

Meeting of the RTA Board of Directors

April 20, 2023

Welcome! Meeting Starts at 9 a.m.

Meeting Agenda: rtachicago.org



1. Call to order

Pledge of allegiance



RTA Board of Directors meeting

2. Roll call

3. Approval of minutes

4. Presentation of the CMAP Partners for Progress Award





5. Public comment



6. Executive Director's report



Today's agenda

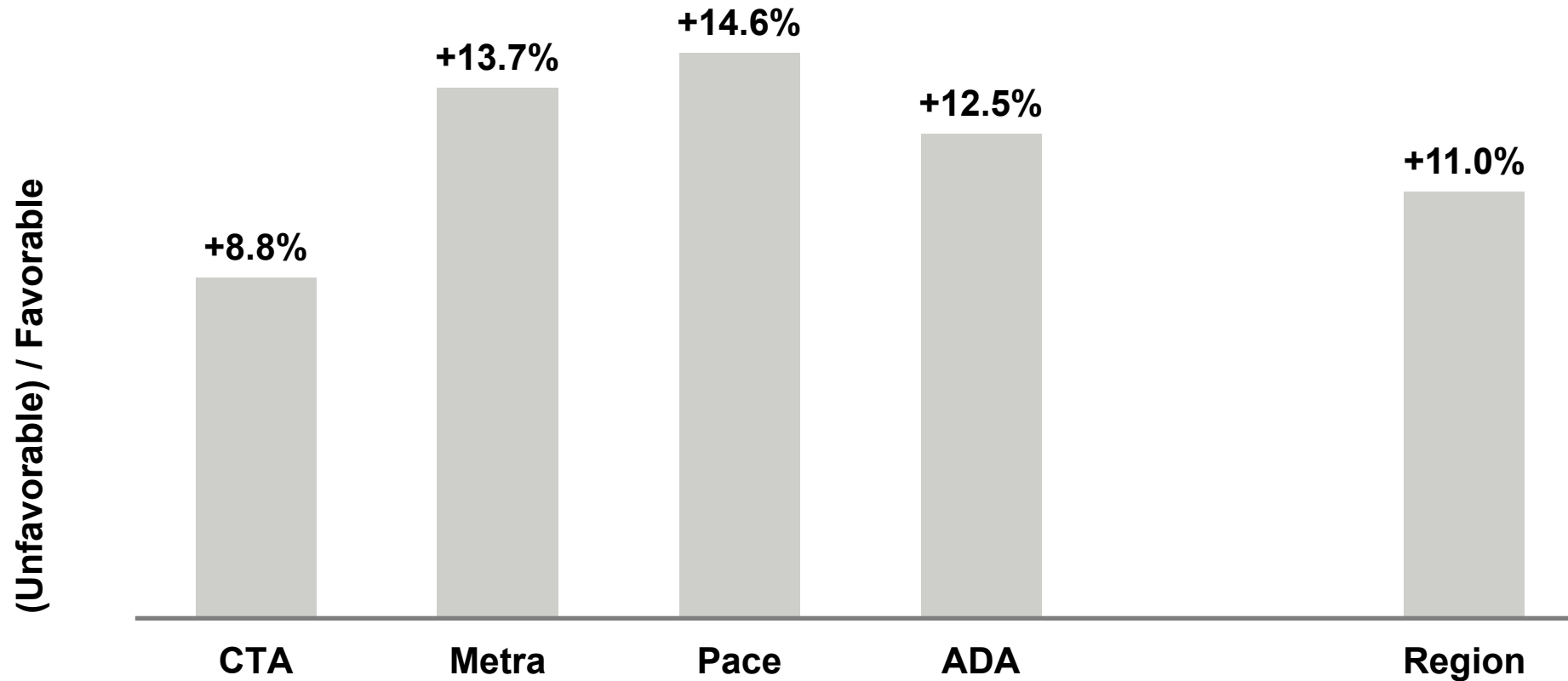


7. Information items

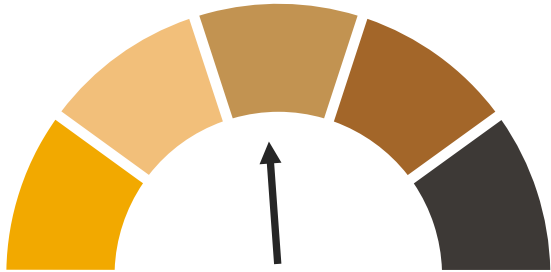
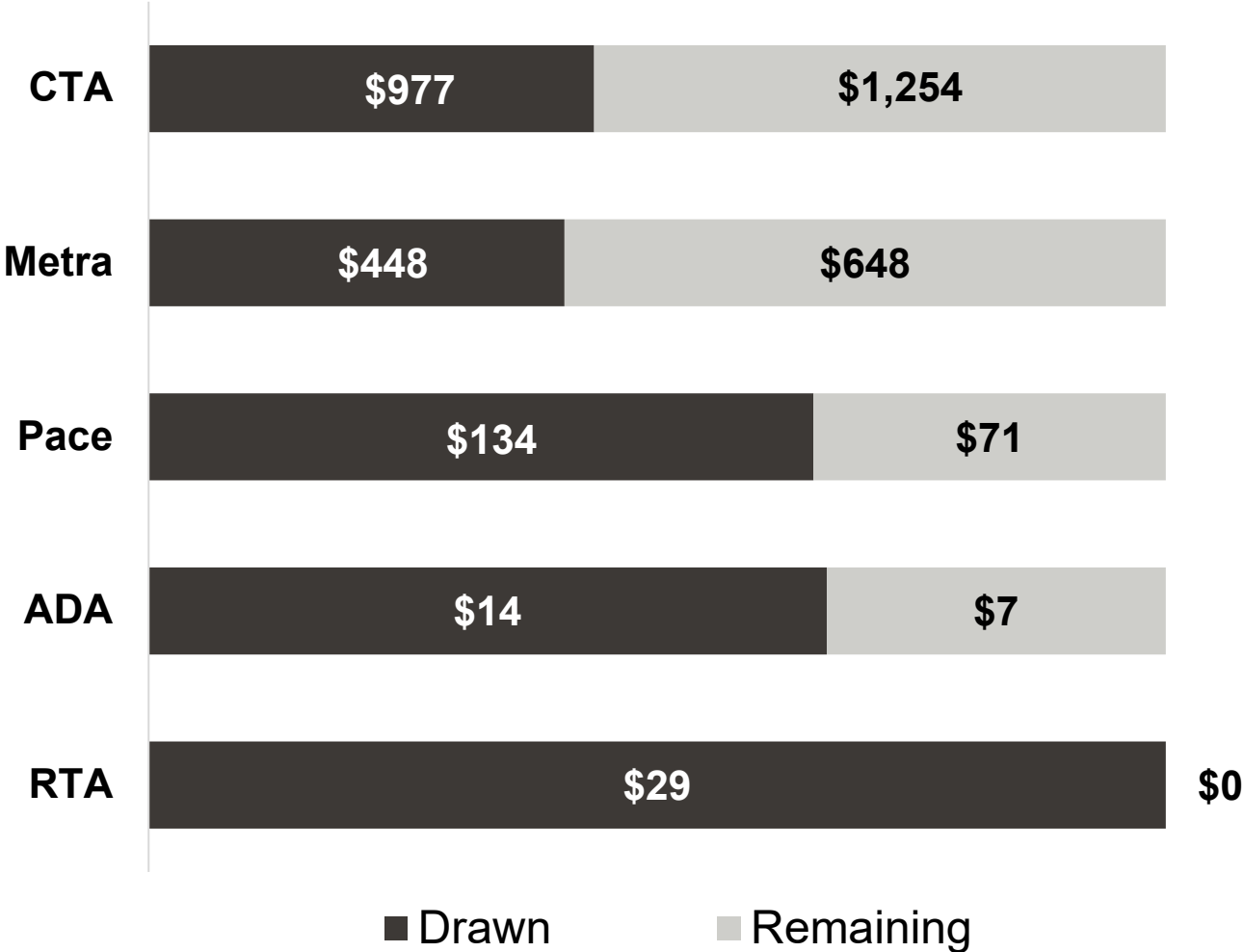
7a. Report on monthly financial results – February 2023



Operating deficit variances from budget – YTD through February



Relief funding drawn (in millions)

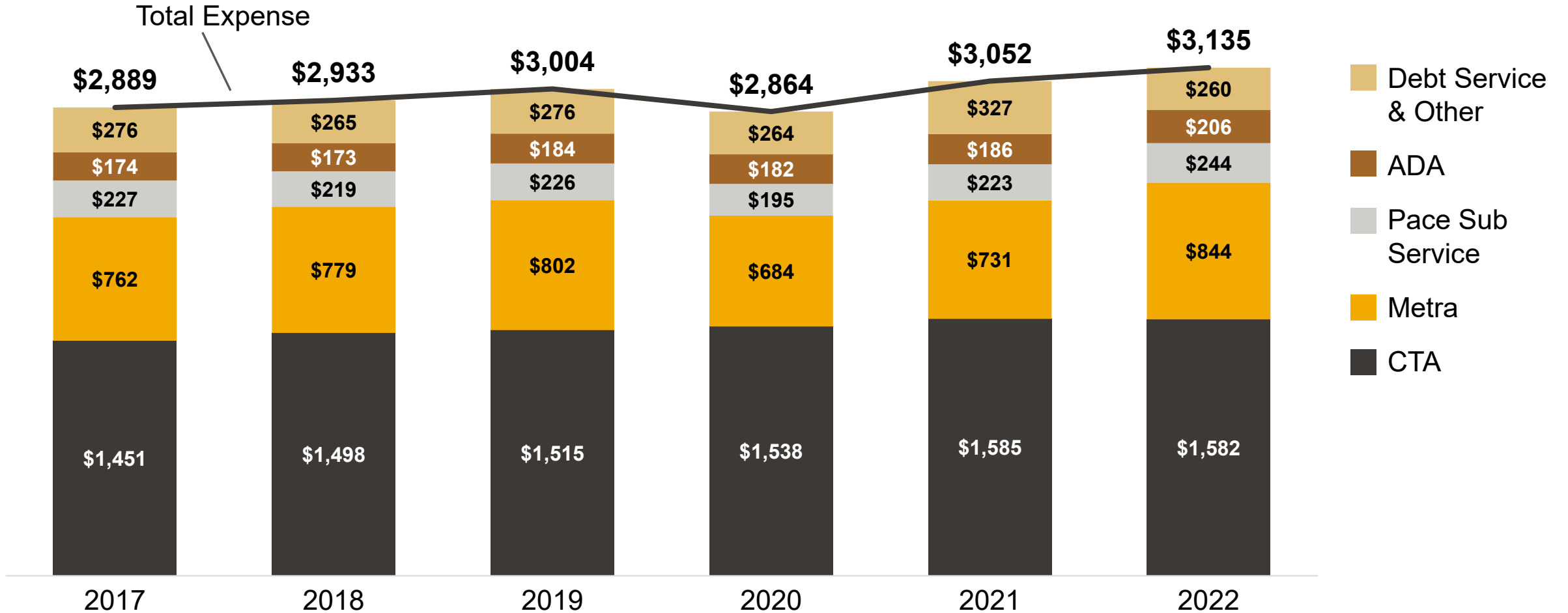


**Region Total
Drawn = 45.3%**

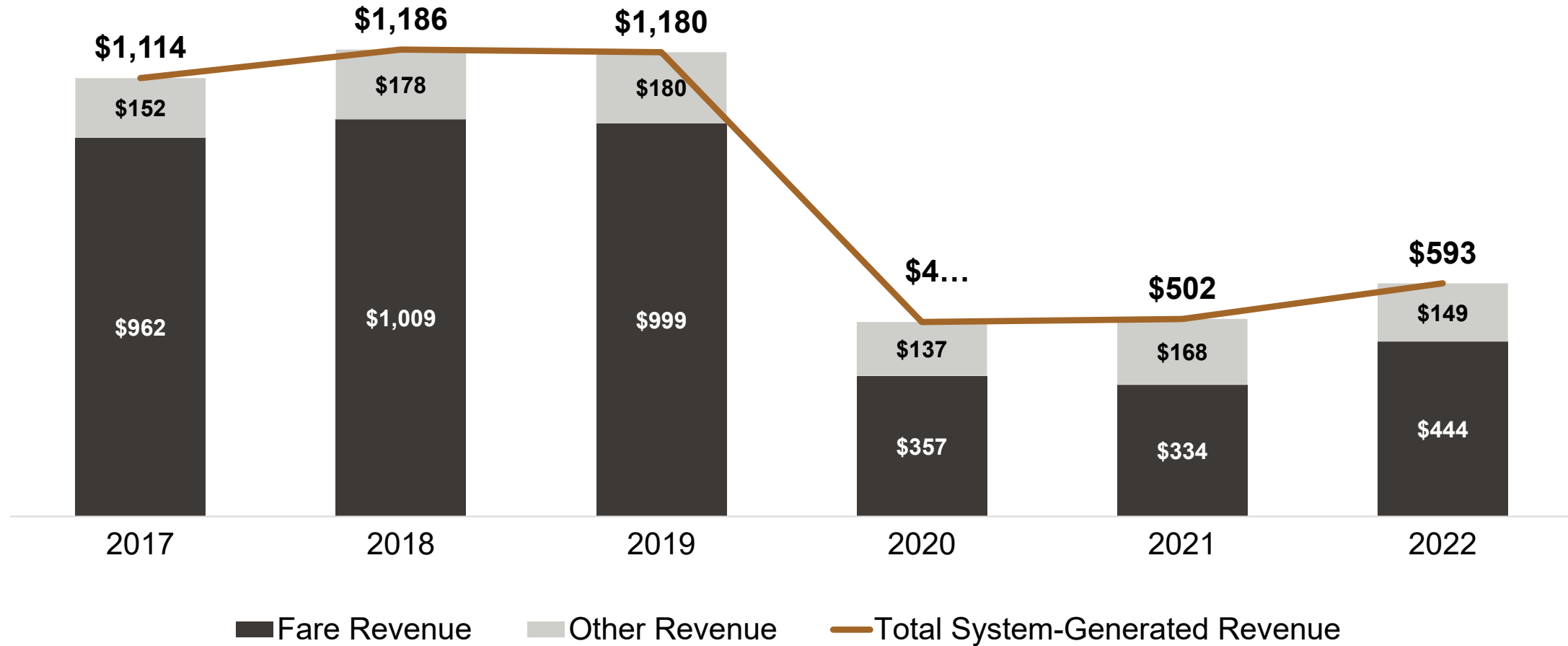
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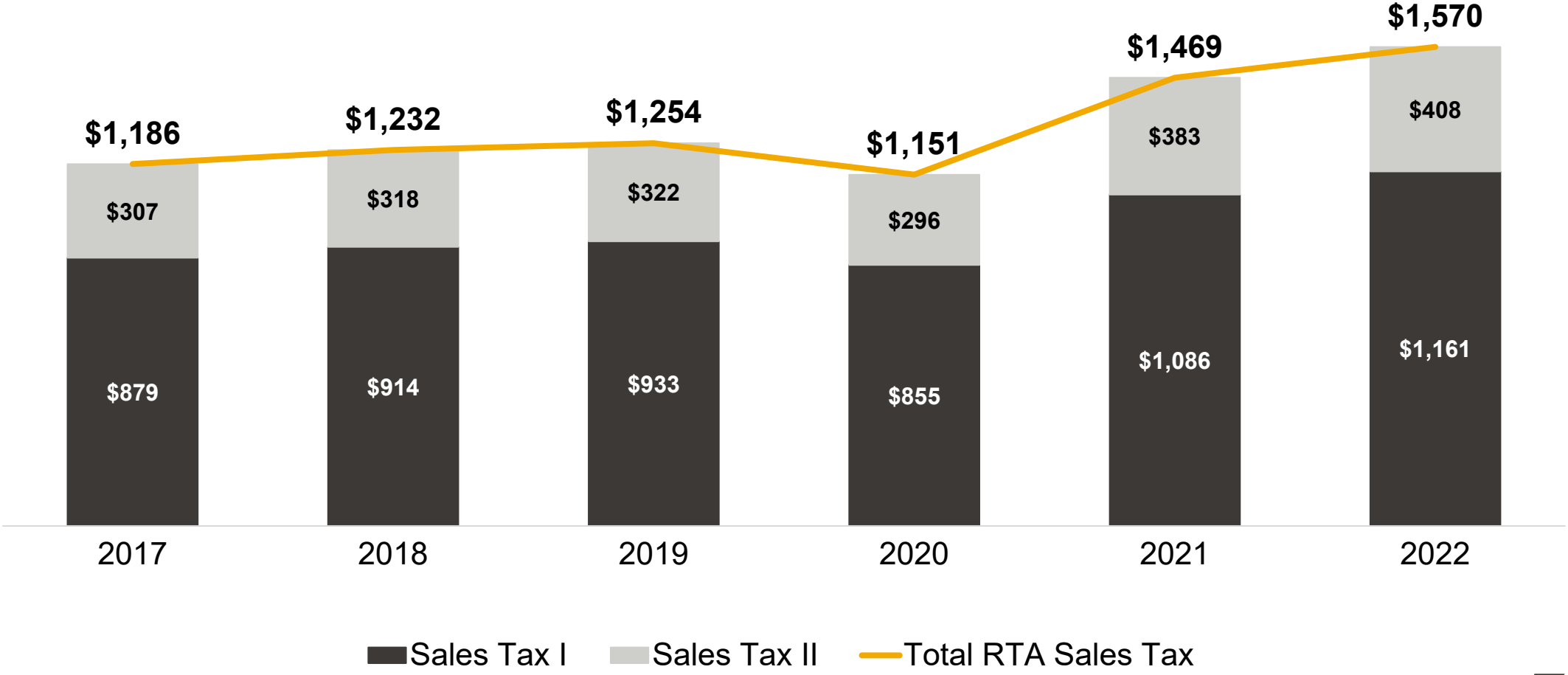
Total regional operating expense 2017 – 2022 (in millions)



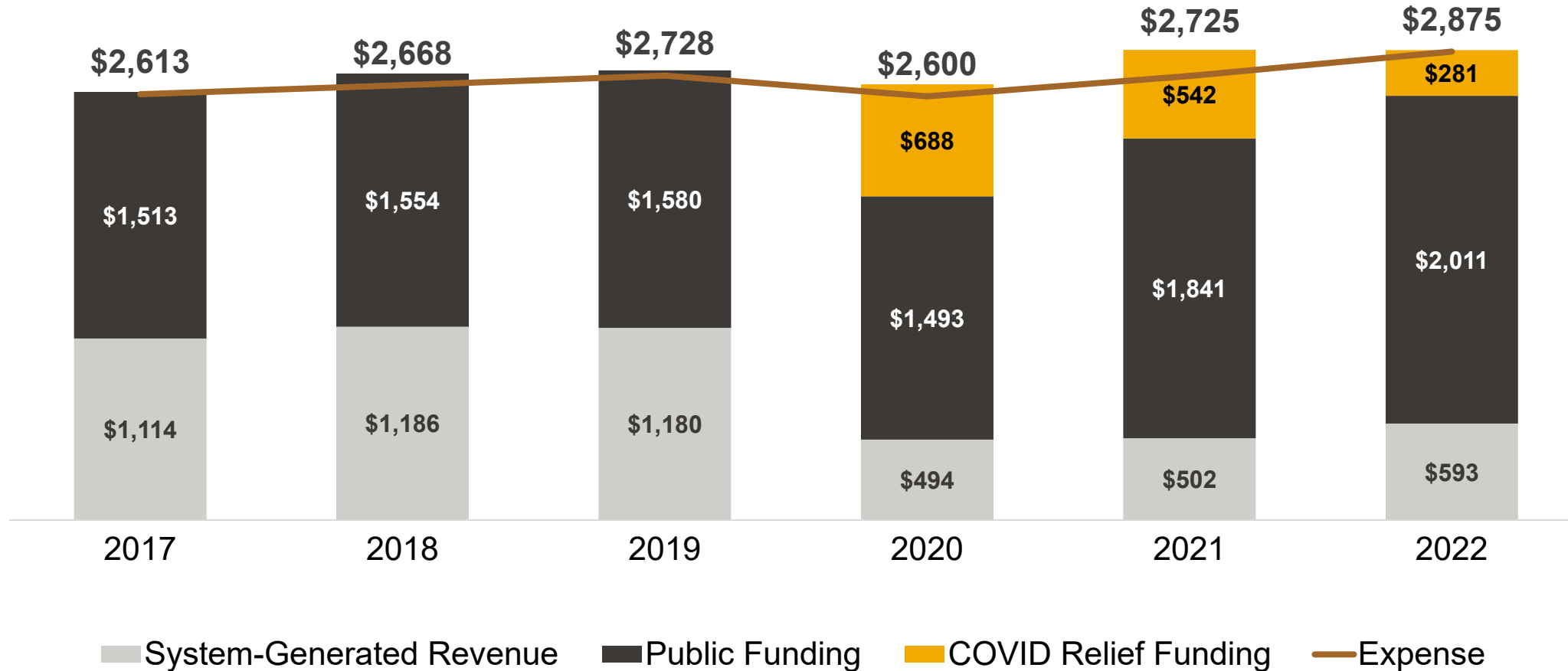
Total system-generated revenue 2017 – 2022 (in millions)



Total RTA sales tax 2017 – 2022 (in millions)



Service Board operating results 2017 – 2022 (in millions)



7b. Transit is the Answer Update



Transit is the Answer Implementation Update

- Actions for Success
- Engagement & Transit is the Answer Coalition
- Measuring Progress



① Take affirmative steps forward to **secure increased funding for transit operations** and make the system less reliant upon fare revenue.

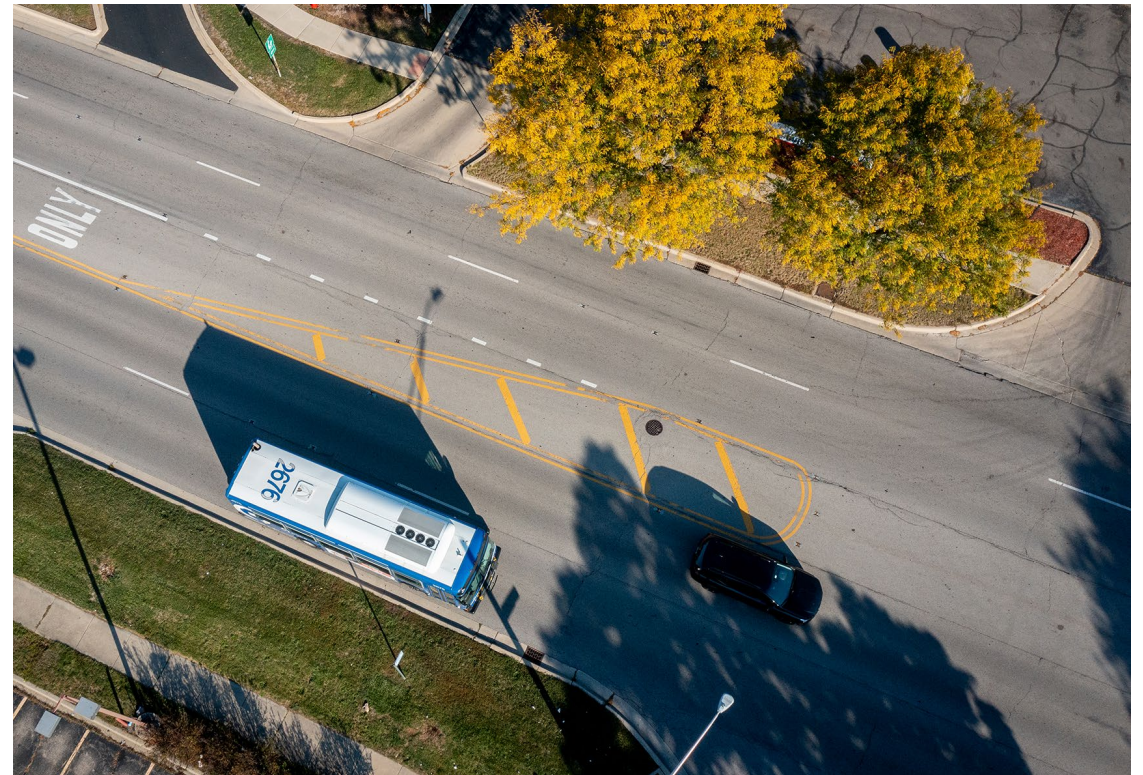
Execute a broad public outreach campaign on transit funding

- Communications led
- Begin date: Spring/Summer 2023
- Current Activities
 - Scoping public affairs messaging
 - Coordinating on-going activities



Collaborate to identify funding options and revenue proposals for the Illinois General Assembly

- Finance led
- Begin date: Spring/Summer 2023
- Current Activities
 - Coordinating with Service Board staff on CMAP Plan of Action for Regional Transit
 - Scoping workplan




Obtain continued recovery ratio relief while developing permanent funding structural reform

- Government Affairs led
- Begin date: Spring/Summer 2023
- Current Activities
 - Presenting Transit is the Answer
 - Meeting with elected leaders and stakeholders
 - Scoping workplan



Actions for success

 Deliver a set of **new regional transit initiatives** that will make the system better for riders.

Identify funding for an expanded regional free or reduced fare program for people experiencing low incomes

- Mobility Services and Planning led
- Begin date: Spring/Summer 2023
- Current Activities
 - Preliminary research
 - Scoping workplan



Convene a cross-sector and cross-regional safety and security summit

- Communications and Mobility Services led
- Begin date: Summer 2023
- Current Activities
 - Scoping work plan
 - Coordinating with stakeholders

Commission an independent review of the accessibility of rider communication and signage

- Planning led
- Begin date: Fall/Winter 2023
- Current Activities
 - Scoping work plan
 - Identifying needed resources





Collaboratively begin development of three regional action plans to program **investments that support a thriving region.**

Develop a regional transit climate action plan that identifies opportunities for transit to support the region's climate action goals

- Local Planning led
- Begin date: Fall/Winter 2023
- Current Activities
 - Scoping work plan
 - Identifying needed resources



Develop a regional accessibility improvement plan

- Planning led
- Begin date: Summer 2023
- Current Activities
 - Coordinating existing Service Board efforts
 - Scoping work plan



Update the *Setting the Stage for Transit* report to set standards for community land-use decisions and improving access to transit

- Local Planning led
- Begin date: Fall/Winter 2023
- Current Activities
 - Scoping work plan
 - Identifying needed resources

Transit is the Answer engagement

- 1,000 plans distributed to elected officials, municipal offices, and regional stakeholders
- Testified at appropriations and subject matter hearings in the Illinois House and Senate
- Met one-on-one with more than 20 members of the Illinois General Assembly and Congressional delegation
- Presented to councils of governments and mayors across the region in more than 20 standing meetings
- 10 blog posts, 10 newsletters, dozens of social media posts and earned media stories featuring plan content



Build a coalition around the value transit brings to the Chicago region



Transit is the Answer Coalition

- Purpose: To advance the Transit is the Answer agenda of advocacy and action
- Members will join the agency in advocating for sustainable transit funding and help shape the future of the system
- Quarterly virtual meetings where riders and advocates can provide input and feedback
- Staff will provide updates and progress on 2023 activities
- Continuation of the robust engagement that informed the development of Transit is the Answer



MEASURING PROGRESS

In the future our region's transit system will be...

- In a state of good repair
 - Financially stable
 - Safe, accessible, reliable, and useful for riders
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In the future our region will be...

- Connected
- Winning the fight against climate change
- Thriving

Next Steps

- April 25 Coalition Kick-off event at RTA Offices
- First Transit is the Answer Coalition meeting May 9
- May RTA Board meeting first Transit is the Answer quarterly report
- Transportation Tuesday Webinar series beginning in June

8. Action items

**8a. Ordinance
authorizing
contracts for IT staff
augmentation
services**



**8b. Ordinance
authorizing a
contract for printing
and fulfillment
services**



8c. Ordinance appointing a Secretary to the Authority



8d. Approval of travel expense reimbursement(s)



9. New business

10. Executive session

10a. IOMA Sections 2(c)(8) & 2(c)(11)




Adjournment

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

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