



Public transportation is the engine that keeps Chicagoland moving. Transit provides Chicago area residents with access to jobs, leisure, healthcare, and mobility freedom. Transit moves us efficiently, keeping cars off the road and pollution out of the atmosphere. Transit provides affordable, reliable service, saving Chicagoland residents thousands of dollars per year.

Unfortunately, outdated funding structures are endangering our public transit system.

Currently, Chicago area transit agencies are legally mandated to fund 50% of operating costs via fares. This results in decisions that prioritize service based on revenue instead of community needs. This practice leaves our most vulnerable communities dependent on expensive alternatives, further widening inequities in our society. It also leaves our entire public transit system in an extremely precarious situation when we need it the most.

Transit is a public good, not a business. Our funding mechanisms should reflect this reality. To learn more, look out for our “Fare to Fair Recovery” whitepaper, coming soon.