CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MASS TRANSIT IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT

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Chicago region has the worst traffic congestion of any region in the U.S. and at the cost of $9.4 billion per year in lost time and fuel.

With over 530 million trips per year, and almost 1.7 million trips per weekday, CTA is the 2nd largest public transit agency in the U.S., serving Chicago and 40 suburbs.

One of the few rapid transit systems in the world to run 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and provides rapid transit services directly to both of the city’s major airports.
FISCAL CONSTRAINTS

- 2012 operating budget is $1.2 billion
  - System-generated revenue (fares and non-farebox revenues)
  - Sales tax revenues
  - Other local funding

- 2012-2016 capital budget is $3.1 billion
  - Local, State and Federal funding
  - Funding levels unpredictable and insufficient
  - At least $7 billion in unfunded capital needs to bring system into state of good repair
Significant portions of infrastructure are more than 100 years old.
PLANNING PRIORITIES

- Bring existing system into state of good repair
- Pursue innovative funding strategies
- Modest plans for expansion of new service
**Red & Purple Modernization**

- Sections 100+ years old, in mature corridor
- Purpose is to bring the existing crucial transit asset into a state of good repair, reduce travel times, and improve access to job markets, responding to shifts in travel demand, better utilizing existing transit infrastructure, and providing access to persons with disabilities
- $4 billion+ cost estimate
Red Line Extension

- Proposed 5-mile extension from current terminus at 95th Street to the vicinity of 130th Street
- Purpose is to reduce travel times to jobs for Far South Side and South Suburban residents, and improve the performance of the existing Red Line 95th Street station terminal
**Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**

- Enhanced bus system that combines the flexibility of buses with the efficiency of rail.
- Operates at faster speeds, provides greater service reliability and increased customer convenience.
- Elements may include:
  - Dedicated lanes
  - Longer stop spacing
  - Pre-Paid Boarding
  - Queue Jumps
  - Transit Signal Priority
  - Vehicle Enhancements
- Three routes currently in planning phase.
Other Energy-Efficiency Initiatives

- Articulated Hybrid Buses
- Bike & Ride – Bikes on Bus
- City Bike Sharing Program
- Intermodal connections with car sharing
  - Solar-Powered Charging Stations
  - Joint CTA/I-GO farecard