

Repairing Chicagoland Transit Fact Sheet

What is the Problem?

Because federal funding is insufficient to maintain and replace Chicagoland’s aging transit assets, such as trains, buses, bridges, and stations, they are being utilized beyond their “useful lives,” which is resulting in slower and less reliable service.

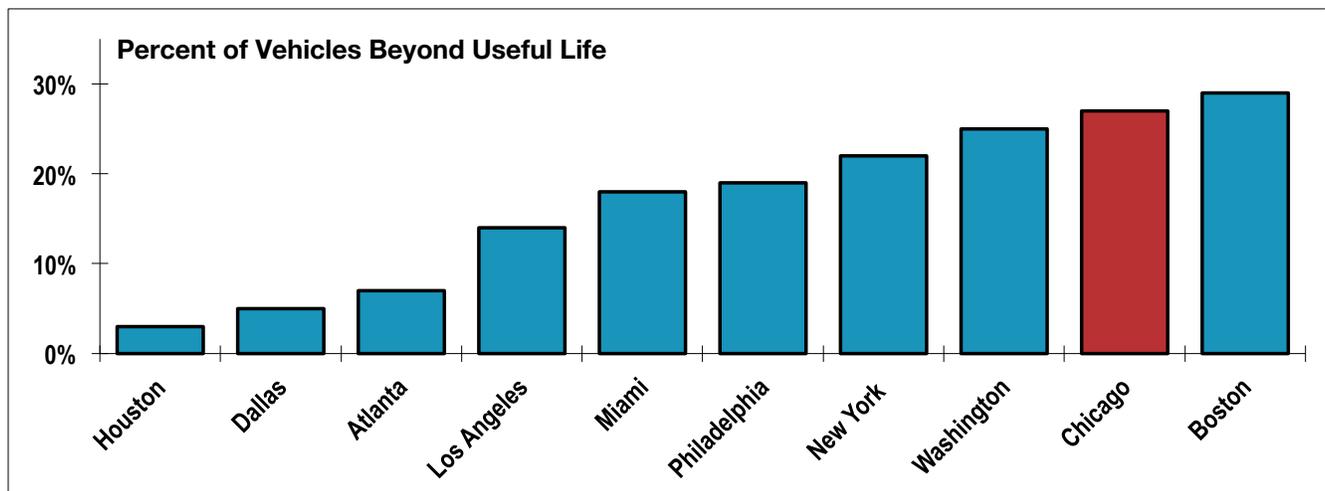
How Big is the Problem?

RTA led a Capital Asset Condition Assessment that inventoried the region’s transit assets and evaluated physical condition, age, and use pattern to determine if they had exceeded their useful life.

Asset Condition	Average Rating*	Percent Beyond Useful Life
Rail Passenger Cars	2.29	42%
Passenger Train Stations	3.00	39%
Bus Garages	3.37	16%
Passenger Buses	3.46	16%
Rail Maintenance Facilities	3.64	14%
Rail Bridges and Structures	3.26	11%

* Rankings based on a 1 to 5 scale with 5 being excellent, 4 good, 3 adequate, 2 marginal, and 1 past its useful life. Assets scoring a 3 or higher are considered to be in a state of good repair.

How Does the Age of Chicagoland’s Transit Assets Compare to Other Regions?



How Does It Impact Commuters?

- **Delays** – Equipment breakdowns and slow zones on tracks needed to maintain safety mean longer commutes and more congestion.
- **Less Frequent Service** – Without adequate replacement and upgrades, unsafe assets are retired and not replaced leaving riders with fewer options and longer commutes.
- **Less Comfortable Ride** – When assets go beyond their useful life, rider comfort declines as seats, shocks, and other parts wear out without replacement.



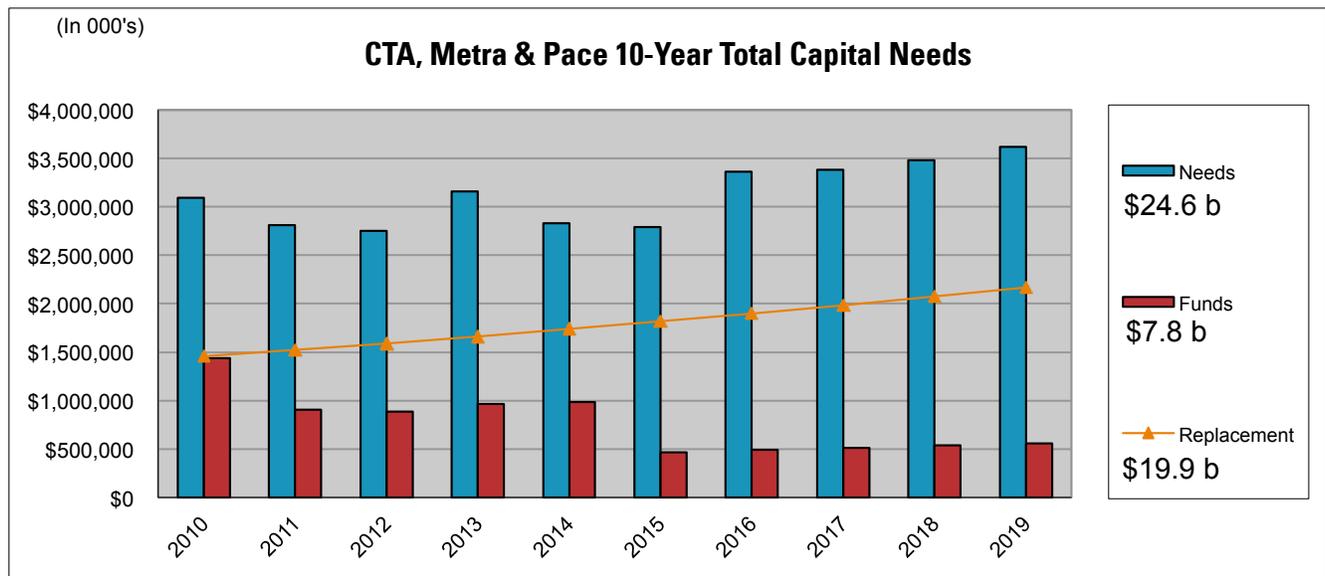
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How Much is Needed to Fix It?

10-Year Program Needs	CTA	Metra	Pace	TOTAL
Backlog	\$10 Billion	\$3.7 Billion	\$.11 Billion	\$13.8 Billion
Normal Replacement Costs	\$3.2 Billion	\$1.7 Billion	\$1.9 Billion	\$6.8 Billion
Capital Maintenance Costs	\$1.7 Billion	\$1.9 Billion	\$.20 Billion	\$3.9 Billion
Total SGR Cost	\$14.9 Billion	\$7.3 Billion	\$2.2 Billion	\$24.6 Billion
% of Total Program Needs	60.90%	29.94%	9.16%	100%

What is the Funding Gap?



What is the Risk to Chicagoland's Economy?

- **More Congestion** – Transit reduces road congestion and increases productivity – more workers commute downtown by Metra trains than by automobiles.
- **Fewer Employers** – Companies, like MillerCoors, United Airlines and Boeing, move jobs to Chicago because of our high-quality transit system gives them access to top talent.
- **Less Investment & Jobs** – Every dollar spent on transit generates an economic return of at least 4 to 1. And 24,000 jobs are created for every \$1 billion of capital spending on transit.
- **More Pollution** – A well-used transit system reduces greenhouse gas emissions equal to that of 1 million cars.

What Can You Do?

- Contact your members of Congress and tell them you support increased federal funding for transit.
- Register your support publicly at the website of our pro-transit coalition: www.GettingAmericaToWork.org.



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