Meeting of the RTA Board of Directors

November 20, 2025

Welcome! Meeting Starts at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Agenda: rtachicago.org

Regional Transportation Authority

1. Call to order

Pledge of allegiance

RTA Board of Directors meeting

- Roll call
- Approval of minutes

4. Executive Director’s report

Access to Transit Program – Call for Projects

- November 20, 2025 – January 16, 2026
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Today’s agenda

5. Information items

5a. Presentation and discussion of the proposed 2026 budgets of Pace, Metra, and CTA

5b. Presentation and discussion of the proposed 2026 RTA Agency Budget

2026 Agency Budget Development

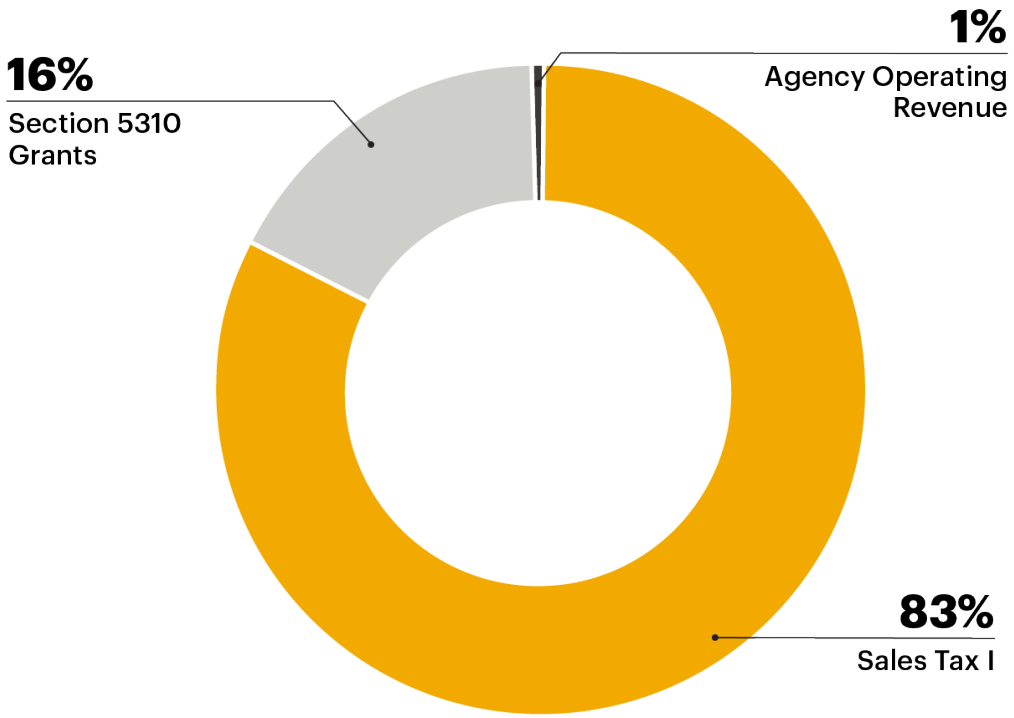
- Total 2026 RTA Agency of $48.8M
  - Reflects fewer staff
  - Implementing efficiencies and cost-reduction initiatives
- New RTA budget processes address the strain on limited resources
  - Streamlined budget process
- Resulting RTA budget
  - Funds the essential responsibilities of the Agency
  - Sets the base for a successful transition to NITA

2026 Funding Amendment

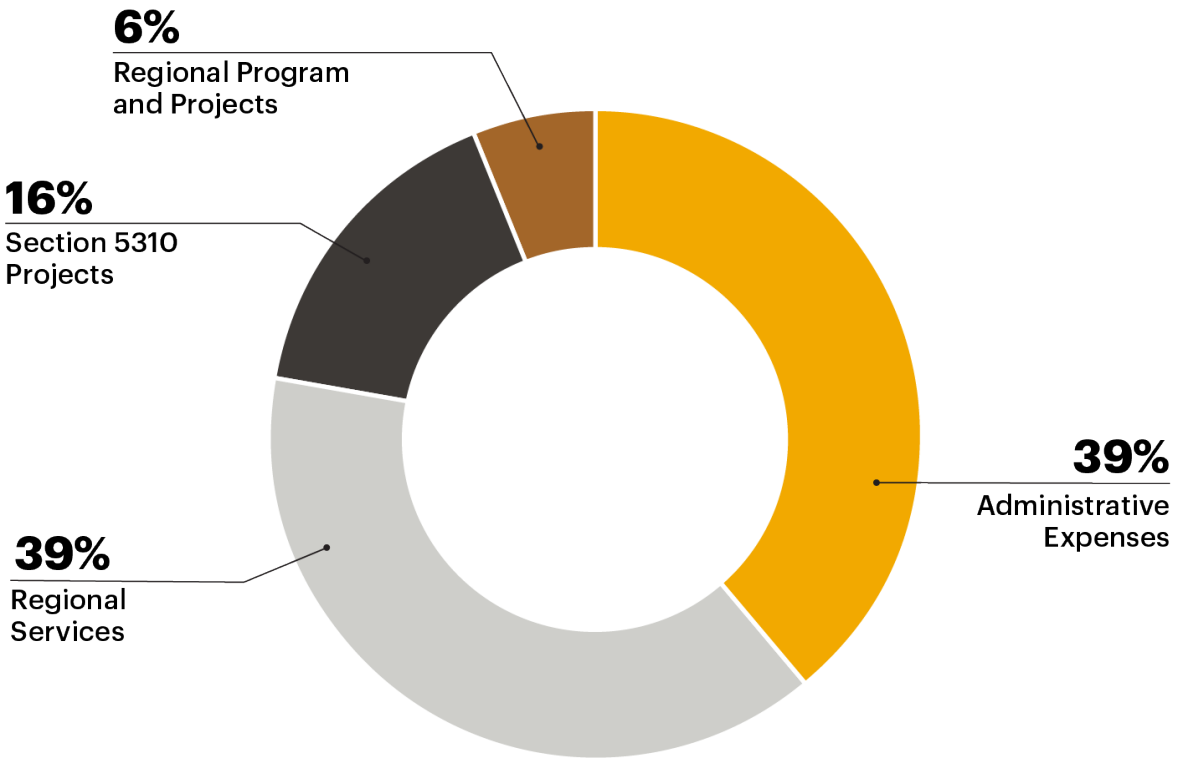
(in millions)	2026 August Marks	2026 November Marks	$ Change	% Change
CTA	$1,377.0	$1,518.9	+$141.9	+10.3%
Metra	$635.9	$663.8	+$27.9	+4.4%
Pace	$251.6	$270.5	+$18.9	+7.5%
ADA Paratransit	$280.1	$280.1	+$0.0	+0.0%
RAP/TAP	$0.0	$56.7	+$56.7	-
Debt Service and JSIF	$59.2	$59.2	+$0.0	+0.0%
RTA Agency	$40.4	$40.4	+$0.0	+0.0%
Projected Regional Funds (Q4 2026)	$0.0	$319.2	+$319.2	-
Total	**$2,644.1**	**$3,208.8**	**+$564.7**	**+21.4%**

2026 RTA Agency budgeted revenue and expenses with Section 5310 federal funds

Agency 2026 Budgeted Revenue - $48.8M



Agency 2026 Budgeted Expenses - $48.8M



RTA Agency Budget year-to-year comparison

(in millions)	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	% Change
Administrative	$19.493	$18.786	(3.6%)
Regional Services and Programs	$20.872	$21.579	3.6%
Budget Total	**$40.365**	**$40.365**	**-**

Administrative Expenses Efficiencies and Cost Reductions over the 2025 Budget

	Amount (in millions)	% Change
Reduction in Headcount	($0.399)	(2.7%)
Professional Services	($0.211)	(18.6%)
Office, Facility & IT Services	($0.097)	(2.9%)
Total	**($0.707)**	**(3.6%)**

Work Plan

Focus on continuing the core work of the agency and taking steps towards setting NITA up for success

Enhanced Responsibilities in NITA Legislation

- Master services agreement for service planning, fare modeling, and capital prioritization
- Parking minimum/zoning update
- Aligning joint development work
- Expansion of Access pilot program to CTA and Pace
- Access to Transit projects with RTA/NITA funding

6. Action items

6a. Approval of travel expense reimbursement(s)

7. Public Comment

8. New Business

Adjournment

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

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