Civic Committee
COMMERCIAL CLUB OF CHICAGO

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STATEMENT FROM THE CIVIC COMMITTEE ON TOM KOTARAC BEING ELECTED TO SERVE AS THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD CHAIRMAN

The Civic Committee congratulates our Senior Vice President of Transportation and Infrastructure Tom Kotarac on being elected as the first chair of the new Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) board. NITA's landmark passage was a critical step forward for our region. Turning that reform into a system that works for everyone will require an even greater push and the board has identified the right leader for the job. Kotarac's deep understanding of transportation policy, regional planning, public finance, and coalition building will help ensure that momentum continues as the act is implemented. We look forward to seeing the progress Kotarac, his fellow board members, and leaders across the region will continue to make in the years ahead, getting us closer to the kind of safe, reliable, efficient transportation network our region deserves.