# MEETING 1: 10-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

**APRIL 29, 2022** 





### **AGENDA**

- Team admin and meeting schedule
- Context within broader Strategic Plan effort
- Necessity of 10-Year Financial Plan
- Work Plan and timeline
- Review current model
- Homework for next meeting



# **TYFP TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

| <u>RTA</u>     | <u>CTA</u>       | <u>Metra</u>                      |
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| Sarah Rubino   | Jeremy Fine      | Alan Ochab                        |
| Peter Kersten  | Michele Curran   | Jeff Morris                       |
|                | Lisa Smith       | David Kralik                      |
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| Lorri Newson   | Daniel Comeaux   | David Baumgartner                 |
| Erik Llewellyn | Elizabeth Scott  | Baird Bream                       |
| Melanie Castle |                  | Alex Hanson                       |
| David Tomzik   |                  | Regional Transportation Authority |

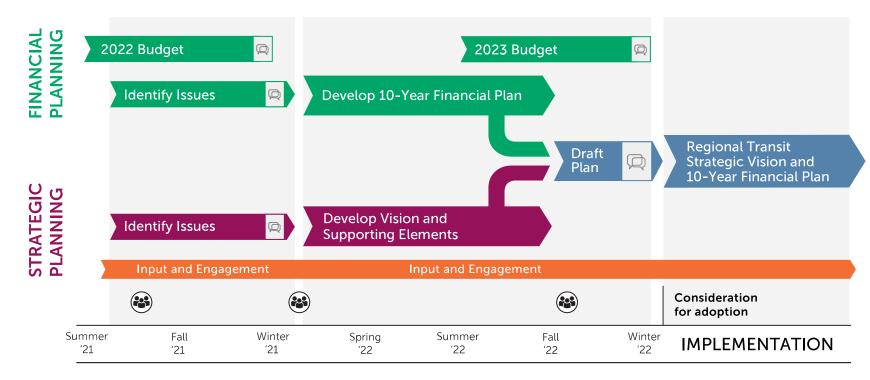
### **CONSULTANT ROLE**

- Role of RTA consultant, Sam Schwartz
  - Cambridge Systematics is technical sub-contractor for model work
    - Model enhancements
      - Post-COVID fare elasticities
      - Inflation projections / incorporation
      - Effect of mode shifts on expense
      - Electrification impact



#### **Regional Transit Strategic Plan Timeline**

Collaborative development of a new strategic direction for the region's transit system will occur along three tracks and consist of multiple overlapping activities.



# **WORKING GROUPS**

- Stakeholder Groups
  - Transit Service
  - Infrastructure Investment
  - Financial Responsibility
- Technical Groups
  - 10-Year Financial Plan
  - Priority Projects

Kick off April 20, 21

Kicking off late
April/early May



# **TEN-YEAR PLAN FROM 10 YEARS AGO...**



Regional Transportation Authority of Northeastern Illinois

Ten-Year Financial Plan







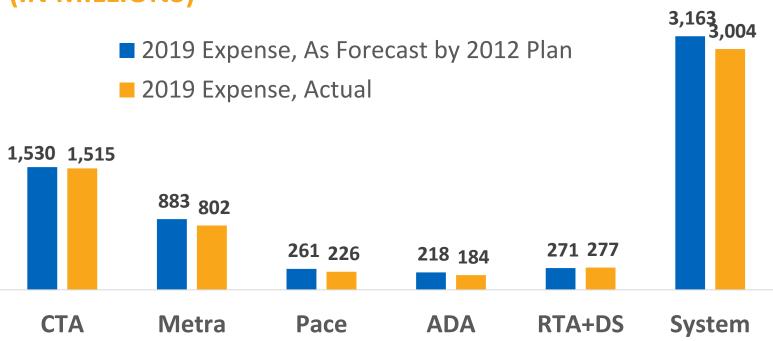
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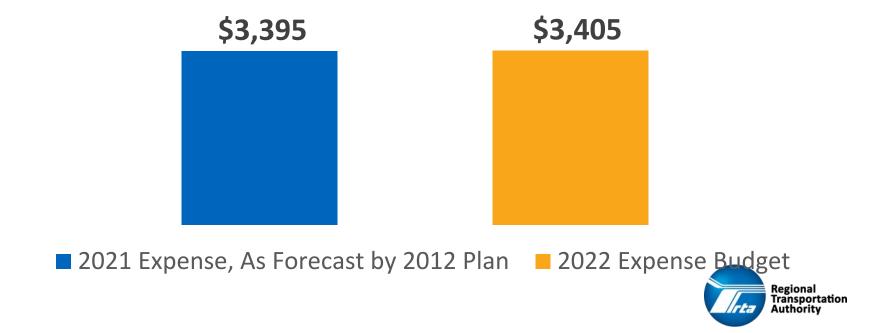


# ...ACTUALLY PREDICTED WELL

(IN MILLIONS)



# 2021 REGIONAL EXPENSE WAS SPOT ON (2022, THAT IS)



### **WORK PLAN - GOALS**

- Goals for this group
  - Predict longevity of federal relief funding
  - Establish "official" post-relief funding shortfall
  - Produce menu of options for re-achieving balance
  - Recommendations for permanent recovery ratio reform



### **WORK PLAN - TIMELINE**

May: Establish Baseline scenario

Define additional scenarios

Socialize revenue shortfall to stakeholder groups

June: Develop scenarios using model

July: Develop policy recommendations

Aug: Wrap up and produce technical memo / report

### **WORK PLAN - SCENARIOS**

Scenarios to be defined by varying these "levers":

Ridership recovery profile

Expanding existing funding sources

Identifying new funding sources

Expense growth



# **WORK PLAN - SCENARIOS**

Scenario A

Scenario B

Baseline scenario – status quo funding

Scenario C

Scenario D

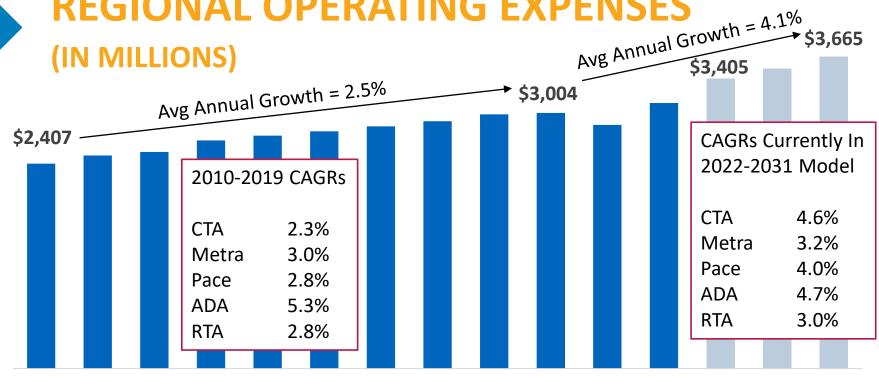


# **CURRENT MODEL VERSION**

- Will become Baseline scenario after refinement
- Incorporated April funding amendment
  - Increased RTA funding by \$130 million per year
  - Relief funding now lasts into 2025
- Budgeted 2022-2024 expense growth rates stretched through 2031
- Gradual ridership recovery to 75% by 2031
- No fare increases / decreases



# REGIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES



2015 2016 2022 2023 



# HOMEWORK FOR NEXT MEETING

- All
  - Think about scenarios we want to include
- RTA / Consultant
  - Meet to further discuss model functionality
- Service Boards
  - Please validate your tab(s) of the model
    - Expense growth rates
    - Ridership recovery levels (ridership tab)
    - It doesn't have to be perfect

