

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Environment Committee Meeting

December 14, 2021, 10:00AM to 11:30 AM via Zoom.

Strong and effective transit is critical to economic vitality and sustainability in the region. Please join us for the December Environment Committee meeting to provide input into the [Regional Transit Strategic Plan](#) to be adopted in early 2023.

The timing for development and adoption is required every five years by the RTA Act. This fall and winter the RTA is engaging with regional stakeholders to shape the new strategic plan. Outreach has included [guest blogs](#), [speakers](#) presenting to the RTA Board, a [public survey](#), and a [public forum](#) titled *Emerging From Crisis Wiser* hosted by UIC.

The plan also represents the third element of the agency's [Three-Step Covid Recovery Strategy](#). The pandemic has had tremendous impacts on regional transit. While federal relief dollars have allowed the Service Boards (CTA, Metra, Pace) to continue providing critical service to the region, new guidance is needed to transform the strategic direction for the RTA system from investing in transit to reinventing transit within the context of RTA's role as a funding and planning agency.

Peter Kersten, Principal Planner, Strategic and Corridor Planning for the RTA, will discuss the state of regional transit and then lead a workshop-style discussion around these five topic areas:

- Opportunities for Impact
- Transit System Adaptation
- Funding Stability
- Equity
- Engagement

Your input is welcome and needed. If you are unable to attend this meeting or wish to share the opportunity for input with others in your community, please [complete the strategic public planning survey here](#).

[GRC](#) goal: Promote public and sustainable transportation choices; maintain a diverse, safe and efficient transportation network; support efficient transportation that uses resources wisely

[Climate Action Plan](#) objective: Reduce vehicle miles traveled