

Transportation For Illinois Coalition 2010 Annual Meeting

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Path to the Future

- History and Role
- Legislative Engagement
- Reform and Progress
- Vision and the Future
- Environment for Change

Historical View Regional Coordination



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Chicago Tribune

August 30, 1974

Walker signs 5 RTA bills

Chicago Tribune

December 6, 1974

RTA stalemate solution offered

Chicago Tribune

November 3, 1983

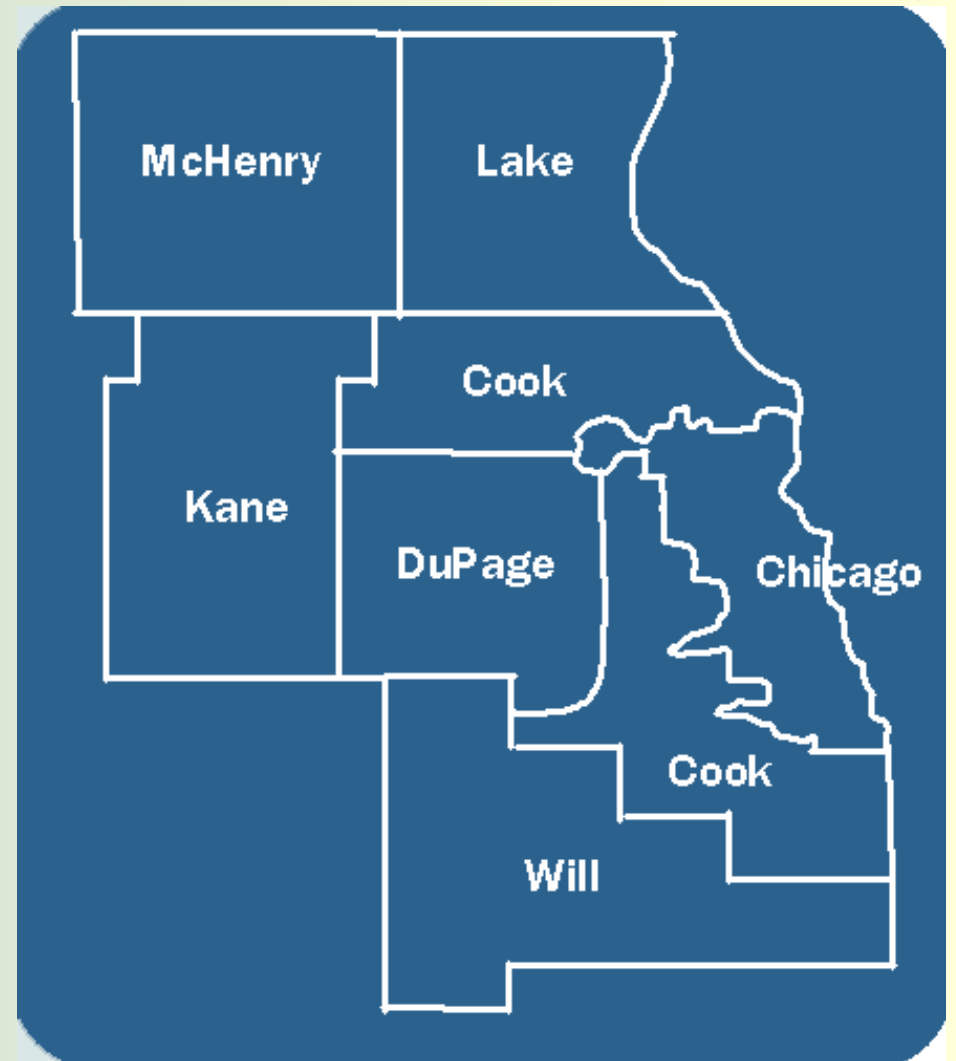
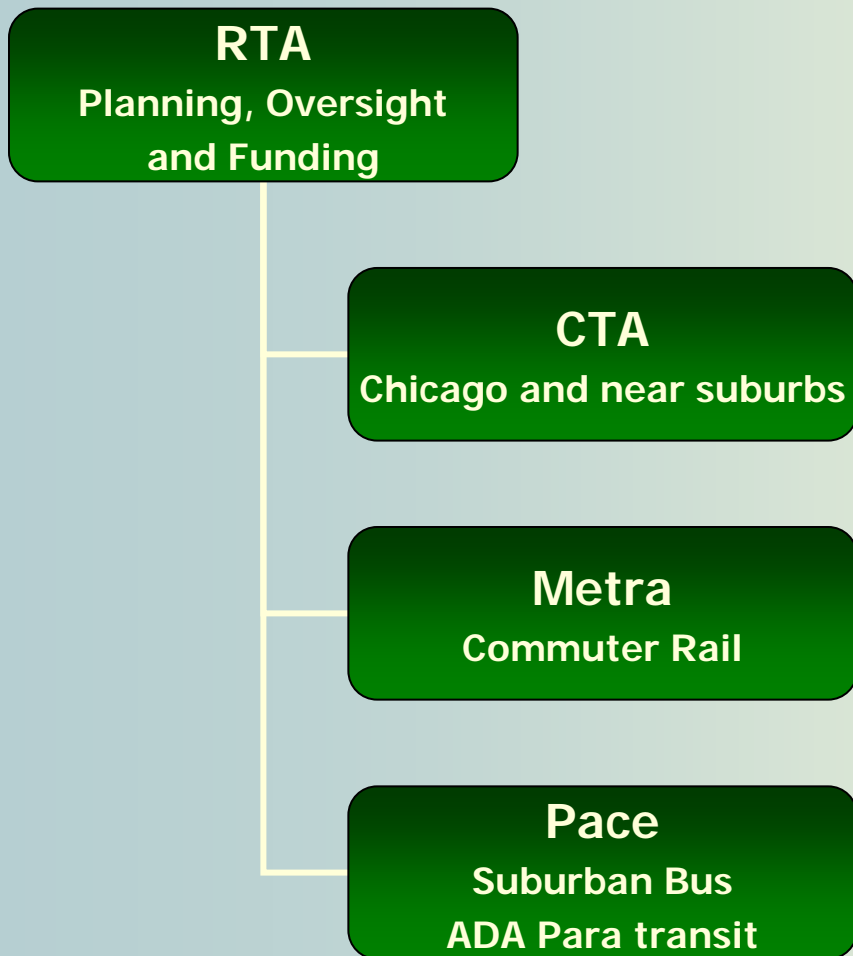
RTA aid plan, reform win OK

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The Regional Transportation Authority



Historical View State Capital Investment

Build Illinois

Chicago Tribune

April 17, 1989

RTA Seeks \$1 Billion Overhaul

Agency Plots 5-year Plan for Repairs

Illinois FIRST

Chicago Tribune

February 8, 1999

Infrastructure Rust Never Sleeps

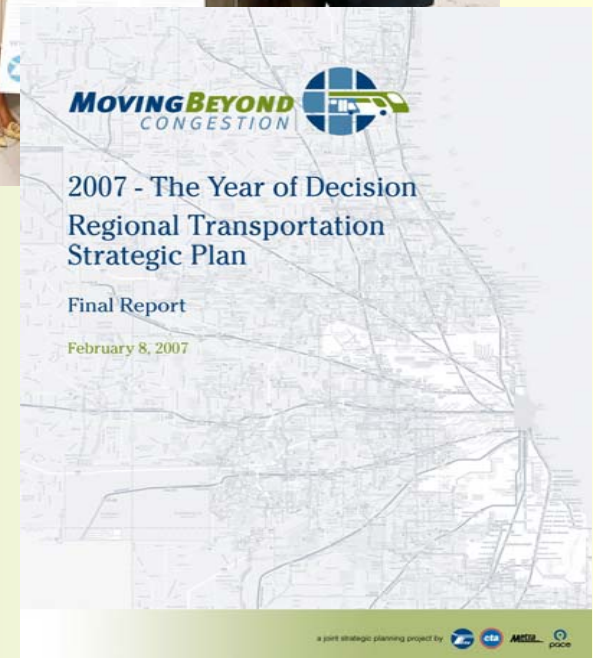
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2005-2010 RTA Snapshot

- New era of collaboration
- Financial oversight
- Guided by planning



2006-2007 Financial Crisis

- Ended the shift of capital funds to cover operating shortfalls
- Energized coalition and launched advocacy efforts



Forging Consensus – 2007 Audit

- Importance of independent verification of need
- Paved way for reform measures
- Advocacy and legislative progress

Illinois Auditor General



PERFORMANCE AUDIT

MASS TRANSIT AGENCIES OF
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS:
RTA,
CTA, METRA, AND PACE

MARCH 2007

VOLUME II

2008 Funding and Reform

- **Regional Solution to a Regional Problem**
 - 0.25% increase in RTA regional sales tax
 - Real Estate Transfer Tax – City of Chicago only
- **Strategic planning and financial oversight requirements included in legislation**
- **Key tool during current economic crisis**

2008 Funding and Reform

- General Assembly leadership and collaboration
- Reform measures included
- Bi-partisan and regional support



2009-11 Capital Funding

- **Federal Stimulus Funds**
 - \$414 million provided in 2009
 - \$386 million obligated to specific projects
 - \$246 million already invested
- **2011 State Capital Grants priorities**
 - \$442 million in capital projects
 - \$253 million CTA
 - \$157 million Metra
 - \$32 million Pace
- **Capital Asset Condition Assessment**
 - \$24 BILLION need over 10 years



Environment for Change

- Core strength of existing system
- World Class competition
- Committed lawmakers: local, state, federal
- Committed public
- Improving accountability and transparency



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