



Kane County

KC Committee of the Whole

Agenda

Government Center
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A
Geneva, IL 60134

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

4:00 PM

County Board Room

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Remote Attendance Requests**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Approval of Minutes: September 26, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 8, 2024, March 26, 2024, April 23, 2024, May 28, 2024, & June 25, 2024**
6. **Public Comment (Agenda Items)**
7. **Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**
8. **Presentations/Discussion**
 - A. The Future of Transit in the Region (Pace Board Rep. City of Batavia Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Metra Board Rep. Joseph McMahon, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board Rep. Christopher Groven, Senator Dewitt, and McGuireWoods Consulting Senior VPs Gregory Bales and James Sherwood)
9. **Executive Session**
 - A. Release of Closed Session Minutes
10. **Open Session**
 - A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes
11. **Adjournment**

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PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION NO. TMP-24-2689

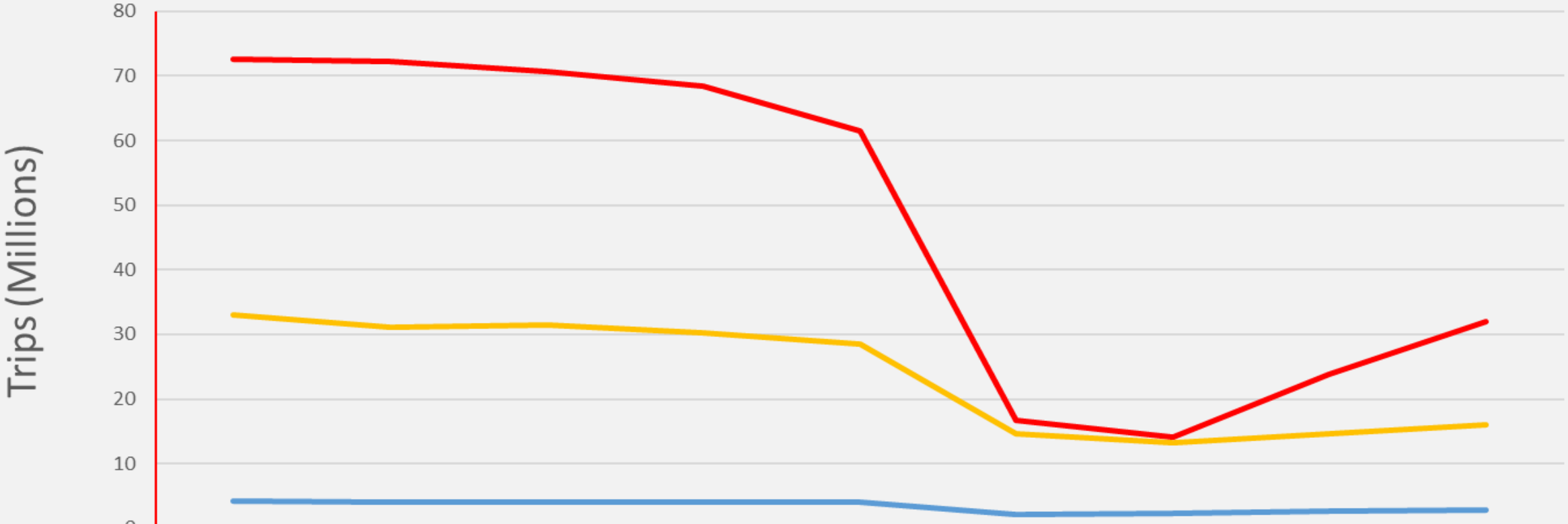
THE FUTURE OF TRANSIT IN THE REGION (PACE BOARD REP. CITY OF BATAVIA MAYOR JEFFERY SCHIELKE, METRA BOARD REP. JOSEPH MCMAHON, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA) BOARD REP. CHRISTOPHER GROVEN, SENATOR DEWITT, AND MCGUIREWOODS CONSULTING SENIOR VPS GREGORY BALES AND JAMES SHERWOOD)

The Future of Transit in the Region



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Jackie Forbes, KDOT

Number of Trips 2015-2023



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Metra	72.6	72.3	70.6	68.4	61.5	16.7	14.1	23.8	31.9
Pace	33.1	31.2	31.4	30.2	28.5	14.6	13.2	14.6	16
Pace ADA	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.9

Year

Metra Pace Pace ADA

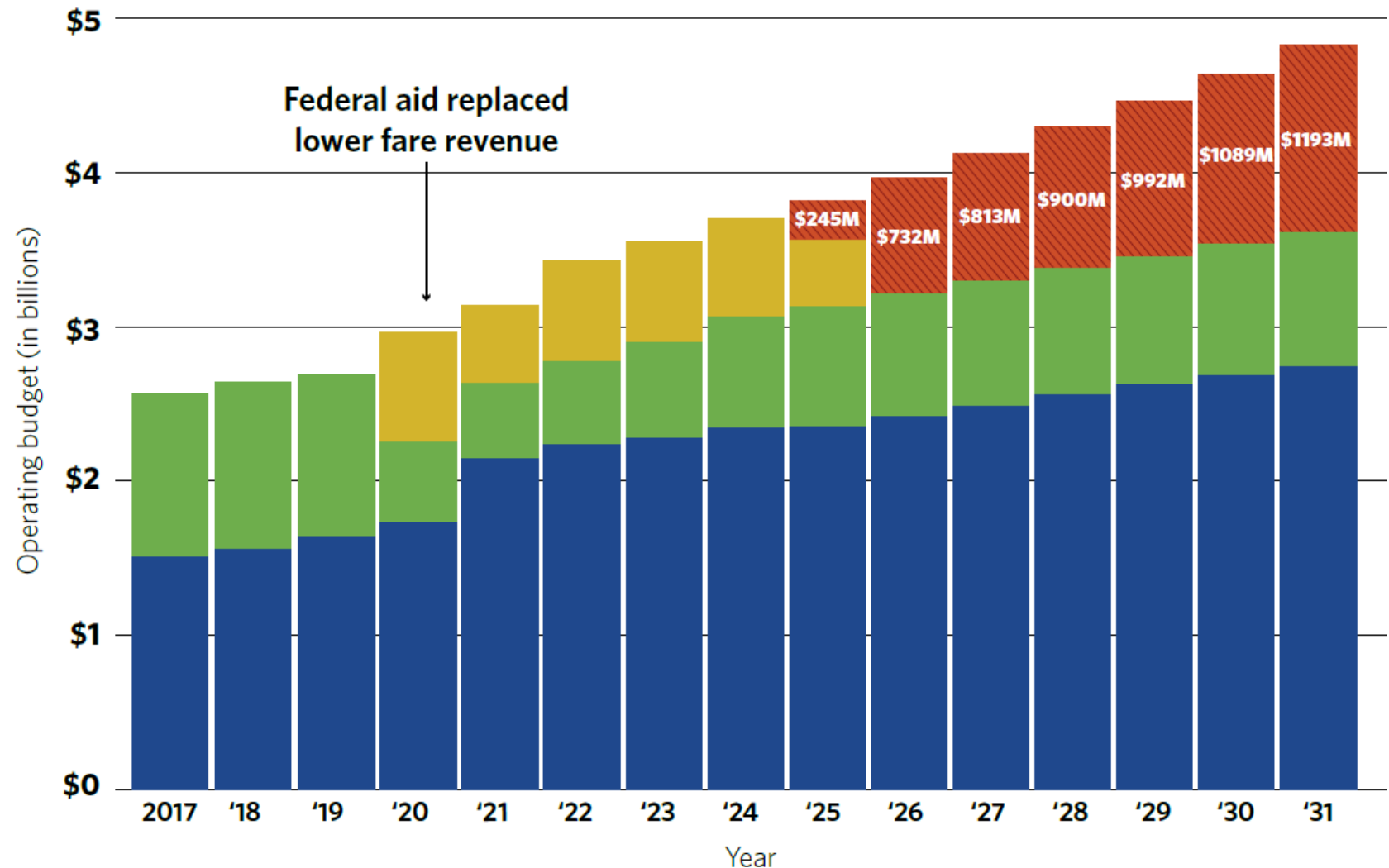
Why we need transit

- Access to
 - work,
 - health care,
 - grocery stores,
 - school,
 - recreation,
 - cultural destinations,
 - much more
- Regional mobility for all
- Reduced congestion – safer transportation system, improved air quality, better reliability of transportation system

Transit faces an expected \$730M+ gap in 2026

RTA 10-year financial plan baseline budget gap scenario

- State and regional funding
- System-generated revenues
- Federal support
- Budget gap



Source: CMAP analysis of RTA 10-Year Financial Plan Technical Working Group Memo and RTA budget data.

Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

- Illinois General Assembly directed Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) with creating the report: [PA 102-1028](#)

“...shall develop and submit a report of **legislative recommendations** to the Governor and General Assembly regarding changes to the **recovery ratio, sales tax formula and distributions, governance structures, regional fare systems**, and any other changes to State statute, Authority, or Service Board enabling legislation, policy, rules, or funding that will **ensure the long-term financial viability of a comprehensive and coordinated regional public transportation system** that moves people safely, securely, cleanly, and efficiently and supports and fosters efficient land use.”

- Submitted December 2023

- Link: <https://cmap.illinois.gov/focus-areas/transportation/transit/plan-of-action-for-regional-transit/>

PART Report Structure

PART RECOMMENDATIONS

The system we want

Rebuild public confidence, increase ridership, and improve the user experience so that it is seamless and affordable.

How to pay for it

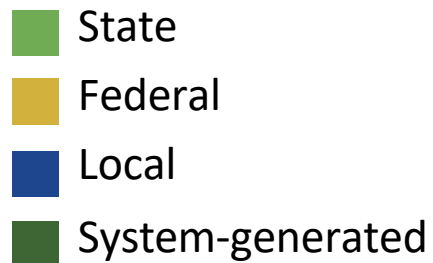
Identify necessary reforms and funding options to close the operating budget shortfall and build the transit system the region wants.

How to implement it

Identify necessary reforms to governance structures and funding distribution.

Peer states contribute more

Sources of operating revenues for peer regional transit systems, 2019



Local revenue is from taxes and fees
System-generated is fare revenue, donations and other agency generated funds

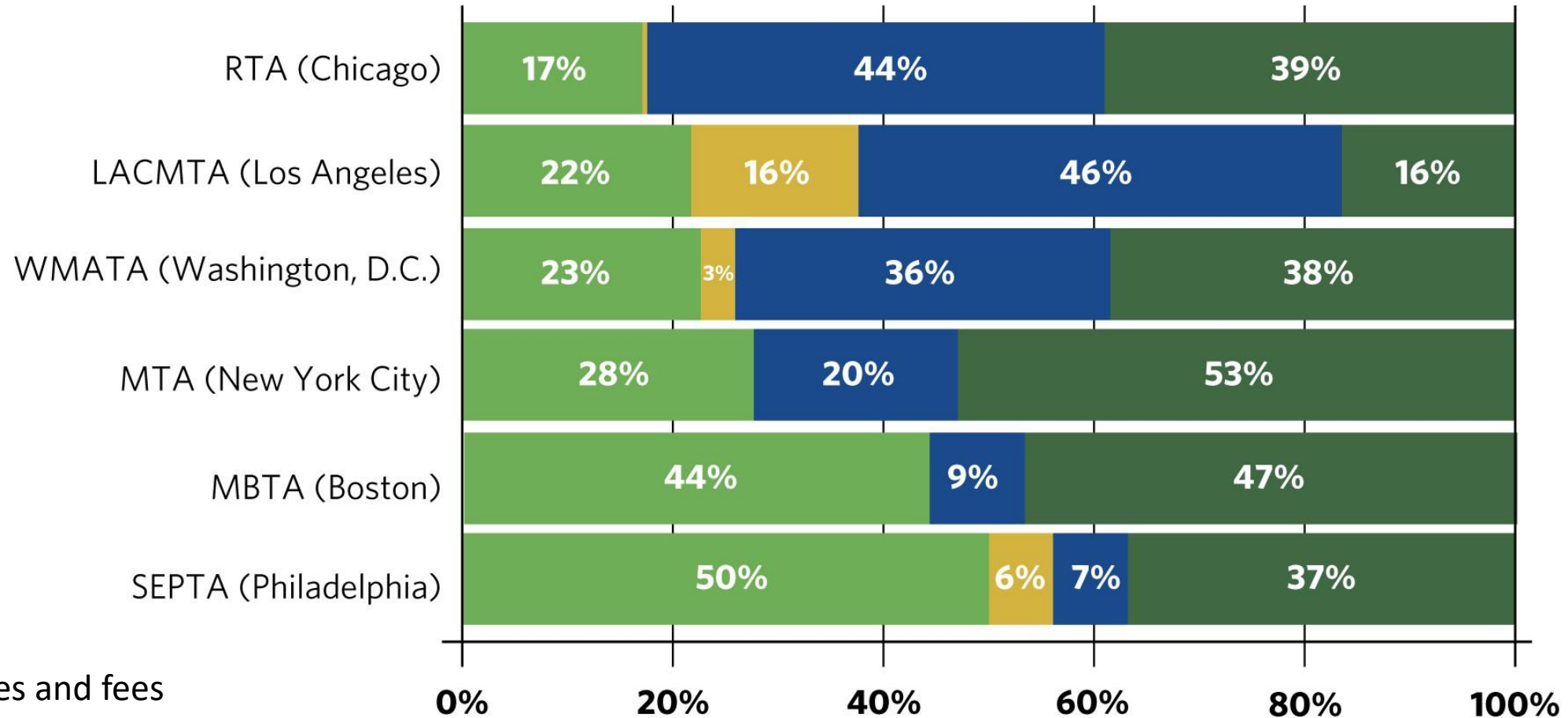
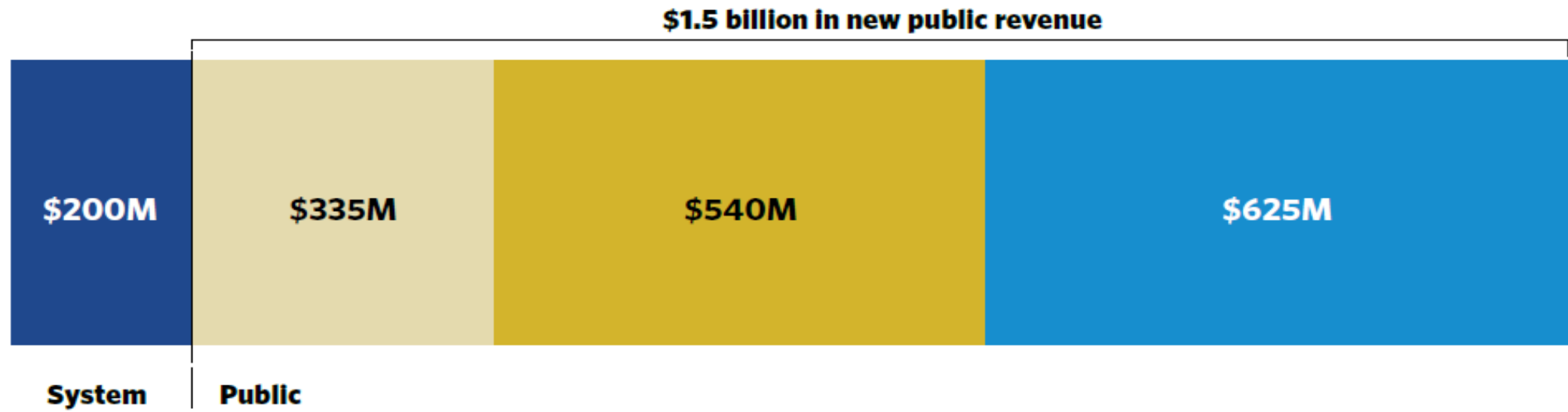


Figure 1. Operating revenues necessary to fund a transformational investment



System actions
 Revenues from additional fares and containment of future costs.
Example: Raising fares to keep pace with inflation.

Baseline actions
 Opportunities for the state to play a bigger role in funding transit.
Example: Full state funding for paratransit.

Durable sources
 Revenues that make sense both now and into the future.
Example: Expanding the state sales tax base to include additional services.

Diminishing or stopgap sources
 Revenues that can meet current needs but should be retired over time as more sustainable options come online.
Example: Motor fuel tax surcharge, eventually replaced by funds from new sources like congestion pricing or tolling.



Mobility

Transit moves riders and non-riders

Risks of no action

A 20 percent cut to operations funding would likely equate to about 40 percent in service cuts. Transit enables mobility for riders and non-riders alike. Without transit, the region's transportation system would grind to a halt.



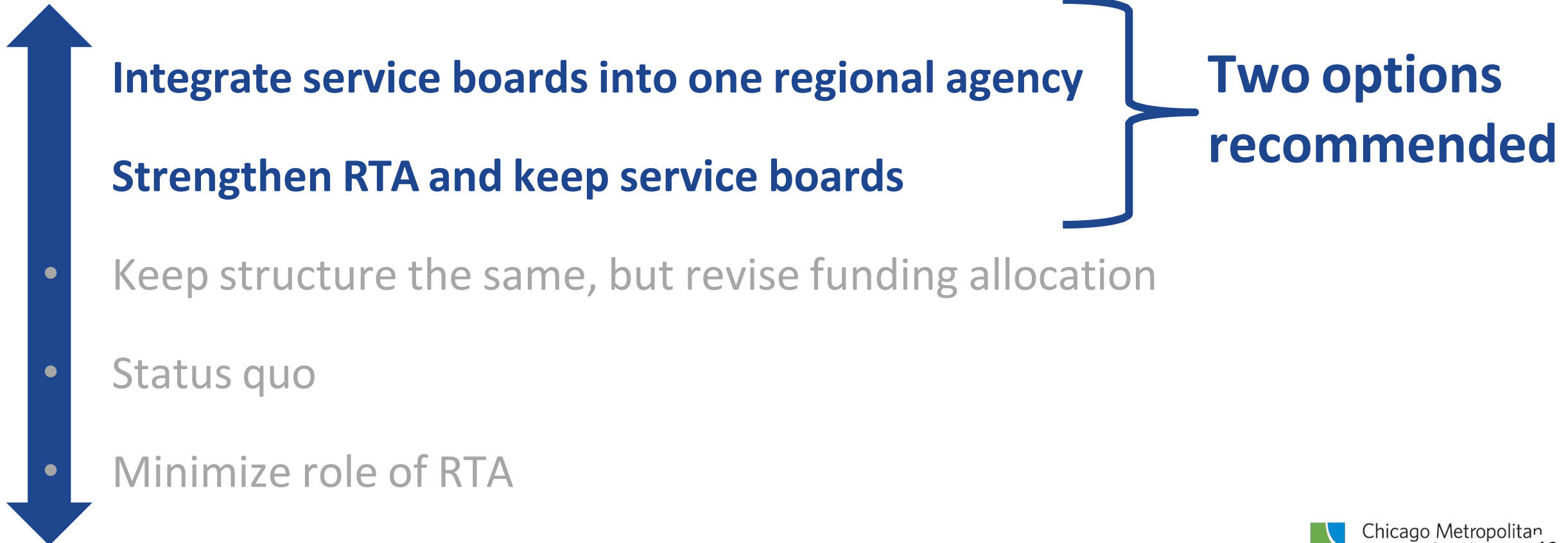
Economy

Transit drives the region and state's economy

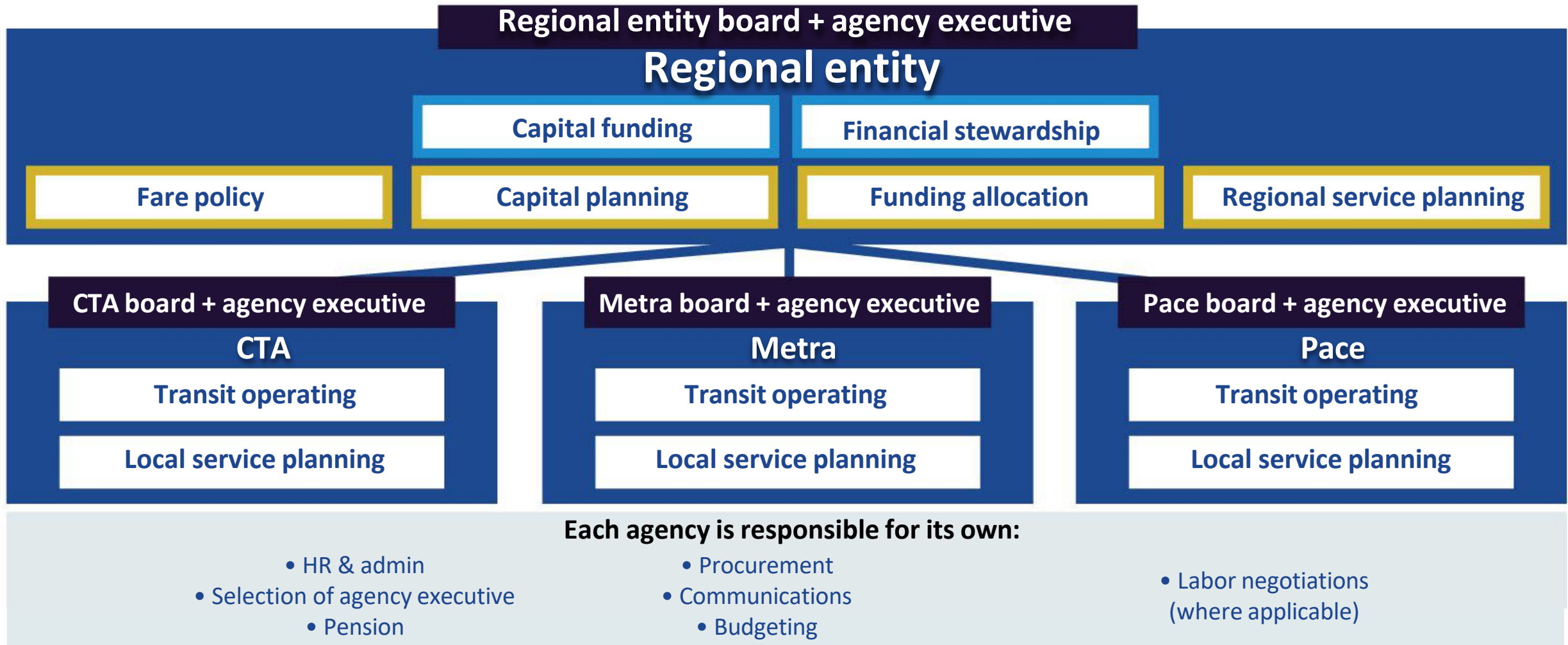
Our region accounts for 75% of the state's gross domestic product. Without a well-connected transit system, our region, state, and countless local economies anchored around transit will suffer in a deeply competitive global market. Residents will lose access to jobs, education, and more.

Structural reform options

Evaluated multiple options



Strengthened and re-envisioned RTA



■ New functions for the RTA
■ Current functions of the RTA to be strengthened

■ Functions each agency is individually responsible for



Integrated agency

Regional board + agency executive

Regional entity

Regional transit functions:

- Fare policy
- Financial stewardship
- Capital planning
- Capital funding
- Service planning
- Strategic planning

Regional corporate functions

- HR & admin
- Selection of agency executive
 - Pensions
 - Procurement
 - Communications
 - Labor negotiations

Service committee

Metra

*Transit operations, daily
service decisions*

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CTA

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Pace

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Paratransit, On Demand

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Kane County Comment Letter

COUNTY OF KANE

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October 11, 2023

Ms. Erin Aleman
Executive Director
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
433 West Van Buren, Suite 450
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Re: Kane County Comment Letter on Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

Dear Director Aleman:

Thank you for the effort and thoughtfulness that CMAP staff and steering committee put into the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) report to fulfill the requirements of Illinois Public Act 102-1028 tasking CMAP with developing legislative recommendations on the region's transit system. I also appreciate your efforts on outreach and wished there had been a little more time to evaluate this tremendous effort. This was a monumental task that needed to be completed within a relatively short period of time and I believe the report will be helpful in working towards mobility recovery and transit improvements for the region.

I have reviewed the draft report and recommendations produced by CMAP's staff and steering committee with our Kane County staff and service board representatives for Metra, Pace and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). As a result of our Kane County discussions over the past month with various local and regional entities, we feel strongly that the primary focus needs to be on resolving the "fiscal cliff" which resulted from the COVID-19.

Guest Speakers

- Pace Board Representative for Kane County Mayor Jeffery Schielke
 - Introduction by Pace Community Relations Representative Niko Gyori
- Metra Board Representative for Kane County Joseph McMahan
 - Introduction by Metra Executive Director James Derwinski
- RTA Board Representative for Kane County Christopher Groven
 - Introduction by RTA Executive Director Leanne Redden
- Senator Donald DeWitte, 33rd District
- Gregory Bales and James Sherwood, McGuireWoods Consulting

Upcoming Senate Hearings

- July 24 Cook County South Suburbs; Subject: Transit must be accessible and equitable
- August 8, DuPage, Will, Kendall; Subject: Transit supports community quality of life
- **August 28, Kane and McHenry, Elgin Community College; Subject: Transit is crucial for public health**
- September 18, Cook County Northwest Suburbs and Lake County; Subject: Transit mitigates climate impact

Bills Introduced

- [HB5829](#) Creates Metropolitan Mobility Authority – Clean and Equitable Transportation (Delgado)
- [HB5823](#) Creates Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act (Buckner)
- [HB5828](#) Allocates \$1.5B to Metropolitan Mobility Authority (Delgado)
- [SB3936](#) Creates Metropolitan Mobility Authority - Clean and Equitable Transportation (Villivalam)
- [SB3937](#) Creates the Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act (Villivalam)
- [SB3938](#) Allocates \$1.5B to Metropolitan Mobility Authority (Villivalam)

Questions

