



**Statement from the Civic Committee on the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act  
October 31, 2025**

We applaud the Illinois General Assembly, Governor Pritzker, Senator Villivalam, Representatives Delgado and Buckner, President Harmon, Speaker Welch, and the many other stakeholders who came together in partnership and worked tirelessly to pass the transit reform and investment package, a landmark step toward delivering the safe, clean, fast, and reliable transit system that workers, businesses, students, visitors, and residents across our region deserve. Chicago's public transit system has been a driving force in the region's growth and prosperity for more than a century. This effort required cross-sector collaboration and compromise and a broad coalition of stakeholders working together at the same table and this victory moves us all forward.

This legislation enacts the structural change our organizations have long called for—a single, empowered regional agency to plan and operate transit as one integrated system. It also provides more than \$1 billion in new annual funding through existing state revenue streams, achieved largely by rebalancing siloed road funds to strengthen public transportation.

The bill closely follows the CMAP Plan of Action for Regional Transit's recommendations our leadership, Members, and affiliate organizations helped push forward and was grounded in rigorous analysis and research. We look forward to working with the new Northern Illinois Transit Authority and its leaders to ensure Illinois delivers the world-class transit system this legislation is meant to achieve.