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LEADING TRANSIT OPERATING BUDGETS AND THE CAPITAL PROGRAM

The RTA reviews, adopts and monitors the annual budgets, two-year financial plans and five-year capital programs of CTA, Metra, Pace and ADA Paratransit to ensure they are balanced and consistent with long-range plans. In 2018, the regional transit budget is approximately **\$4.2 billion**, comprised of a \$3.0 billion operating budget and a \$1.2 billion capital program. In addition, the RTA approves the \$4.1 billion regional five year capital program. The RTA, through its Project Management Oversight program, oversees more than \$3.7 billion in capital projects, ensuring they are on schedule and within budget.

PROVIDING ACCESSIBILITY

The RTA manages the ADA Paratransit Certification program that determines eligibility for individuals with disabilities who apply for ADA Paratransit Services operated by Pace. More than 18,000 applications are received each year and there are more than **60,000 eligible customers** across the region.

The RTA provides Travel Training, Group Transit Orientation Presentations, and educational outreach to older adults and people with disabilities throughout the six-county region. These programs serve over **20,000 customers** with disabilities and older adults annually.

The RTA's Customer Service Centers serve over 550,000 individuals with disabilities and older adults enrolled in Reduced Fare and Ride Free programs.

For more information about the RTA fare programs, call **(312) 913-3110**. For more information about Travel Training or ADA paratransit certification, call **(312) 663-4357 (HELP)**.

IMPROVING YOUR RIDE

The RTA's work on Transit Signal Priority technology will reduce the time buses are stopped at red lights.

The RTA's programs help fund sidewalks, bicycle facilities, crossing signals and parking lots, making it easier for riders to access transit.

The RTA's interagency signage program makes it easier for riders to find their way when riding transit, especially when transferring between buses and trains. Signage is now in place at four major transit locations and there are **81 new signs** in and around Chicago's Union Station.

PUBLISHING TRANSIT DATA

The Regional Transportation Authority Mapping and Statistics (RTAMS.org) website is a **transit data warehouse** of services, planning and financial information for the Chicagoland region. The website's goal is to improve access to the region's wide array of transit related-data from the RTA, CTA, Metra, Pace and other regional transportation and planning agencies.

AUDITING AND OVERSIGHT

The RTA performs periodic financial, operational performance and safety program oversight audits of CTA, Metra and Pace.

ENCOURAGING TRANSIT FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Over the past 20 years, the RTA has leveraged federal, local and its own dollars to fund more than **200 transit-related planning** and implementation projects for local communities, totaling nearly **\$28 million** throughout the six-county region.

MCHENRY COUNTY — MCRide

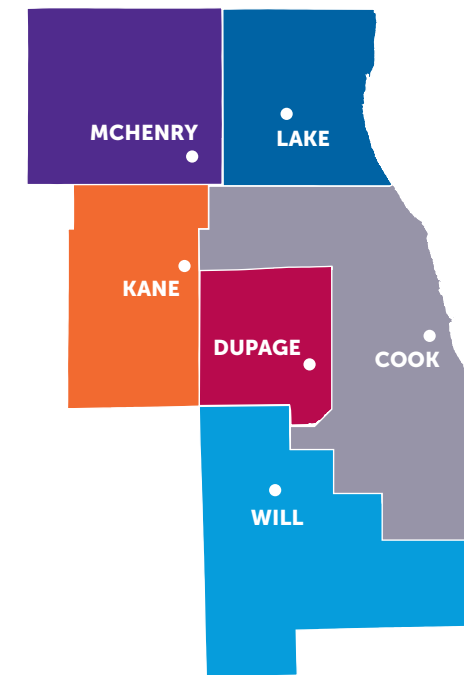
McHenry County's MCRide program provides coordinated dial-a-ride service to individuals with disabilities and individuals 60 years or older. The MCRide program is funded through the RTA and provides more than 100,000 trips per year.

KANE COUNTY — Elgin

The City is implementing its Community Planning-funded TOD plan for the downtown Metra station on Chicago Street. The historic Elgin Tower Building is being renovated into 45 apartments ready for occupancy in early 2018, and the City is installing streetscape improvements that include a pedestrian crosswalk connecting the Metra station with the Pace Transportation Center. Through the RTA's Interagency Signage program, signs will be installed to assist passengers making transfer connections from Metra to Pace.

DUPAGE COUNTY — Clarendon Hills

After completing a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) plan with the RTA's Community Planning Program, the Village is attracting development within walking distance of its Metra station and Pace Bus service. A four story mixed-use building featuring 42 apartments and commercial space and a three story, eight unit apartment building are scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2018.



WILL COUNTY — Joliet

Following recommendations from a Community Planning study, construction is wrapping up on a modernized Metra station that will include a permanent Heritage Corridor platform and new transit center that will be more accommodating for passengers. The station is scheduled to open early 2018.

LAKE COUNTY — Mundelein

After completing a TOD plan with the RTA, 149 residential units have been built next to the Mundelein Metra station with more projects in the planning stage. Other recent TOD developments feature a mixed-use Village Hall that includes office space and a 40 unit affordable housing. The Village will also be improving walkability to its transit stops by constructing a pedestrian overpass at the Metra station, which is expected to be completed in 2019.

COOK COUNTY — Chicago

The CTA Bus Corridor Slow Zone Improvement Initiative, funded through the RTA's Community Planning program, is developing a plan to improve the speed and reliability of service on two of CTA's most congested bus corridors: Chicago Avenue and 79th Street. This project is scheduled to be completed by mid-2018.



To learn more about the regional transit system, visit RTAMS.org.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

2018-2023 REGIONAL TRANSIT STRATEGIC PLAN

Chicago and Northeastern Illinois are built on transit and our investment is at risk. **It's time to act.**

The RTA, in collaboration with CTA, Metra, and Pace (the transit agencies), developed the 2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan, *Invest in Transit*. The new Strategic Plan provides a visionary roadmap for near-term transit investment in the RTA six-county area.

Invest in Transit outlines the regional need for pursuing dependable funding streams that will enable the Transit Agencies to provide this vital service well into the future.

The plan has three goals and several strategies for implementation:

► **Deliver value on our investment:**

Focuses on the positive impacts of transit investment and the importance of increasing funding.

► **Build on the strengths of our**

network: Focuses on the service improvements and infrastructure investments that the Transit Agencies would like to make in key transit markets throughout the region. This includes details of **\$30 billion in unfunded or underfunded priority projects.**

► **Stay competitive:** Focuses on the vital role that transit plays as part of the region's mobility network and strategies for adapting to the evolving needs of riders.

The RTA is calling for and pursuing a stable, dedicated annual capital investment program of **\$2-\$3 billion** per year over the next 10 years to meet the capital needs of the region and reduce the impact that disinvestment has on operations.



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