

National Infrastructure Week

May 16–23

It's National Infrastructure Week, and this year's theme is ***Infrastructure Matters***. Public transportation systems throughout the country are sharing information about the critical need for capital funding for our nation's public transportation systems. More capital dollars would help our RTA region fund projects like:

The CTA's **Red and Purple Modernization** program will completely rebuild the northern portion of the red and purple lines, making all stations accessible and replacing century-old bridges and elevated tracks with a modern infrastructure that will increase capacity and improve service for generations to come.

Metra's **fleet modernization plan**, which includes the replacement and rehabilitation of rail cars and locomotives.

Pace's **Pulse Arterial Rapid Transit**, which will allow buses to increase speed and reduce travel times.

More than half of the capital funding our region receives is from the federal government. Though these dollars are important to our system, they are not enough to bring our system into a State of Good Repair, and there are no state dollars in our region's current or five-year capital programs.

A State of Good Repair will be achieved when our system's assets are replaced at the end of their useful life, when all necessary rehabilitation has been performed, and when capital maintenance is up-to-date. **The RTA estimates that it would require an annual investment of \$2.6 billion to achieve this standard over a 20-year period; for 2016, our capital program includes \$872 million dollars.**



By the numbers

RTA's assets are valued at more than \$158 billion. This includes



6,100
passenger vehicles



1,400
track miles



\$100 billion
in subway tunnels

A system this large takes a sustained investment to maintain.

Our regional and state economy depend on transportation infrastructure.

62%

of people working in the Loop take mass transit to work.

16%

more private-sector jobs came to downtown Chicago between 2010 and 2015.

4 billion miles

were traveled by riders in 2014 —for the fourth consecutive year

600 million rides

were provided by the CTA, Metra, and Pace in 2015.

Our regional system is vital to our regional and state economy. Other U.S. cities—including New York, Dallas, Denver, Seattle, and Los Angeles—are raising revenue and investing in their transit systems because they understand the connection between public transportation and a robust economy.

We can't be left behind. This investment is critical to using our resources wisely and remaining a national and world leader in public transportation. We inherited a valuable system. We must maintain, protect and enhance it.

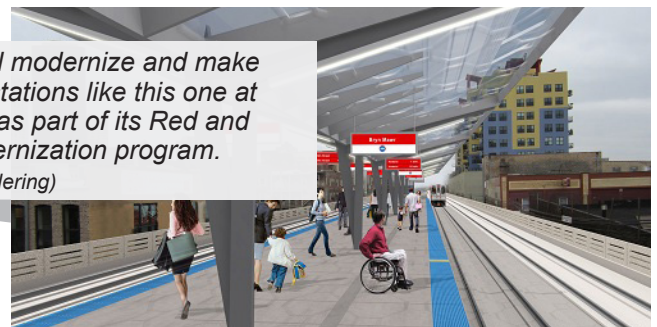
*Pulse buses will make frequent stops along high traffic corridors.
(Proposed rendering)*



Metra will rehab and replace trains to keep service safe and comfortable.



*The CTA will modernize and make accessible stations like this one at Bryn Mawr, as part of its Red and Purple Modernization program.
(Proposed rendering)*



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