

Meeting of the RTA Board of Directors

January 16, 2025

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



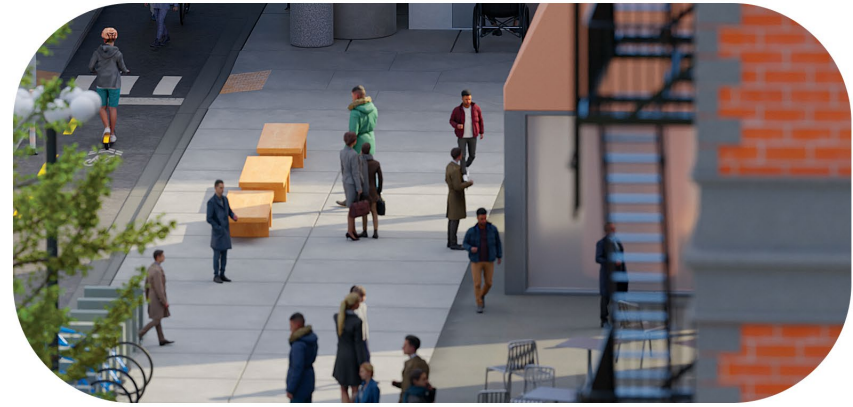
Today's agenda



6. Information items

6a. Transit is the Answer update





PROJECT UPDATE



TRANSFORMING TRANSIT



Understanding System Impacts — Service Changes

20%

Annual budget gap

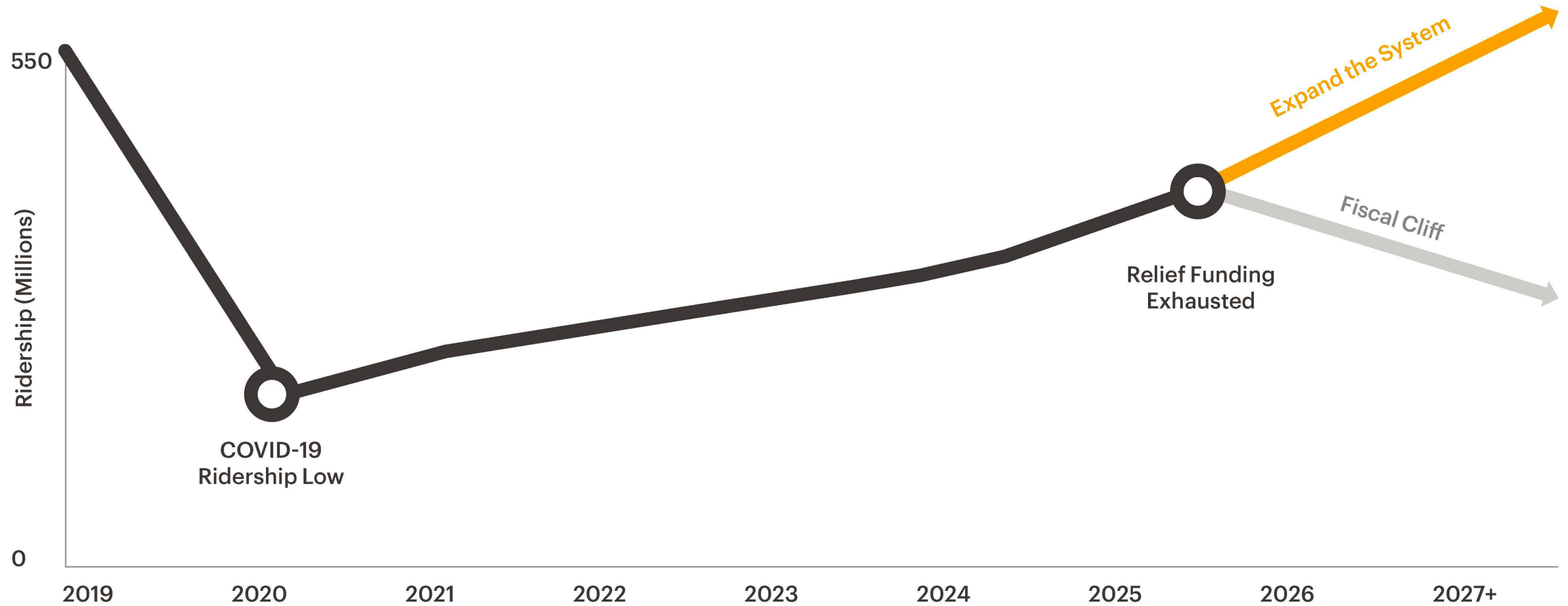
40%

Cut to service frequency

The Largest Single Cut of Any Large Transit Service Ever

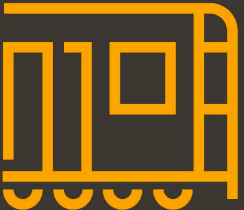





Ridership Impacts

2025 is a critical pivot point



More frequent service for everyone, everywhere

Mode

City Rail	City Rapid Bus	City Local Bus	Regional Rapid Bus	Regional Rail	Regional Local Bus
Customer Wait Time*					
3–6 min	4–8 min	6–12 min	7–15 min	15–30 min	20–30 min
					

*Wait time is equal to half the amount of time between transit vehicles arriving at a given stop.

**Increased efficiency.
Greater accountability.
A stronger RTA.**

01

Increased Efficiencies

02

**Reforms to Increase
Transparency
and Accountability**

03

**Integrated Fares
and Customer Service**

04

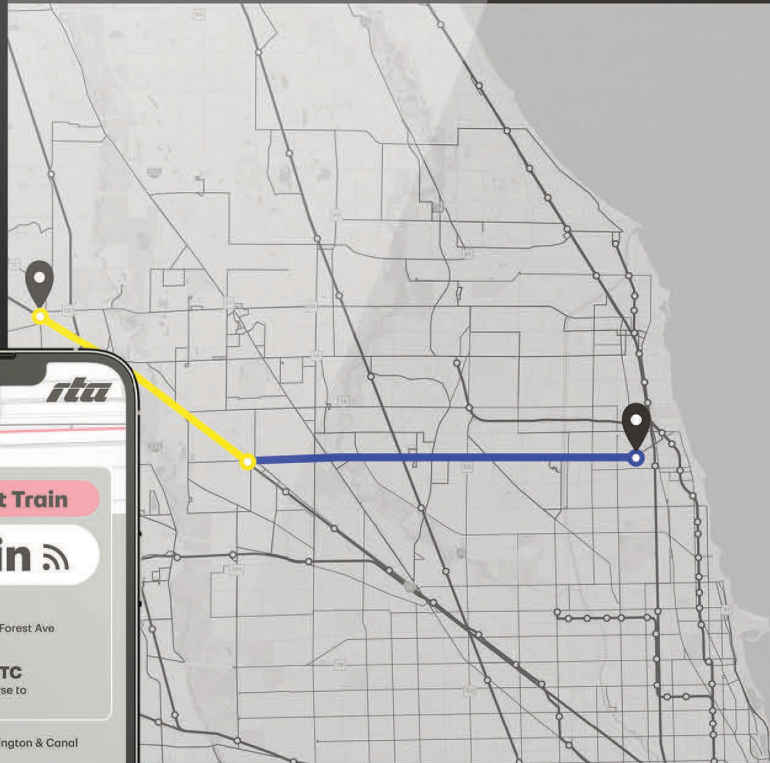
Service Standards

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Capital Project Prioritization



Connect Chicago



Your Trip



9:00 am
Rogers Park 1 hr 11 minutes **10:11 am**
Des Plaines

4 minutes

290 Bus

Cumberland Station 9:04 AM
Clark St & Rogers Ave

Multiple Stops

Park Ridge Station 9:50 AM

2 minutes

UP-Northwest

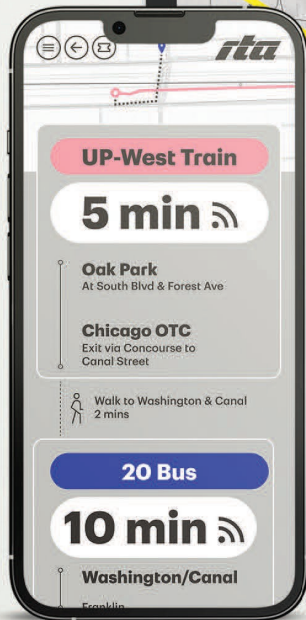
To Crystal Lake 10:03 AM
Howard

2 Stops

Des Plaines 10:09 AM

2 minutes

Purchase Regional Day Pass \$13.00



UP-West Train

5 min

Oak Park
At South Blvd & Forest Ave

Chicago OTC
Exit via Concourse to
Canal Street

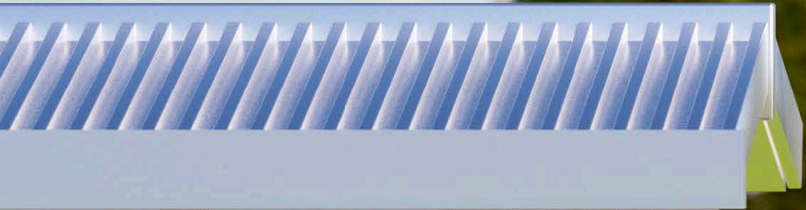
Walk to Washington & Canal
2 mins

20 Bus

10 min

Washington/Canal

Franklin



Jefferson Park

Train Service

Union Pacific Northwest

Downtown Chicago **Due** ↗

Downtown Chicago 22 Min ↗

Blue Line

O'Hare 5 Min ↗

Forest Park 7 Min ↗

O'Hare 10 Min ↗

Bus Service

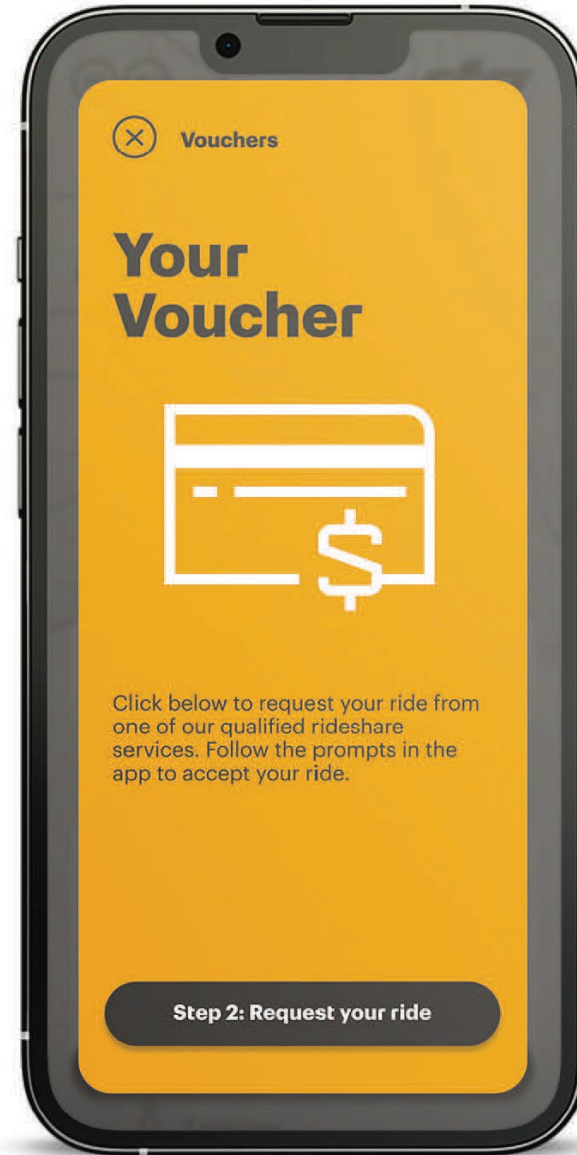
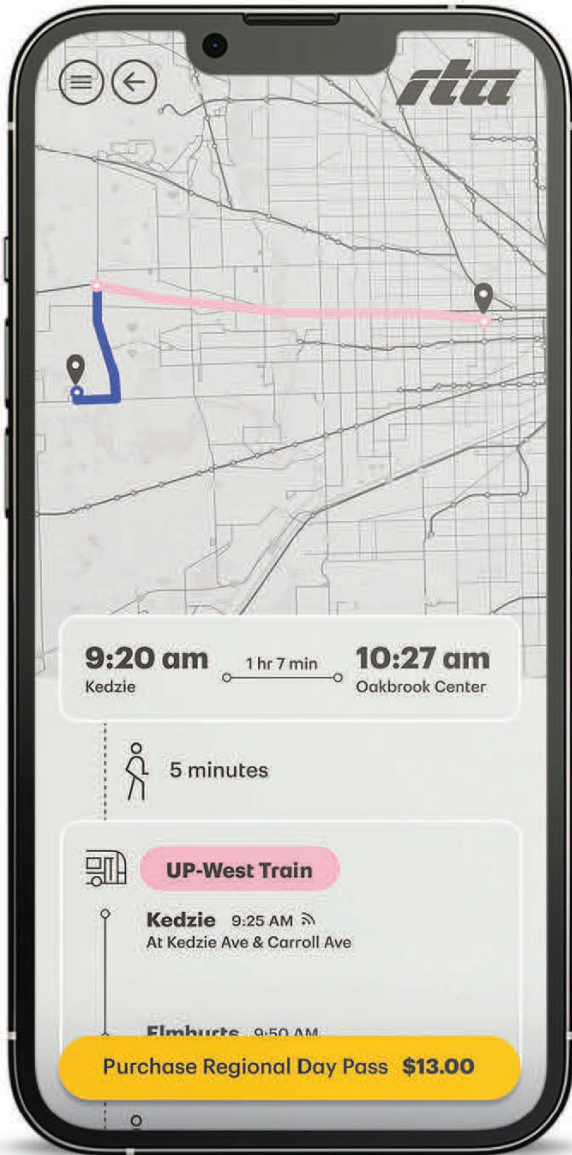
56 Madison/Wabash **Due** ↗

81 Wilson/Magnolia 9 Min ↗

Mil Golf Road 12 Min ↗

11:45 AM 75°F







Safety Summit



Estimated
\$100 Million

**Generated Revenue:
\$50 Million**

10% Fare Increase

Non-Farebox Revenue

**Efficiencies & Savings:
\$50 Million**

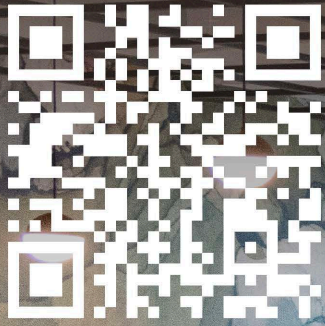
Building Maintenance & Leasing

Joint Purchasing

Operating Efficiencies

Reevaluate Vacancies

Operating Reform



Coalition Meeting Registration





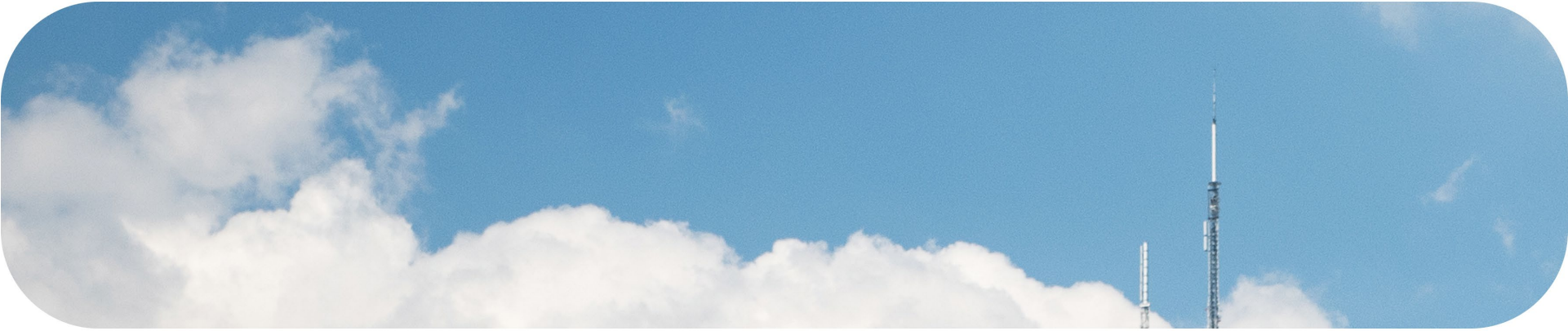
LEGISLATIVE



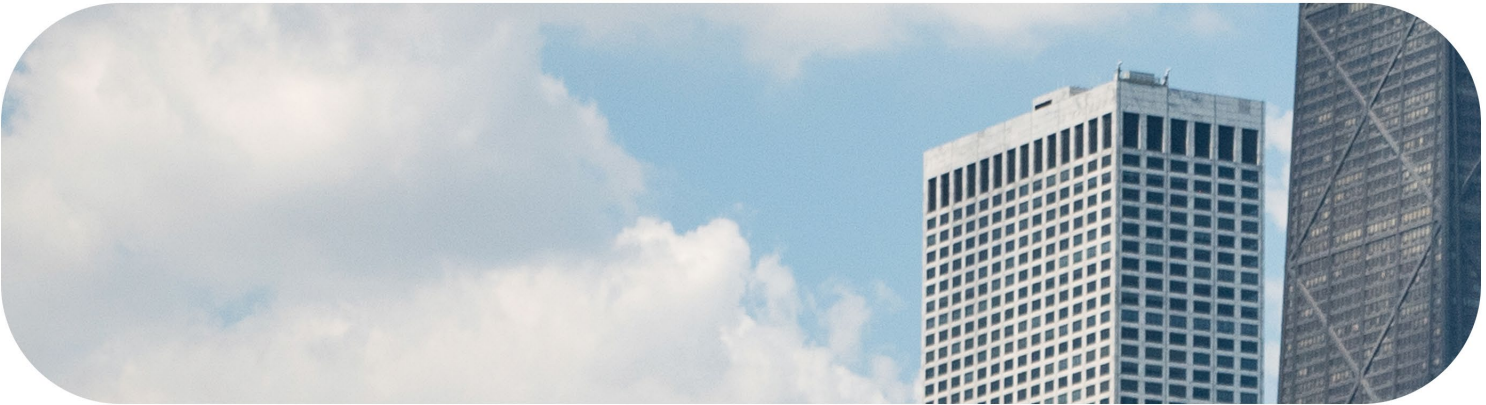
UPDATE

Critical 2025 state legislative session underway

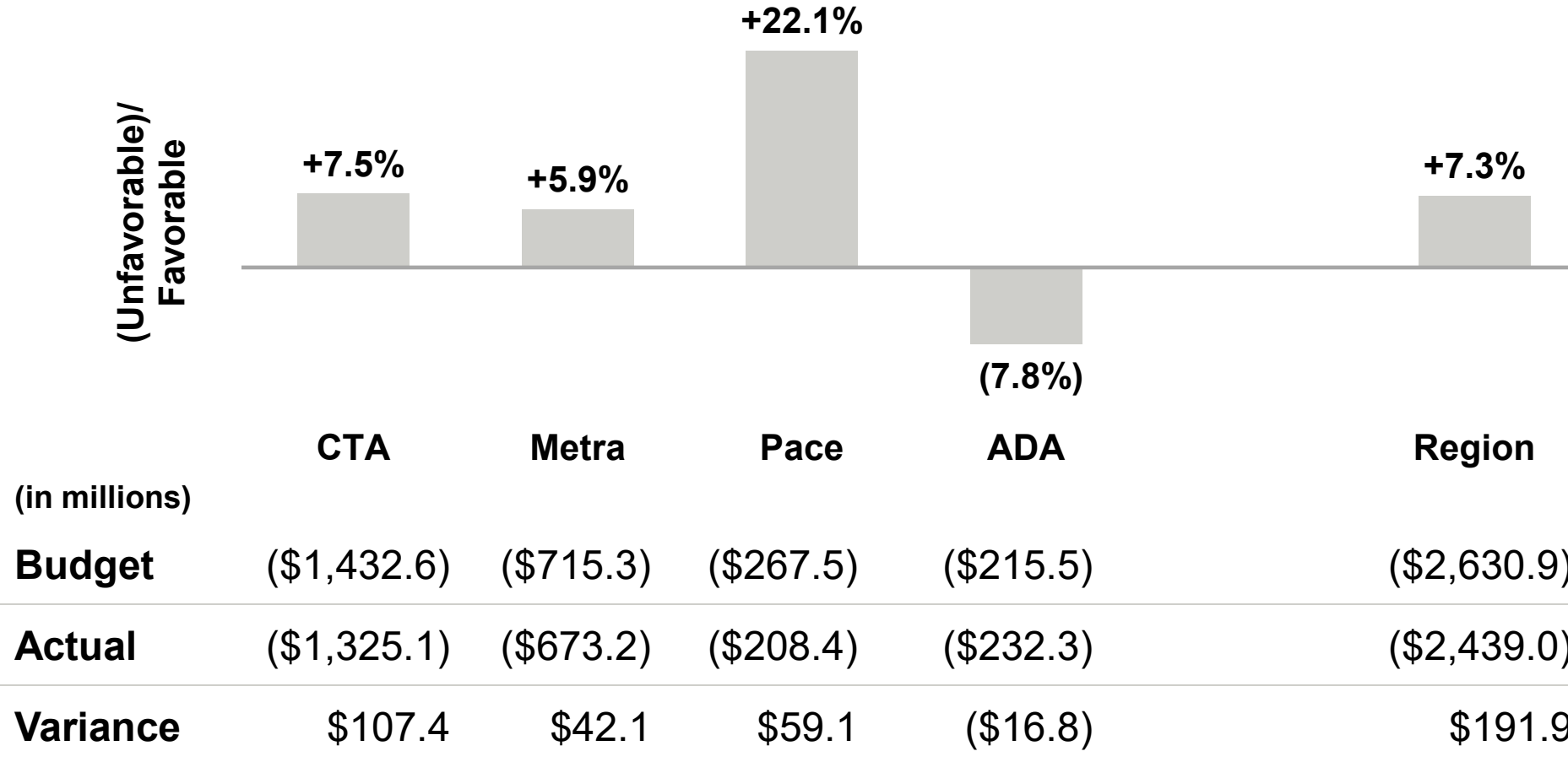
- Sharing *Transforming Transit* vision and 2025 legislative agenda with lawmakers and stakeholders, continuing education on fiscal cliff and regional transit budget
- Makeup of the 104th Illinois General Assembly
 - 5 new members in RTA region
 - Legislative staff changes
- Key Session Dates
 - February 19: Governor's Budget Address
 - April 11: 3rd Reading Deadline
 - April 14 – 25: Legislative Break
 - May 31: Scheduled Adjournment



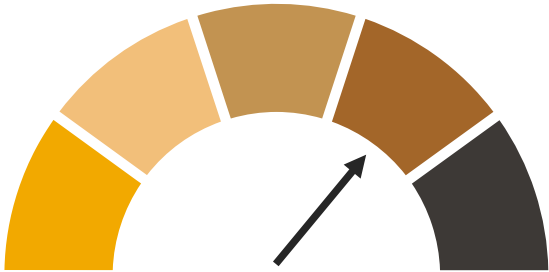
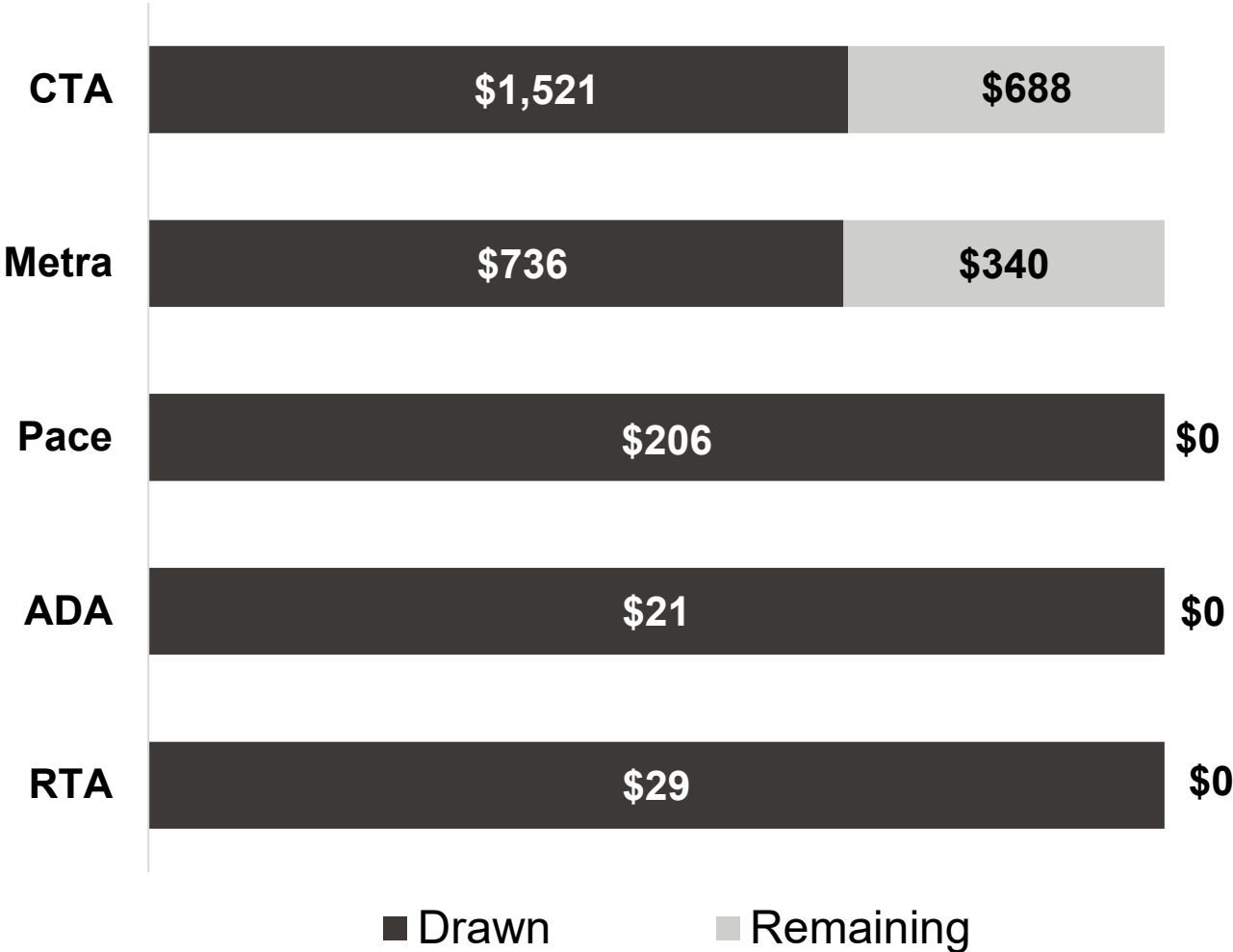
FINANCE



Operating deficit variances from budget YTD through November



Relief funding drawn through November (in millions)



**Region Total
Drawn = 71.0%**

**\$2.513B
of
\$3.540B**



7. Action items

7a. Resolution directing next steps to address the fiscal cliff



7b. Appointment of RTA Pension Trustee



7c. Approval of travel expense reimbursement(s)



8. New business

Adjournment

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

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