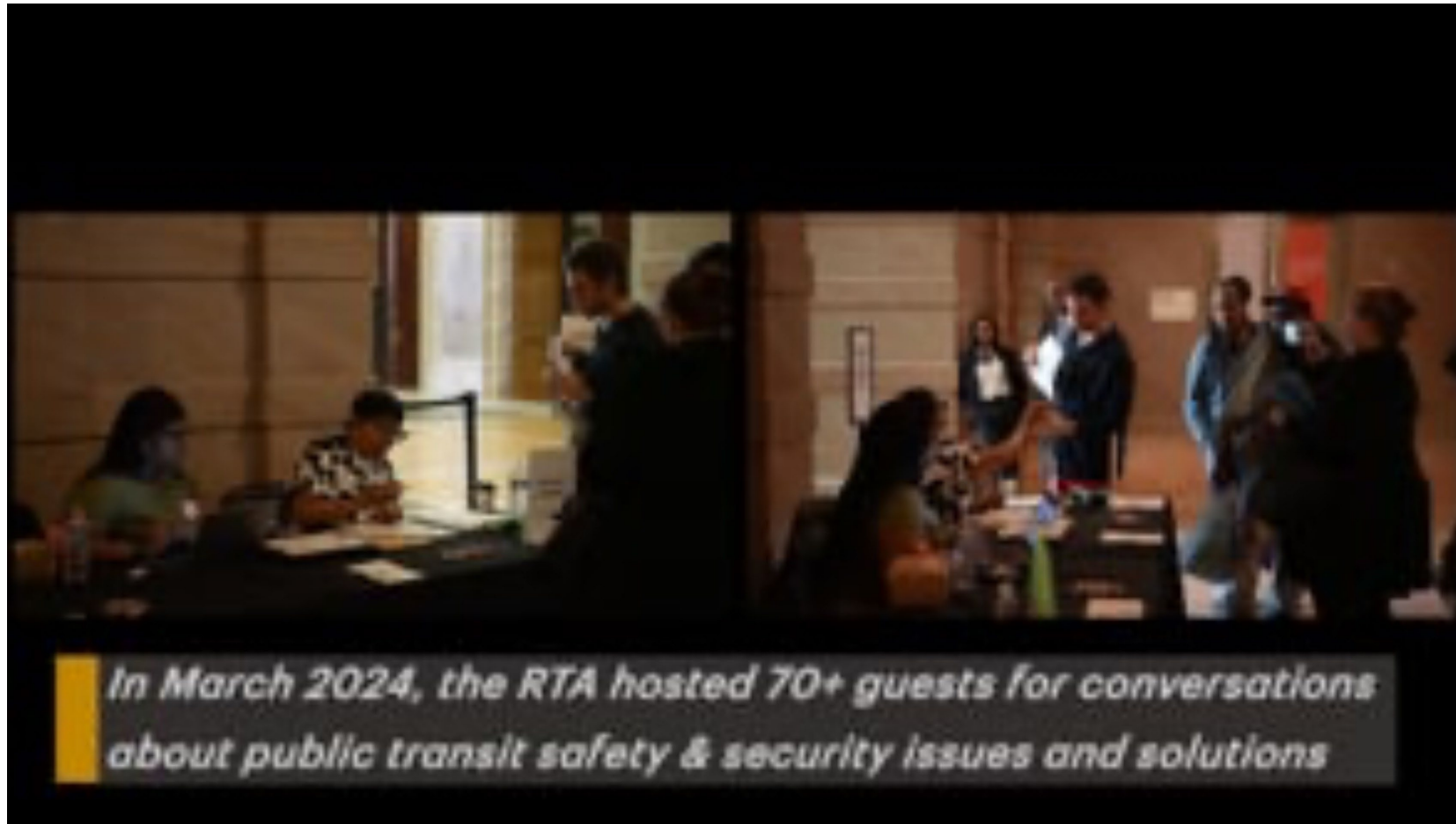


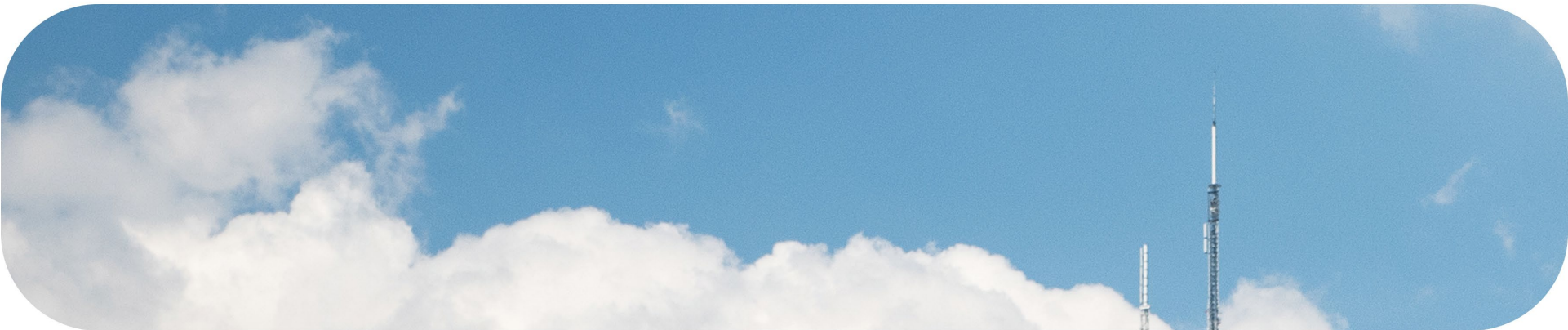
Public Transit Safety and Security Summit

- 75+ regional leaders and riders explored holistic solutions to safety issues on transit
- Identified specific ideas for new strategies and initiatives that complement work of police departments
- Areas of focus:
 - Enhancing security and addressing perception of crime
 - Incorporating transit in social services initiatives
 - Creating safer, more welcoming environments at stations and stops

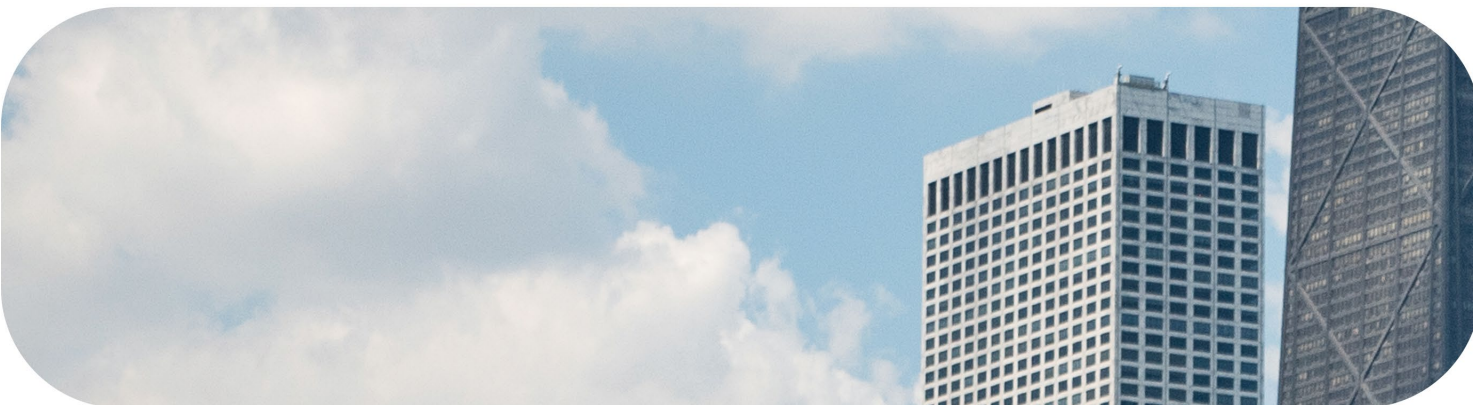
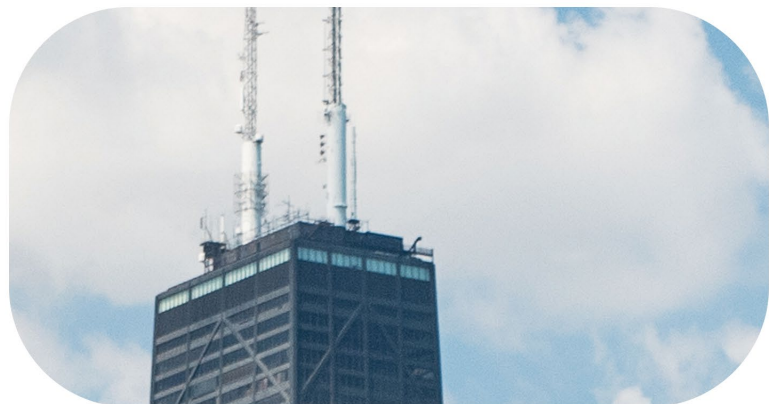


Safety and Security Summit Summary video

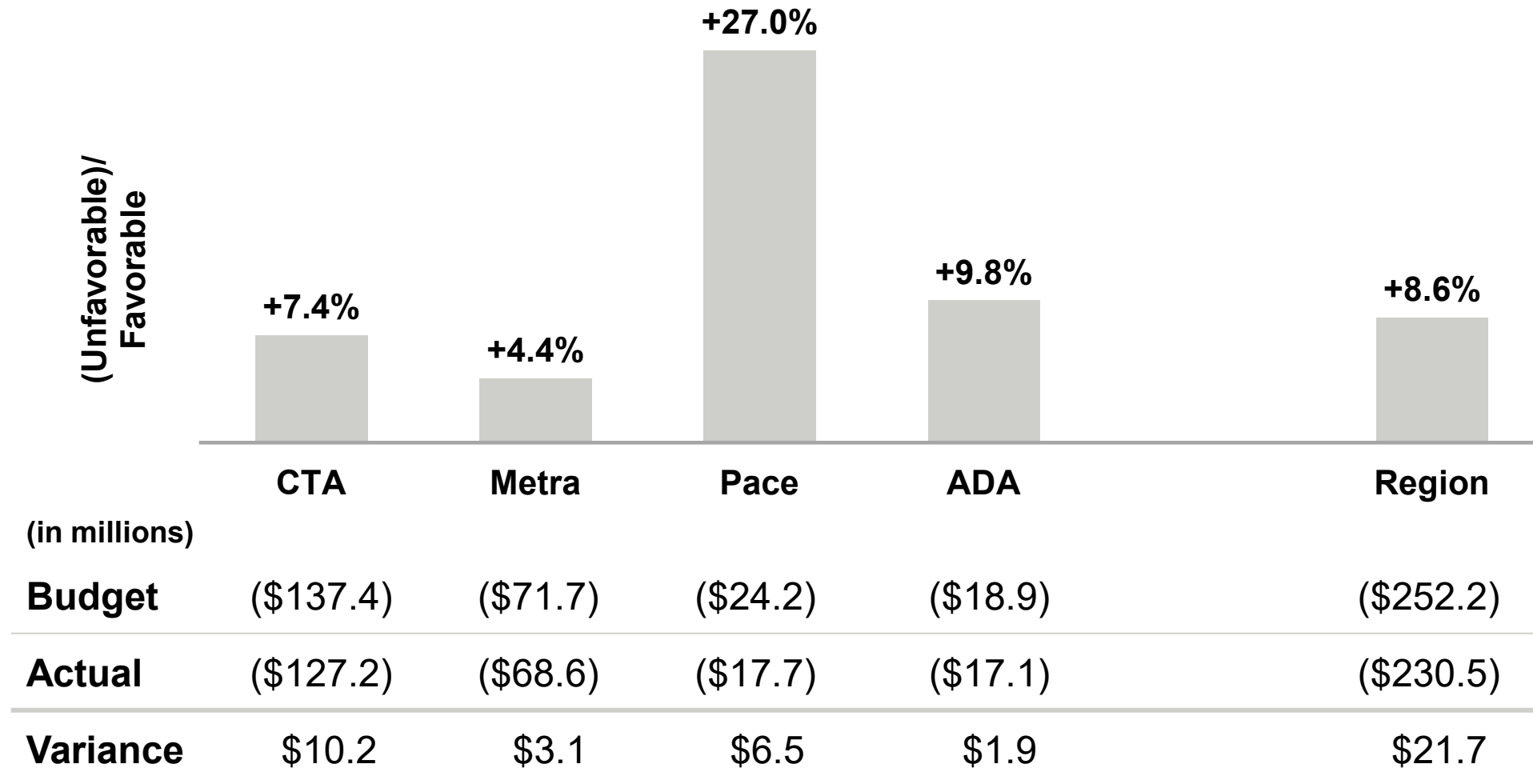




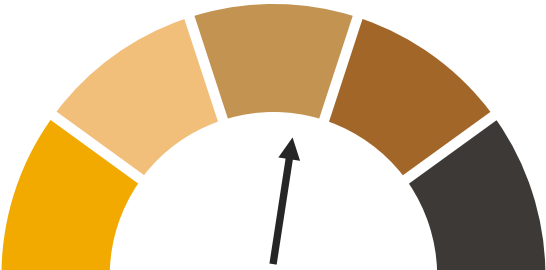
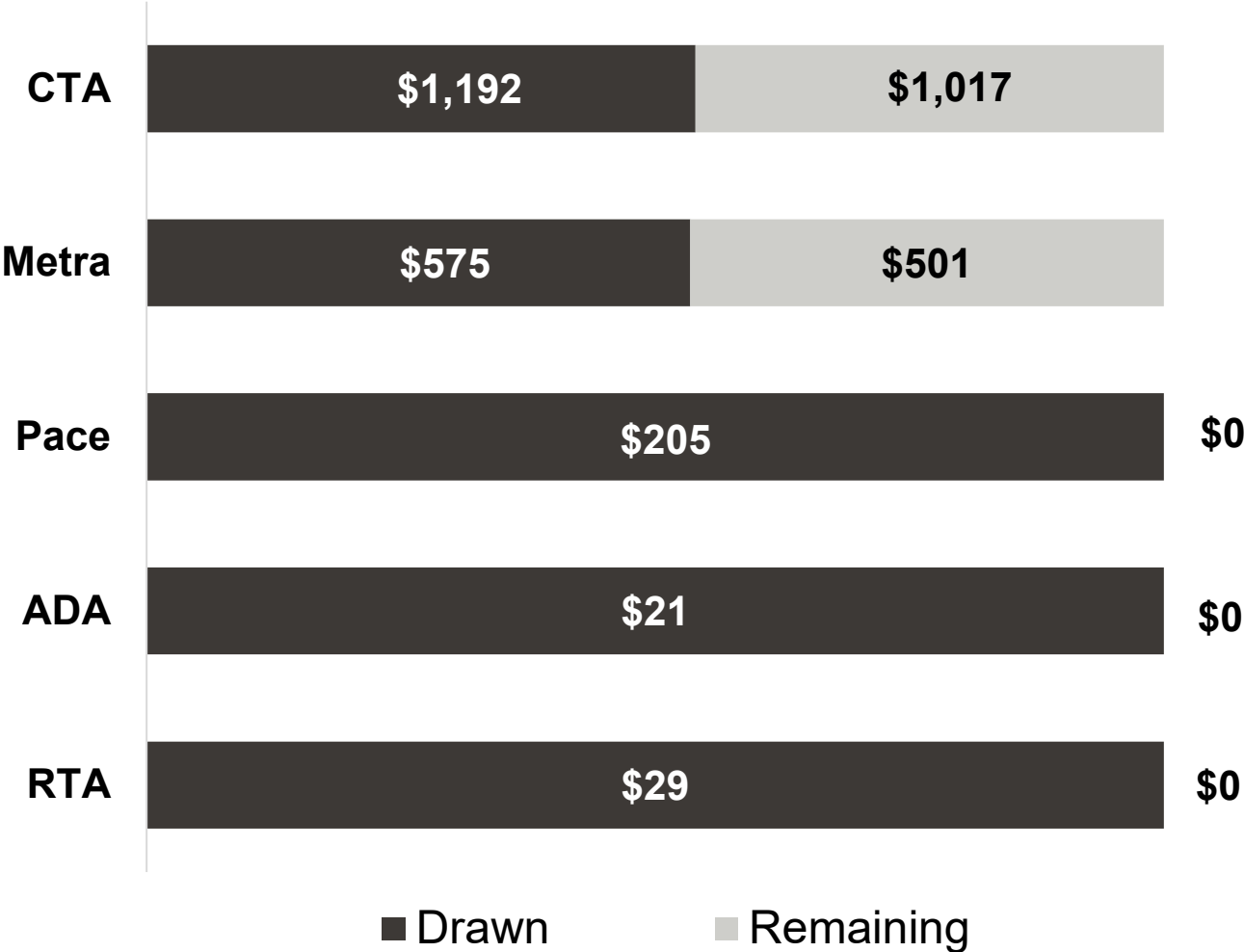
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Operating deficit variances - year to date through January



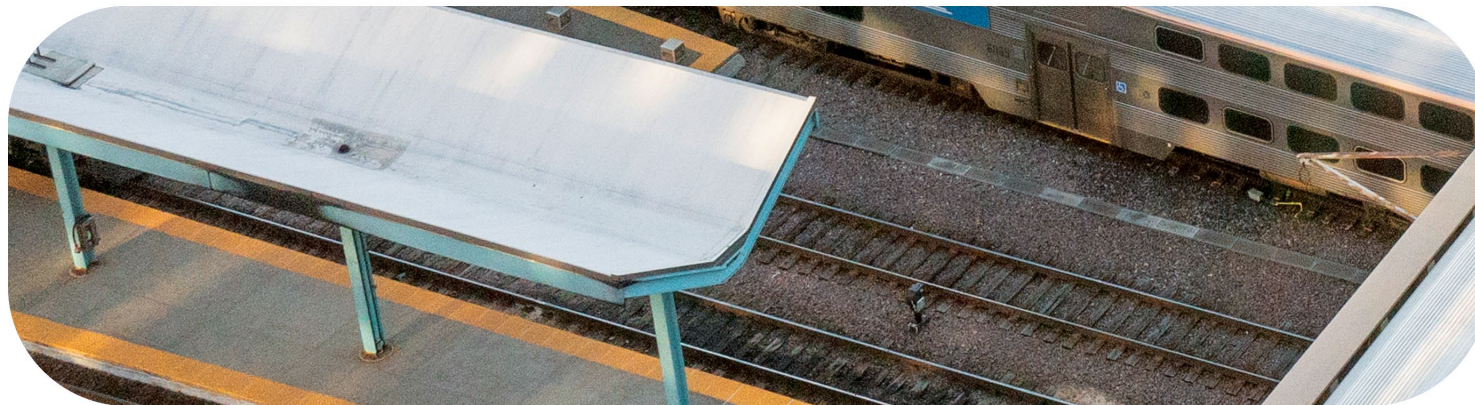
Relief funding drawn (in millions)



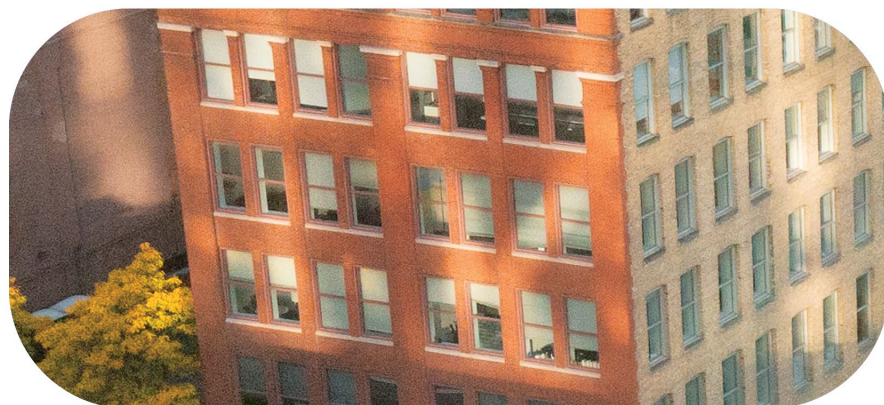
**Region Total
Drawn = 57.1%**

**\$2.002B
of
\$3.540B**





LEGISLATIVE



UPDATE

Federal

- Agreement reached on FY2024 government funding levels for some departments, including public transit, through September 30, 2024.
- Funding for Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Projects
- Additional federal discretionary awards
- Transit briefing for Northeastern Illinois' delegation staff



State

- Outreach to Illinois General Assembly
- House Appropriations Hearing: Transit and Transportation
- Important Legislative Dates
 - Friday, April 5, House Committee Deadline
 - Friday, April 12, Senate 3rd Reading
 - Friday, April 19, House 3rd Reading
 - Friday, May 24, Scheduled Adjournment





COMMUNICATIONS



Transit is the Answer Campaign: Goddess and the Baker



Transit is the Answer Campaign: Amazon





7. New business

Adjournment

The next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 18.

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