

Meeting of the RTA Board of Directors

May 16, 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



5. Executive Director's report



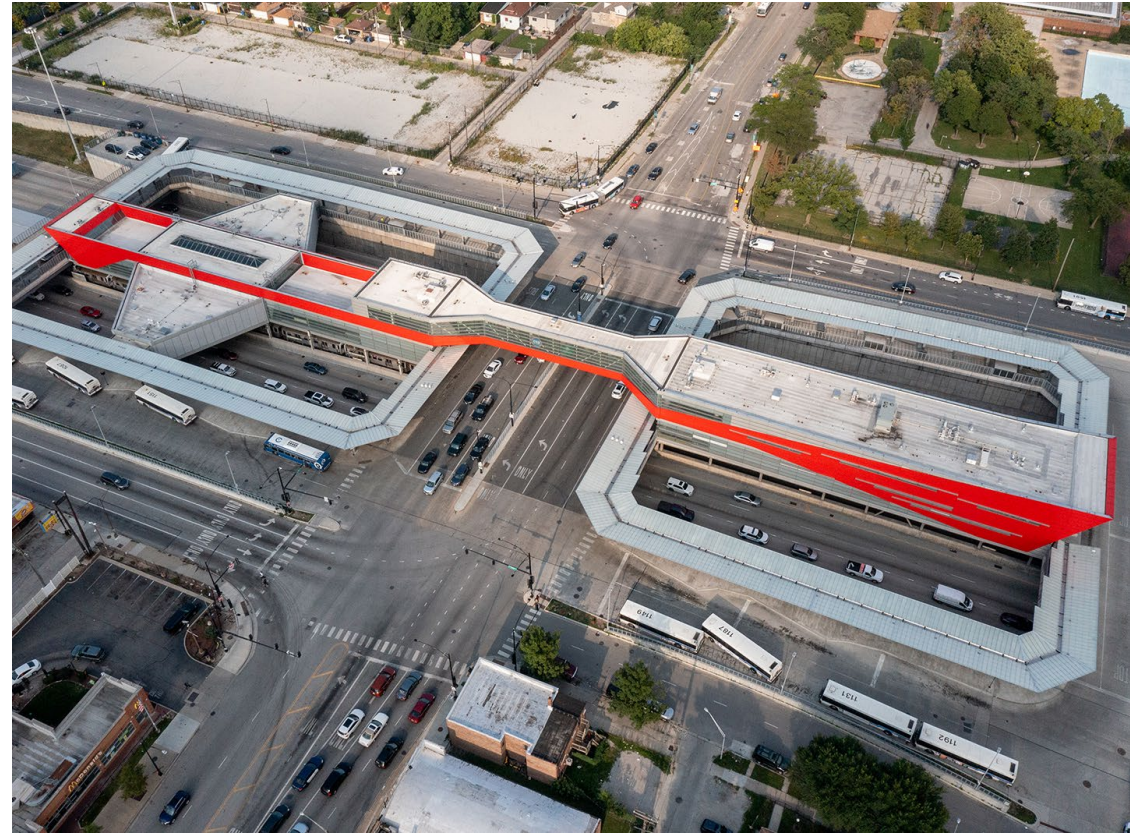
Legislative update



Transportation Tuesdays

Held on Tuesdays at noon, registration required, diverse panels of local, regional, and national experts. Focus on case studies and what we can learn from peer regions.

- May 28: Improving and expanding the transit system strategically
- June 4: Parking mandates and TOD
- June 11: Building transit friendly streets and advancing bus rapid transit
- June 18: Transit's operating funding crisis



Today's agenda



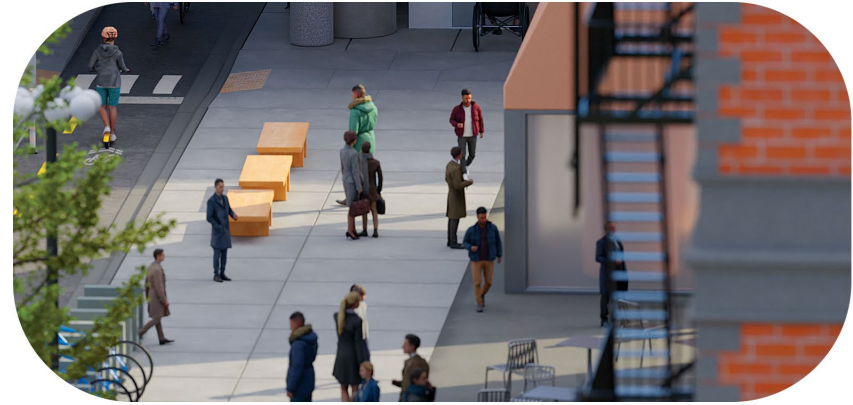
6. Information items

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



6b. Transit is the Answer update





PROJECT UPDATE



Safety and Security Summit Report

Goal #1: Enhance personal security for transit riders and workers

- Monthly tracking of crime on public transit
- Enhanced outreach to support riders
- Public awareness campaign

Goal #2: Incorporate transit-specific strategies into social services initiatives

- Non-police response units
- Expansion of NARCAN access
- Expansion of social services outreach

Safety and Security Summit Report continued

Goal #3: Create safer, more welcoming environments at transit stations and stops

- Launch Station Activation Grant Program
- Capital improvements at stations and stops



Station Activation Pilot

- Offered new, pilot category as part of the 2024 Community Planning Call for Projects
- Recommendation from *Transit is the Answer* and the Transit Safety & Security Summit
- Open to non-traditional applicants, such as chambers of commerce, community-based organizations, etc.
- Received 18 applications, recommending 8 activation projects in the first round
- Total budget: \$123,000



Station Activation Pilot Selections

- CTA Cicero Green Line
- CTA 63rd & Cottage Grove Green Line
- CTA Morse Red Line
- CTA Loyola Red Line/Routes 147, 151
- CTA Broadway/Lawrence Routes 36, 81
- Metra Maywood Station
- Metra 79th Street and 147th Street stations
- Pace Joliet Transit Center



Transit Friendly Communities Guide

- Action item from *Transit is the Answer*, “A transit-friendly communities policy to set standards for communities that host transit services to support and encourage land use decisions that improve access to transit to ensure that our riders can travel safely and efficiently.”
- Update a similar guide from 2012, *Setting the Stage for Transit*
- Support, encourage and educate decision makers on ways to make their communities more transit friendly
- Identify barriers and opportunities to transit-friendly development

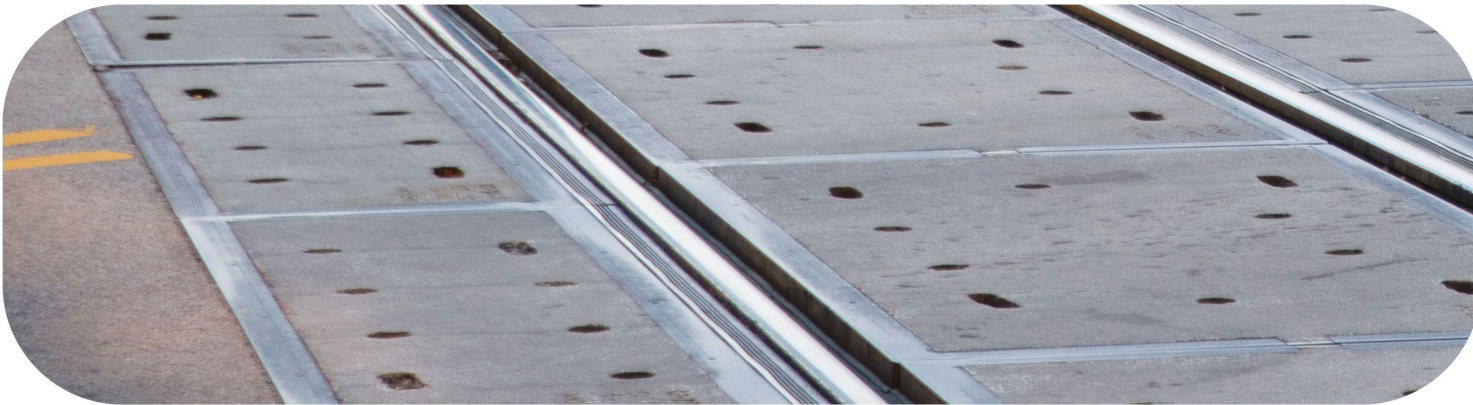
Transit Friendly Communities

Guide continued





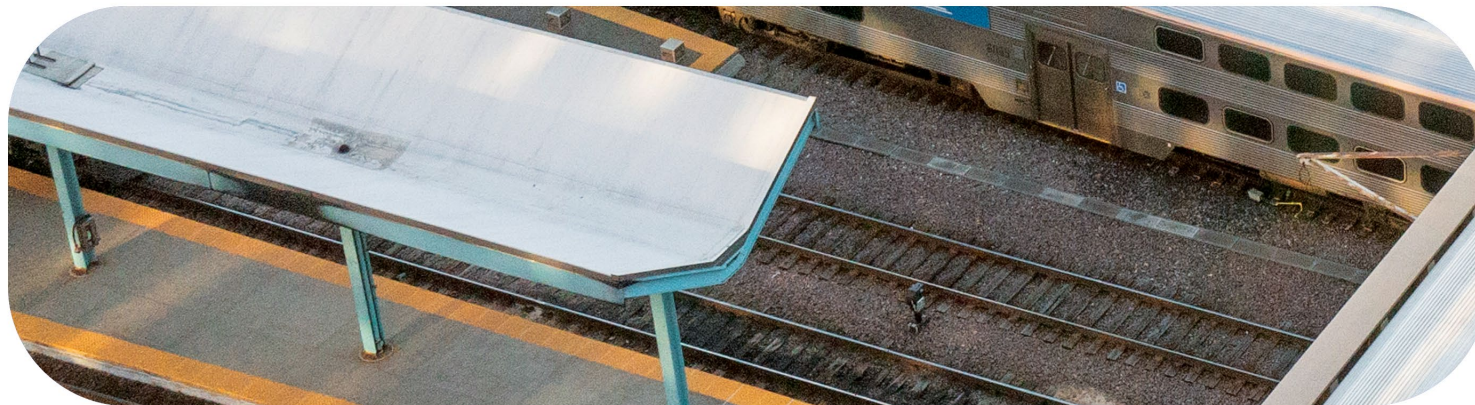
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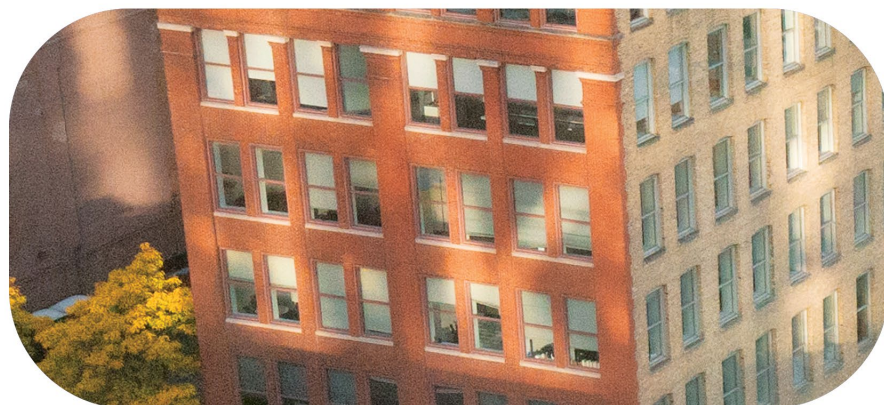
Transit is the Answer Coalition

- April 10th
- Implementation updates:
 - Access Pilot
 - Equity analysis using Access to Opportunities platform
 - Rider and operator safety
 - Legislative agenda
- Summer meeting in-person





LEGISLATIVE



UPDATE

Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act Proposal (HB5823)

- No expected action during 2024 legislative session; discussion and review of this proposal, among other funding and reform ideas, ongoing through summer and fall
- No new funding sources for transit operations; proposed \$1.5B appropriation
- Proposed agency structure: Consolidates RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace into new entity
- Proposed Board composition: 19 members
 - 3 chosen by Governor
 - 5 chosen by Chicago Mayor
 - 5 chosen by Cook County Board President
 - 5 chosen by Collar County Executives (DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will)
 - 1 Chair
- Proposed voting requirements: Simple majority needed for all board action

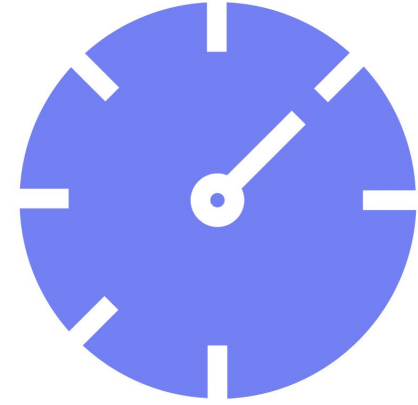
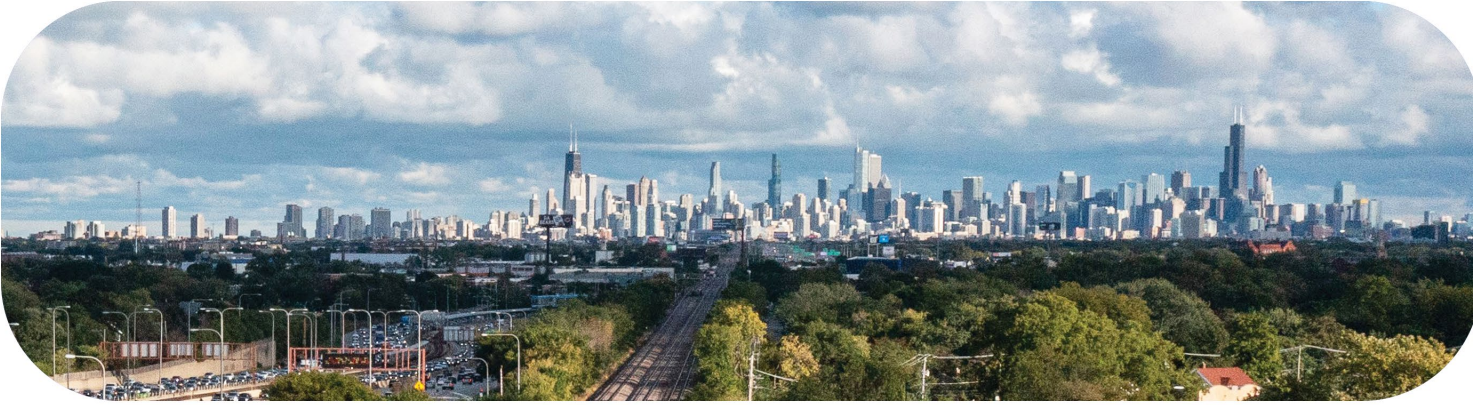
Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act Proposal (HB5823) continued

- Proposed funding distribution: Eliminates formulas; board has full authority to allocate funding
- Proposed implementation timeline
 - Transition process of up to 4 years while system faces fiscal cliff
 - Major issues including transition of debt, assets, bonding authority, property, staff, contracts and pension obligations not addressed in legislation; left to MMA board to resolve
 - MMA immediately responsible for delivering regional transit service while managing transition

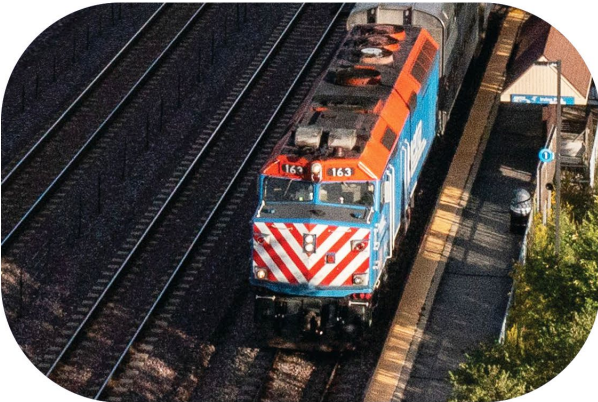
7. Action items

7a. Resolutions certifying financial results - First Quarter 2024





PERFORMANCE



MEASURES

Illinois Public Act 103-0281

Omnibus data requirements

- Staffing
- Service
- Safety

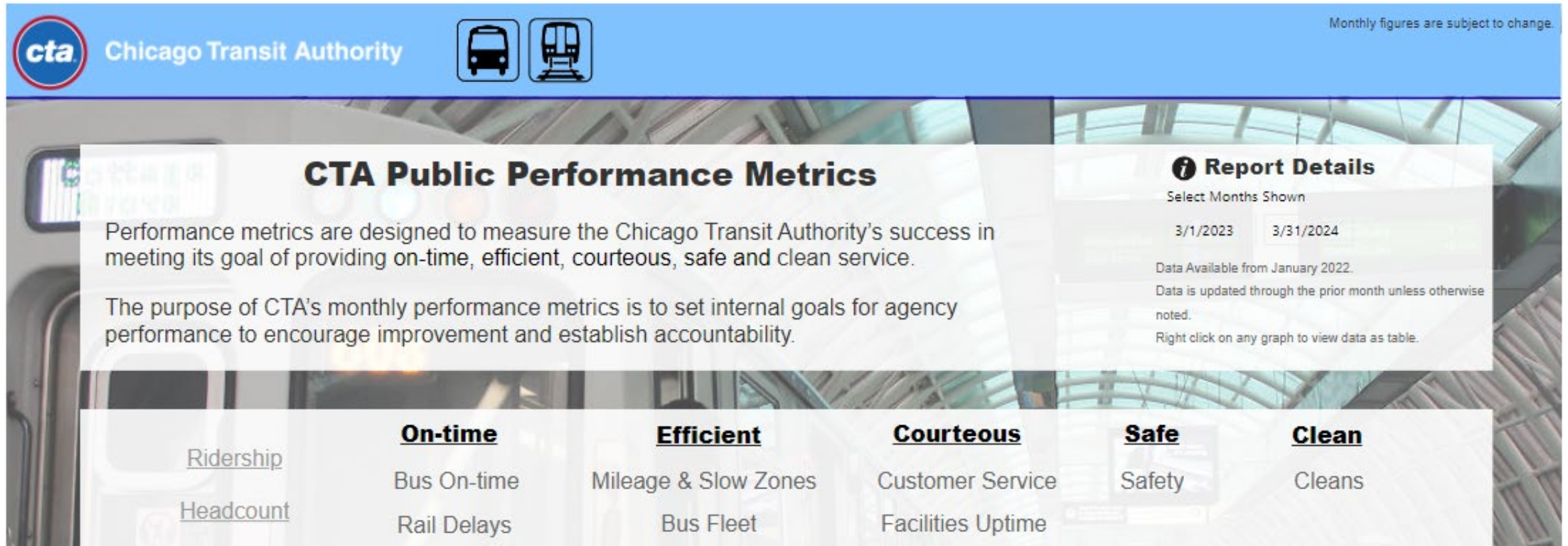
RTA's role

- Annual certification statement

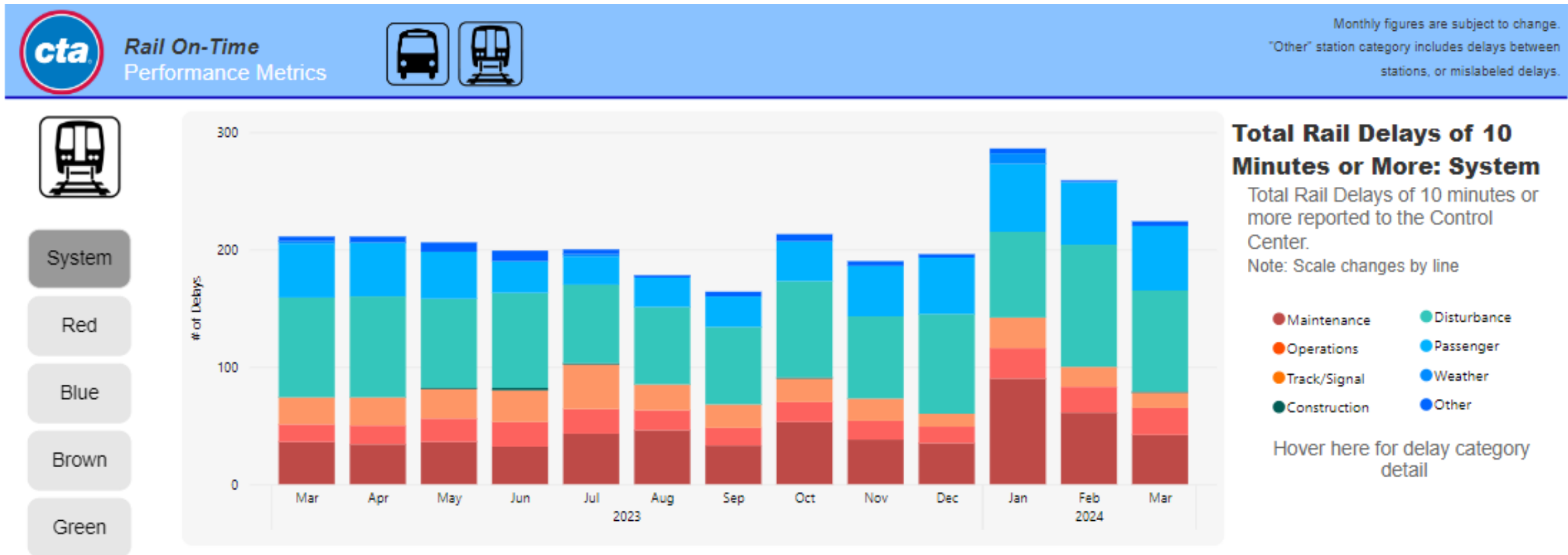
What's at stake

- Free and reduced fare reimbursement

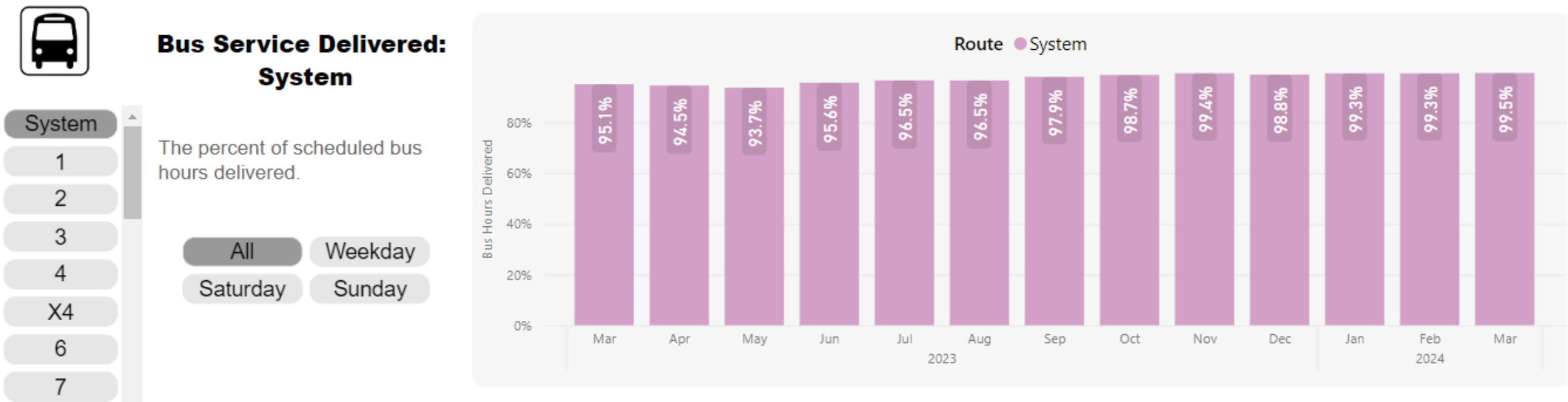
CTA – Performance dashboard



CTA – Performance dashboard continued



CTA – Performance dashboard continued



Metra – Performance dashboard

Month	Scheduled Service												
2024-03	Schedule Type	BNSF	HC	MD-N	MD-W	ME	NCS	RI	SWS	UP-N	UP-NW	UP-W	Total
Scheduled Service Includes all trains as shown in the regularly published timetables, not including any extra trains or special event trains.	Saturday	156		110	127	410		173		132	173	106	1,387
	Sunday	100		90	90	220		145		90	105	90	930
	Weekday	1,911	126	1,092	1,092	2,751	294	1,680	630	1,470	1,638	1,218	13,902
	Total	2,167	126	1,292	1,309	3,381	294	1,998	630	1,692	1,916	1,414	16,219
	Delivered Service (Non-Annulled Trains)												
	Schedule Type	BNSF	HC	MD-N	MD-W	ME	NCS	RI	SWS	UP-N	UP-NW	UP-W	Total
Delivered Service (Non-Annulled Trains) Includes all trains from the Scheduled Service table that complete their trip	Saturday	156		110	127	410		173		132	172	106	1,386
	Sunday	100		90	90	220		145		89	105	90	929
	Weekday	1,907	126	1,091	1,089	2,751	294	1,671	627	1,470	1,631	1,211	13,868
	Total	2,163	126	1,291	1,306	3,381	294	1,989	627	1,691	1,908	1,407	16,183



Pace – Performance dashboard

Employee data

The following statistics track the number of bus operators (drivers) who work directly for Pace.

METRIC	JAN 2024	FEB 2024	MAR 2024	APR 2024	MAY 2024	JUNE 2024	JULY 2024	AUG 2024	SEP 2024	OCT 2024	NOV 2024	DEC 2024
Number of budgeted positions as of first of the month	1,138											
Current positions employed as of first of the month	981											
Operators hired during the month	28											
Operators lost to attrition during the month	19											
Operators in training as of first of the month	79											

Pace – Performance dashboard continued

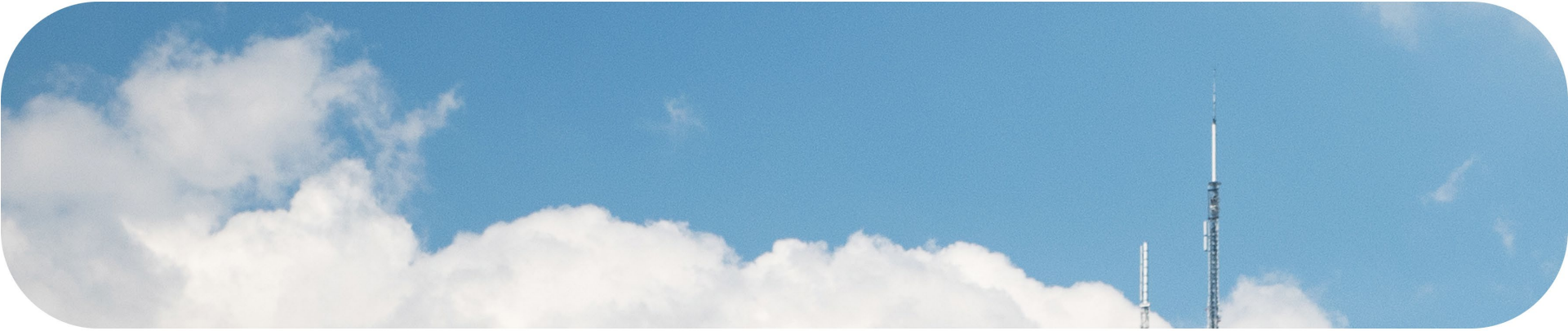
Excess Wait Time in Minutes, by day						
January-24	Holiday	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Route/direction/Time Point	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/2</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>1/4</u>	<u>1/5</u>	<u>1/6</u>
Pulse Milwaukee	1.0	(2.8)	0.4	0.3	0.1	(1.7)
North	1.6	(3.2)	0.3	0.1	(0.0)	(1.6)
Dempster Station	(1.5)	(6.9)	(3.1)	(3.8)	(4.1)	(4.2)
Devon Station	(0.5)	(4.7)	(1.5)	(1.8)	(1.7)	(3.3)
Golf Mill Station	0.1	(5.2)	(0.9)	(1.5)	(1.7)	(3.7)
Jefferson Park Transit Center	10.3	6.1	8.9	9.8	9.8	6.1
Touhy Station	(0.5)	(5.0)	(2.0)	(2.3)	(2.4)	(3.1)
South	0.5	(2.5)	0.5	0.5	0.2	(1.8)
Dempster Station	(2.4)	(4.1)	(1.3)	(0.8)	(0.9)	(4.4)

Pace – Performance dashboard continued

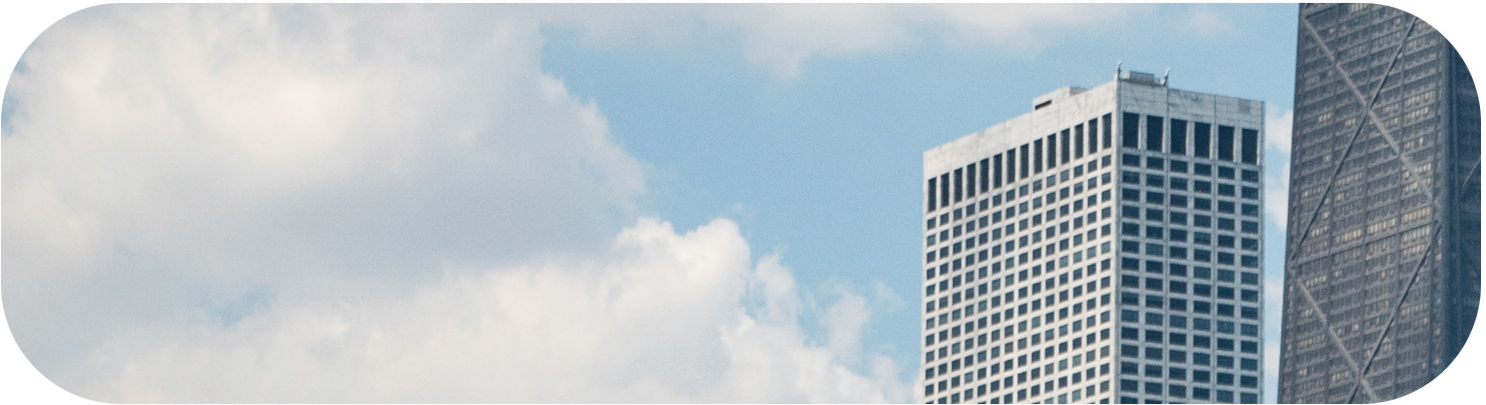
Security data

The following statistics track the occurrence of any security incidents within the Pace system.

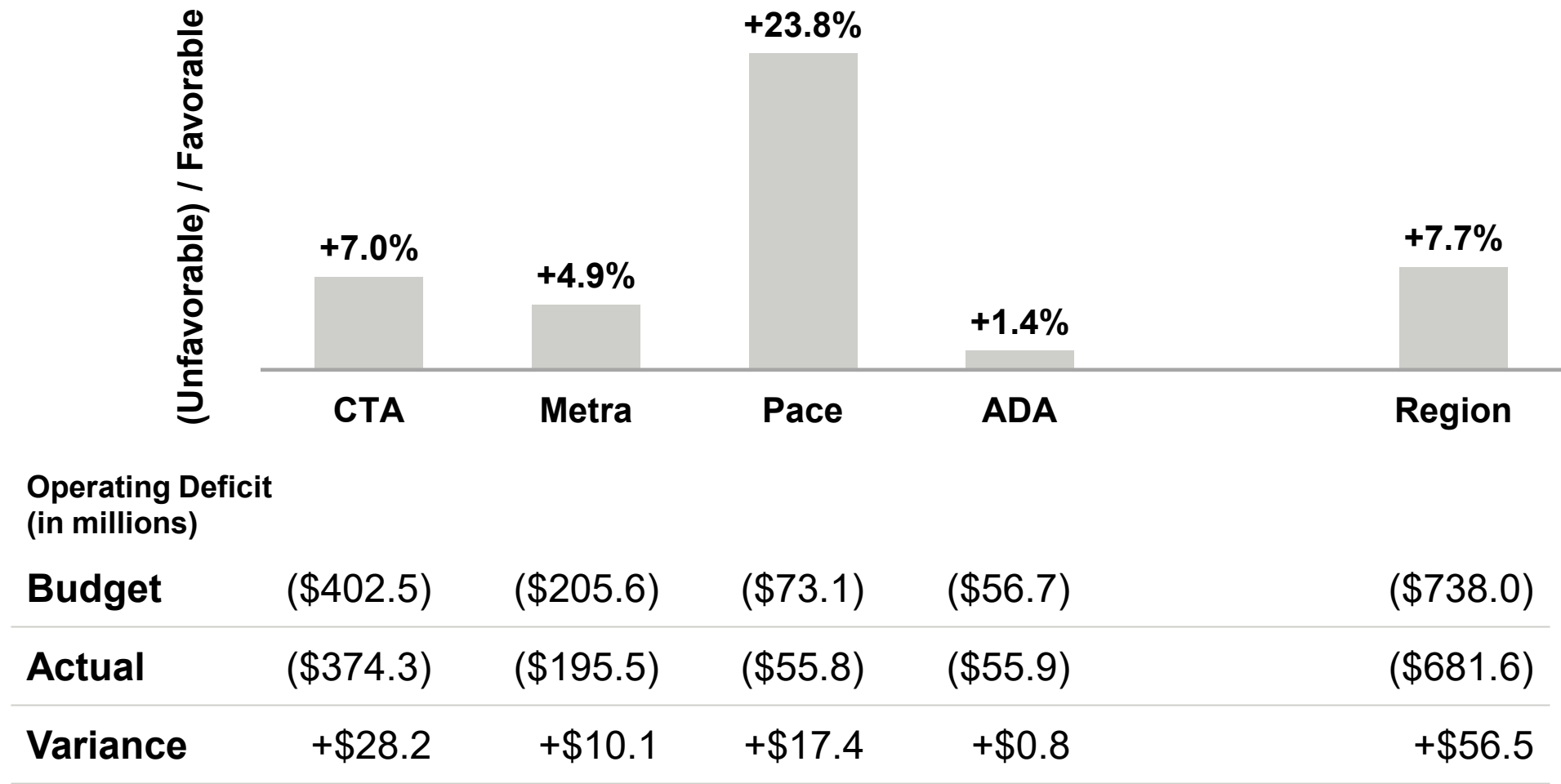
metric	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024
Number of incidents of crime and code of conduct violations on system during the month	1					
Percentage of buses with onboard cameras as of the first of the month	100					



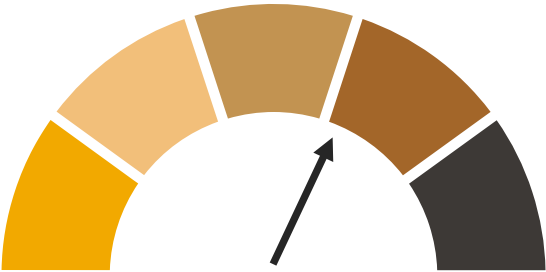
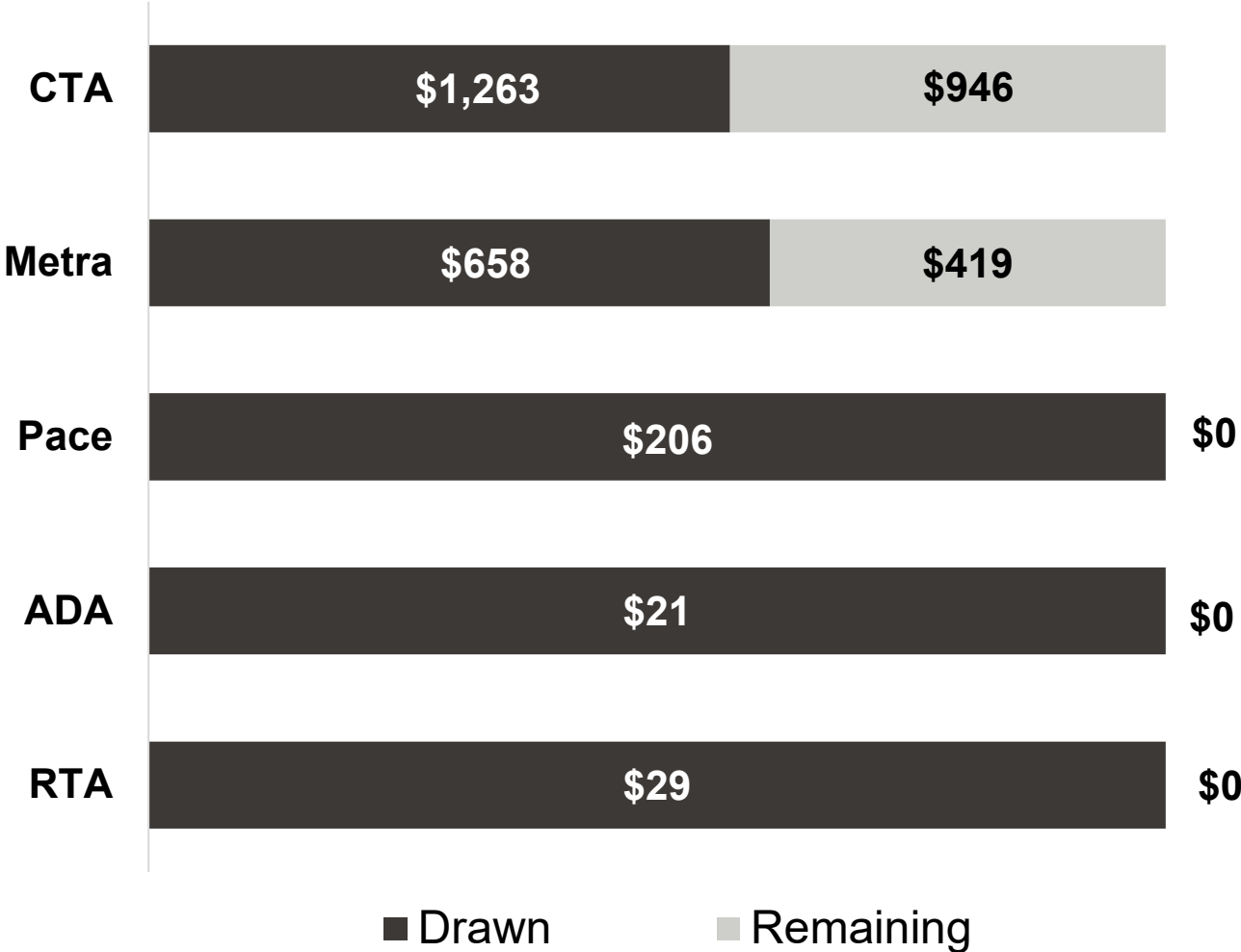
FINANCE



Operating deficit variances from budget year to date through March



Relief funding drawn (in millions)



Region Total
Drawn = 61.5%

\$2.176B
of
\$3.541B



**7b. Amendment of
the 2024-2028
Capital Program,
and approval of
2024 Federal
Funding Allocation
Agreements**



2024-2028 Funding changes (in millions)

2024-2028 Capital Program Funding Changes	Current	Change	Proposed
CTA	\$2,742.90	\$334.43	\$3,077.33
Metra	\$1,947.15	\$2.41	\$1,949.56
Pace	\$488.60	\$4.13	\$492.73
Service Board Changes Subtotal	\$5,178.65	\$340.97	\$5,519.62
City of Chicago	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
2024-2028 Capital Program Total Available	\$5,183.65	\$340.97	\$5,524.62



CTA Red Line Extension Bonds: \$336M

- Addition of \$336M in CTA bonds to meet budget for Full Funding Grant Agreement
- CTA to continue to explore other funding options to replace CTA bonds where possible



Metra: Community Project Funding

- \$3.3M in Community Project Grants
 - Gresham Area Bridges (\$0.5M)
 - Woodstock Yard (\$0.8M)
 - Edgebrook Station (\$1.2M)
 - O'Hare Station Pedestrian Improvements (\$0.8M)



Pace: Community Project Funding

- \$4.3M in Community Project Grants
 - Electric Buses (\$0.8M)
 - Electric Paratransit Vehicles (\$1.0M)
 - Transit Signal Priority (\$2.5M)



Regional Federal Formula Allocations (in millions)

2024 Regional Federal Formula Funds	Funding	Percent
Regional Transportation Authority	\$748.78	95.75%
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission	\$33.06	4.23%
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission	\$0.14	0.02%
Total 2024 Regional Federal Formula Funds	\$781.98	100%



Proposed Ordinances for approval

- Amendment to the 2024-2028 Capital Program
- 2024 Federal Formula Funds Split between:
 - RTA/NIRPC
 - RTA/SEWRPC

**7c. Ordinance
approving the 2025
budget call for the
annual operating
budget, two-year
financial plan, and
five-year capital
program**



Budget Call Purpose

- Defines budget and program process
- Sets budget calendar and deadlines
- Identifies statutory and other requirements
- Conforms to budget criteria set forth in RTA Act
- Supports the adopted regional strategic plan



Budget Call Key Components

- Regional economic outlook
- Statement of revenues and expenses
- Operating statistics
- Recovery ratio calculations
- Federal funding utilization
- Alignment with RTA's strategic plan
- Capital program projects



New Requirements for 2025-2029

- Identify initiatives supporting *Transit is the Answer's* action agenda
- Temporary recovery ratio relief only through 2025
- Budget Balancing Actions after Federal relief funding exhausts
- ICE funding resumes in 2025-2027
- Written responses to RTA staff questions
- Two early capital submittal deadlines



2025-2029 Capital Program Call

- Projects will continue to be grouped based on the 10-year priorities submitted by the Service Boards
- PAYGO and FTA formula funds allocated based on Board-approved performance-based capital allocation process
- Projects to be evaluated using new measures included in *Transit is the Answer*
- Capital evaluations are due September 27 to allow for RTA review
- Capital program submittal due October 4 to allow for RTA review



Proposed Budget Calendar

- May 16 Board Adoption of Budget Call
- Early July Release of Preparatory Funding Amounts
- Jul 12 Service Board Submittals of Capital Funding Estimates
- Aug 15 RTA Board Considers Adoption of 2025-2029 Funding Amounts
- Sep 27 Deadline for Capital Evaluations to RTA
- Oct 4 Deadline for Capital Budgets to RTA
- Oct 11 Deadline for Service Board Budget Submittals to RTA
- Oct/Nov Service Board Budget and Capital Program Public Hearings
- Nov 22 Service Boards Present Budgets at RTA Board Meeting
- Early Dec RTA Regional Budget and Capital Program Public Hearing
- Dec 19 Budget and Capital Program Considered for Adoption



7d. Ordinance authorizing contract for Managed Security Services Provider



**7e. Ordinance
authorizing the
purchase of excess
liability insurance
policies by the RTA
Loss Financing
Plan/Joint Self-
Insurance Fund**



7f. Ordinances authorizing contracts for commercial banking services and bond trustee services



7g. Ordinance Authorizing a contract for printing and mailing of maps



7h. Approval of travel expense reimbursement(s)



8. New business

9. Executive Session

IOMA Sections 2(c)(8) & 2(c)(11)

Adjournment

The next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, June 20.

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