

# **Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2021

Regional Transportation Authority as part of Northeastern Illinois



## REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS



## ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

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June 30, 2022

To the Board of Directors Regional Transportation Authority Chicago, Illinois

I have the pleasure to submit to you the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR") of the Regional Transportation Authority ("RTA") for the year ended December 31, 2021. The RTA staff has prepared this report as required by, and in accordance with, the RTA Act. This state law requires that the RTA publish financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and audited by an independent certified public accountant.

This report consists of RTA management's representations concerning its finances. The responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, and fairness of the data rests with management. To the best of our knowledge and belief, this report contains data complete and reliable in all material respects. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the RTA has established an internal control structure designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded from loss, theft, or misuse, and that adequate and reliable accounting data is compiled to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits of that control, and that the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

In addition to the statutory requirement of the RTA Act for an annual audit by independent certified public accountants, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), require the RTA to undergo an annual Single Audit. The RTA has engaged the firm of RSM US LLP to meet these requirements. The firm followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards set forth in the above circular in conducting the engagement. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the RTA's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, are presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first part of the financial section of this report.

A separately issued single audit report contains a schedule of expenditures of federal awards, the independent auditor's report on internal controls and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants, a schedule of findings and questioned costs, and other information related to the single audit.



Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management provide a discussion and analysis to accompany the financial statements. This letter of transmittal complements management's discussion and analysis and should be read in conjunction with it. The RTA management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Illinois State law (the RTA Act, as amended) created the RTA as a fiscal and policy oversight agency committed to providing an efficient and effective public transportation system for Northeastern Illinois.

"It is the purpose of [the RTA] Act to provide for, aid and assist public transportation in the northeastern area of the State without impairing the overall quality of existing public transportation by providing for the creation of a single authority responsive to the people and elected officials of the area and with the power and the competence to provide financial review of the providers of public transportation in the metropolitan region and facilitate public transportation provided by Service Boards which is attractive and economical to users, comprehensive, coordinated among its various elements, economical, safe, efficient and coordinated with area and State plans."

#### History

In 1974, upon approval of a referendum in the six counties of metropolitan Chicago (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will), the Act created the RTA as a unit of local government, body politic, political subdivision, and municipal corporation. Initially, the RTA provided financial assistance to the then existing public transportation operators. Subsequently, the role of the RTA expanded to include the acquisition and operation of such public transportation providers, as well as contract with operators to provide service through the purchase of service agreements.

In 1983, the Illinois General Assembly reorganized the structure and funding of the RTA. The Act placed operating responsibilities with the Chicago Transit Authority ("CTA") and two operating divisions of the RTA: the Commuter Rail Division ("Metra") and the Suburban Bus Division ("Pace"). These three entities are defined in the Act as the "Service Boards.

The CTA provides bus and rail transportation services within Chicago and 35 surrounding suburbs. Illinois State law (the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Act) created the CTA in 1945. The law established the CTA as an Illinois municipal corporation "separate and apart from all other government agencies" to consolidate Chicago's public and private transportation carriers. The CTA commenced operations in 1947 and completed the consolidation of public transportation in 1952 upon purchasing the Chicago Motor Coach System.

The Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation ("NIRCRC"), a public corporation created in 1980 and operating under the service name of Metra following the 1983 reorganization, provides public transportation by commuter rail. The 1983 RTA restructuring formed a Commuter Rail Division, "responsible for providing public transportation by commuter rail." The Commuter Rail Division continued the operation of NIRCRC to provide this transportation. Metra contracts with the Union Pacific Railroad, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, and Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District to provide service through the purchase of service agreements. In addition, Metra operates the services provided on its North Central Service Heritage Corridor and South West Service rail lines, as well as the services formerly provided by the Rock Island, Milwaukee Road, and Illinois Central Gulf.

The 1983 RTA restructuring also formed a Suburban Bus Division "responsible for providing public transportation by bus and as may be provided in [the RTA] Act." As such, the Division - operating under the service name Pace - provides non-rail public transportation throughout DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, as well as the suburban area of Cook County.

Collectively, we refer to the RTA, the CTA, Metra, and Pace as the "RTA System."

#### Mission

The Act sets forth the responsibilities of the RTA. These responsibilities encompass planning, funding, and oversight duties. The Board of Directors has developed the following goals to carry out the RTA legislative mandates:

*Plan*—Ensure an integrated regional public transportation system through comprehensive planning and coordination with the service providers.

*Fund*—Develop and allocate resources among the Service Boards to ensure they provide quality and cost-effective service.

**Oversee**—Monitor and evaluate Service Boards' performance to ensure that service is provided efficiently and effectively.

The Act requires, as one of the primary responsibilities of the RTA, the adoption of an annual budget, twoyear financial plan, and a five-year capital program. This obligation incorporates planning, funding, and oversight duties. The Act enumerates several requirements with respect to the budget, plan, and program. These include a requirement that the budget and plan reflect operating revenues of at least 50% of operating costs (a farebox recovery ratio of at least 50%). However, in December 2021 Public Act 102-0678 waived this requirement for RTA fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 while ridership continues to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the budget and plan must show a balance between revenues, including subsidies, and costs (a balanced budget).

Other responsibilities include establishing policies regarding the allocation of public transportation funding in the Chicago metropolitan region, developing system-wide plans and service standards, coordinating services among different modes of transportation, and ensuring compliance with Federal and State mandates.

#### Budget

The Act establishes budgetary controls. The Act requires, as one of the primary responsibilities of the RTA, the adoption of an annual budget, two-year financial plan, and a five-year capital program.

"Each year the Authority shall prepare and publish a comprehensive annual budget and program document describing the state of the Authority and presenting for the forthcoming fiscal year the Authority's plans for such operations and capital expenditures as the Authority intends to undertake and the means by which it intends to finance them."

The Act establishes certain criteria for the budget, including subsequent monitoring for compliance. Further, the five-year capital program must specify each capital improvement undertaken by or on behalf of the Service Boards. The budget calendar, as adopted by the RTA Budget Call and statutory requirements govern the budget development process leading up to adoption of the budget. Subsequent activities involve oversight and amendment of the budget.

#### **Budget Calendar**

Based upon the estimate of tax receipts and revenues from other sources, "the Board shall, not later than September 15 prior to the beginning of the Authority's next fiscal year" advise each Service Board of the amounts estimated to be available during the upcoming fiscal year and the next two following years, the times when the amounts will be available, and the cost recovery ratio for the next year. The recovery ratio for the region must meet a minimum standard of 50%, except for RTA fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, as waived by Public Act 102-0678.

Between September 15 and November 15, each Service Board must prepare and publish a comprehensive annual budget, program document, and a financial plan for the two following years. "The proposed budget and financial plan shall be based on the RTA's estimate of funds that will be available to the Service Boards by or through the Authority, and shall conform in all respects to the requirements established by the Authority." Before submitting its budget to the RTA, each Service Board must hold at least one public hearing in each of the counties in which it provides service, and at least one meeting with each respective county board. After considering the comments from these meetings, it must formally adopt the budget prior to submitting it to the RTA. "Not later than... November 15 prior to the commencement of such fiscal year, each Service Board shall submit to the Authority its proposed budget for the fiscal year and its proposed financial plan for the two following years."

The RTA must also hold at least one public hearing in the metropolitan region and one meeting with each county board on its own proposed budget. After conducting these hearings and taking into consideration the comments, the RTA must adopt its budget and the budgets submitted by the Service Boards, each of which meets the statutory criteria summarized below. Unless the RTA passes a budget and financial plan for a Service Board, "the Board shall not release to that Service Board any funds for the periods covered by such budget and financial plan," except for the sales tax directly allocated to the Service Board by statute.

#### Statutory Requirements

The RTA Act sets forth seven statutory criteria for Board approval of the budget and financial plan of each Service Board. These seven criteria are:

- *Balanced Budget*: A balance between anticipated revenues from all sources, including operating subsidies and the costs of providing the services and of funding any operating deficits or encumbrances incurred in prior periods, including provision for payment when due of principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness;
- *Cash-Flow*: Cash balances, including the proceeds of any anticipated cash flow borrowing, sufficient to pay with reasonable promptness all costs and expenditures as incurred;
- *Recovery Ratio*: A level of fares or charges, and operating or administrative costs, to allow the Service Board to meet its required recovery ratio;
- Assumptions: Employ assumptions and projections which are reasonable and prudent;
- *Financial Practices*: Prepared in accordance with sound financial practices as determined by the Board;
- *Strategic Plan:* Maintain consistency with the goals and objectives adopted by the RTA in the Strategic Plan; and
- *Other Requirements*: Other financial, budgetary, or fiscal requirements that the Board may establish by rule or regulation.

#### Oversight

After adoption of the budgets, the RTA has continuing oversight powers concerning the budget and the financial condition of each Service Board and the region as a whole. On a monthly basis, the RTA monitors the budgetary and operations performance of the Service Boards to ensure compliance with their budget and recovery ratios. On a quarterly basis, the RTA makes the following assessments:

- After the end of each fiscal quarter, each Service Board must report to the RTA "its financial condition and results of operations and the financial condition and results of operations of the public transportation services subject to its jurisdiction" for such quarter. If in compliance, the Board so states and approves each Service Board's compliance by adopted resolution.
- If in the judgment of the Board these results are not substantially in accordance with the Service Board's budget for such period as adopted by the RTA, the Board shall so advise the Service Board and the Service Board "shall, within the period specified by the Board, submit a revised budget incorporating such results."
- Once a Service Board submits a revised budget, the RTA must determine if it meets the seven statutory budget criteria necessary to pass an annual budget. If not, the RTA must withhold from the Service Board (i) 25% of the cash proceeds of taxes imposed by the RTA and (ii) 25% of any state matching funds that are allocated to each Service Board.
- If a Service Board then submits a revised budget and plan which shows that the statutory budget criteria will be met within a four quarter period, the RTA "shall release any such withheld funds to the Service Board."

#### Amendment

When prudent, the RTA Board may revise estimates of amounts of funds available to the Service Boards during a fiscal year due to shifts in the economic climate, governmental funding programs, or new projects. Upon receiving notice of such a revision, the Service Boards must submit amended budgets to the RTA Board within 30 days. The RTA Board must approve all proposed amendments. If approved, the RTA then monitors actual results compared to the amended budget.

#### **Reporting Entity**

As defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and 34*, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government (the RTA, as legally defined), as well as its component units—legally separate entities for which the primary government has financial accountability.

Although part of the RTA System, the CTA, Metra, and Pace do not represent component units of the RTA under GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. Accordingly, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Regional Transportation Authority does not include the financial statements of the Service Boards. However, a Special Purpose Combining Annual Financial Report does combine the financial statements of the RTA, the CTA, Metra, and Pace as required by the RTA Act.

#### **RTA System Characteristics**

The six-county area served by the RTA system covers 3,749 square miles. According to the Census Bureau, the population of the six-county region was 8.245 million as of July 2020.

The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics reported employment for the broader Chicago Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of 4.576 million as of December 2021. The RTA system carried 225.4 million riders in 2021, a decrease of 3.1% from the prior year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated mitigation efforts.

#### Governance

The RTA Act specifies the composition of the RTA Board of Directors. The RTA Board consists of fifteen appointed members and a Chairman. The Mayor of the City of Chicago appoints five directors. The suburban members of the Cook County Board appoint four directors and one director is appointed by the President of the Cook County Board. The chairman or executive of the County Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, each appoint a director. These fifteen directors, with a minimum concurrence of eleven directors, elect the Chairman of the RTA Board of Directors from outside their numbers.

The RTA employed a staff of 87 professionals as of December 2021. The RTA Act limits the amount of administrative costs that the RTA may incur annually. The limit was set at \$5 million for 1985 and increases at a rate of 5% per year. The RTA has always held its administrative expenses under the prescribed limit.

The Chicago Transit Board, consisting of seven members, governs the CTA. Its members are appointed pursuant to the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. The Governor of Illinois appoints three members, subject to the approval of the Illinois Senate and the Mayor of the City of Chicago. The Mayor of the City of Chicago, with the consent of the Chicago City Council and the Governor of Illinois, appoints four members, including the CTA Chairman.

The RTA Act specifies the composition of the Metra (Commuter Rail Division) and Pace (Suburban Bus Division) Boards. The Commuter Rail Board, consisting of eleven members, governs Metra. The suburban members of the Cook County Board appoint four members. The Chairman or executive of the County Boards of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties each appoint one director. The Mayor of the City of Chicago, with the consent of the Chicago City Council, appoints one member. These eleven directors, with a minimum concurrence of eight directors, elect the Chairman of the Commuter Rail Board from among their members.

The Suburban Bus Board, consisting of thirteen members, governs Pace. The suburban members of the Cook County Board appoint six members. The Chairman or executive of the County Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties each appoint one director. The RTA Act requires that each of these directors must be a current or former "chief executive officer of a municipality" from the area that appoints the member. One director is the Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities for the City of Chicago. The Chairman or executive of each of the County Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, plus the suburban members of the Cook County Board, by simple majority, appoint the Chairman of the Suburban Bus Board from outside their numbers.

#### Financing

The RTA Act specifies the funding responsibilities of the RTA, appointing the RTA as the primary public body in the metropolitan region to secure funds for public transportation.

Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1 of the Regional Transportation Act, 70 ILCS 3615, authorize the RTA to impose a series of taxes within the six-county metropolitan region by a vote of twelve of its directors: a sales tax, a car rental tax, a motor fuel tax, an off-street parking tax, and a replacement vehicle tax.

#### Sales Taxes

The Act authorizes the RTA to impose a retailers' occupation tax "ROT," a service occupation tax "SOT," and a use tax "UT." The RTA imposed this tax at the maximum permissible rate in 1979. The 2008 legislation increased the sales tax by .25% in Cook County and .50% in the collar counties. The individual collar counties keep .25% of the increase. All the RTA sales taxes are collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue under procedures that are largely identical to the corresponding state sales taxes.

The ROT is imposed on the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property at a rate of 1% in Cook County and .75% in the collar counties. The RTA tax base is identical to the State retailers' occupation tax "State ROT" base, except that unlike the State ROT, the RTA ROT also applies to the sale of food and drugs. Consequently, when the state base is expanded or contracted by taxing or exempting the sale of tangible personal property, e.g., the sale of computer software or rolling stock, the RTA tax base likewise expands or contracts. However, when the legislature exempted the sale of food and drugs from the state tax, the exemption was not extended to the RTA. Unlike the tax on tangible personal property, the RTA tax on food and drugs is imposed at a rate of 1.25% in Cook but remains .75% in the collar counties.

The SOT is imposed on the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property as an incident to the sale of a service. The tax rate and tax base are identical to the ROT.

The UT is imposed on persons living in the six-county area for the privilege of using, in Illinois, any item of tangible personal property that is purchased in or out of the State at retail cost and used for personal use. The most common purchases are those made via the internet, from online sales, mail order catalog, or purchases of general merchandise, including automobiles and other items that must be titled or registered from sales that were made outside Illinois or when Illinois businesses withdraw tangible personal property at the same rates as the ROT.

#### Car Rental Tax

Section 4.03.1 of the Act authorizes the RTA to impose an automobile rental occupation and use tax. This occupation tax, paralleling the state and local car rental taxes, may be imposed at a rate of 1% in Cook County and 0.25% in the collar counties of the gross receipts from car rentals. The use tax may be imposed at the same rates on the privilege of using in the region a car rented outside, but titled in, Illinois. Any car leasing tax would be collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

This taxing power was added to the RTA Act in 1982, when the legislature imposed a state-wide car rental tax and authorized cities, counties, and certain special districts that had the power to impose sales taxes to tax the car rental occupation. This taxing power has never been exercised by the RTA.

#### Motor Fuel Tax

The Act authorized the RTA to impose a tax on retail sales and use of motor fuel at a rate of 5% of gross receipts. Section 4.03 (p) of the Act prohibits the RTA from imposing the motor fuel tax if it has imposed the broader sales taxes described above.

#### **Off-Street Parking Tax**

The Act authorizes the RTA to impose a tax on the privilege of parking a motor vehicle in a public or private fee-charging lot in the six-county area. The RTA has never imposed this tax as it is prohibited by statute to be enacted simultaneously with the RTA sales tax.

#### Replacement Vehicle Tax

The Act authorizes the RTA to impose a \$50 tax on any passenger car purchased within the metropolitan area by an insurance company in settlement of a total loss claim of its insured. Any such tax would be collected by the State. This taxing power has never been exercised by the RTA.

#### Sales Tax Collections

As indicated above, the RTA imposes a sales tax in the six-county Northeastern Illinois region. The Illinois Department of Revenue collects this tax and remits the collections to the Illinois State Treasurer. The Treasurer holds the funds in trust for the RTA outside the State Treasury. As dictated by statute, the Treasurer disburses the funds monthly to the RTA, upon order of the State Comptroller. Effective July 1, 2017, the State imposed a 2% administrative surcharge on RTA sales tax receipts, reducing the amount of sales tax provided to the RTA and Service Boards. Effective April 1, 2018, the surcharge was reduced to 1.5% of sales tax receipts.

The amounts of funding and taxes received, together with revenues from the provision of transit services by the Service Boards and other operating revenues, provide the resources to cover operating costs of the RTA System.

#### FACTORS AFFECTING ECONOMIC CONDITION

#### Financing

The RTA's primary source of operating funding is a regional (occupation and use) sales tax and a sales tax match from the State of Illinois. Illinois Public Act 95-0708 increased the RTA sales tax rate throughout the region (from the equivalent of 1.0% in Cook County and 0.25% in the remainder of the region to the equivalent of 1.25% in Cook County and 0.5% in the remainder of the region) beginning on April 1, 2008, increased the Real Estate Transfer Tax ("RETT") in the City of Chicago to fund the CTA, and increased the portion of RTA tax revenues matched by the State Public Transportation Fund ("PTF") from 25% to 30%. A 5% to 10% reduction in PTF funding was in place for State fiscal years 2018 through 2021, but this cut was eliminated with State fiscal year 2022 beginning in July 2021. In 2020, actual RTA sales tax receipts of \$1.151 billion declined by 8.2% from prior year due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Bolstered by the expansion of RTA sales tax to more online purchases in January 2021, sales tax rebounded by 27.6% in 2021 to \$1.469 billion and exceeded the amended 2021 budget adopted by the RTA Board on May 20, 2021, by 29.3%.

The RTA's 2022 operating budget approved by the Board of Directors on December 16, 2021, assumes sales tax revenues of \$1.393 billion, an increase of 1.0% over the 2021 results as estimated at the time of the 2022 budget adoption, but 5.2% below the actual 2021 receipts. A 2022 funding amendment is planned for the April RTA Board meeting to recognize the higher than anticipated 2021 final results. In addition to the 30% sales tax and RETT match provided by the PTF, the 2022 budget anticipates these funds from the State of Illinois: \$130.3 million to reimburse the debt service expenses for the RTA's Strategic Capital Improvement Program ("SCIP") bonds, \$17.6 million as partial reimbursement to the Service Boards for mandated reduced fare and free ride programs for student, elderly, and disabled riders, and \$8.4 million of funding for ADA Paratransit service.

#### **Regional and Illinois Economy**

The Chicago region comprises one of the most diversified economies in the United States. The region is home to more than 400 major corporate headquarters, including thirty-six Fortune 500 companies. A global leader in options, futures, and derivatives trading, the Chicago area economy's strengths include business and financial services, manufacturing, information technology, health services, and transportation and distribution. Chicago is not only a leader in sustainable business but also ranks as one of the most

sustainable cities in the country. The unemployment rate in the Chicago region reached a high of 11.6% in the aftermath of the 2009 recession. The regional unemployment rate improved steadily from 2013 through 2019 and stood at 3.5% in the first quarter of 2020. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor JB Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-10 on March 21, 2020, which stated that all individuals must stay at home except for essential activities. As a result, regional unemployment soared to 16.4%, but then steadily improved throughout the rest of 2020 and 2021. As of December 2021, the unemployment rate in the Chicago region stood at 5.8%.

The February 2022 Monthly Revenue Briefing issued by the State Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability noted that during the first seven months of the State's 2022 fiscal year, state-wide sales tax receipts of \$7.208 billion increased by \$971 million or 15.6% compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.

#### **National Economy**

Real gross domestic product ("GDP"), the output of goods and services produced in the United States, grew by an average of 2.5% during the three-year period ending in 2019. As a result of mitigation measures implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, real GDP declined by 3.4% in 2020. As the national economy recovered from the shock of COVID-19, real GDP rebounded and grew by 5.7% in 2021. The Congressional Budget Office ("CBO") projects annual real GDP growth of 5.0% in 2022.

The consumer price index ("CPI"), a measure of the pace of inflation, increased at an average rate of 2.1% during the three-year period ending in 2019. During the primary COVID-19 pandemic year of 2020, CPI growth slowed to 1.2%, before jumping to 7.0% for the twelve months ending with December 2021. CPI growth is projected at about 2.5% in 2022, according to the CBO.

After finishing 2019 at 3.6%, the national unemployment rate rose sharply in 2020 due to COVID-19 mitigation efforts and related job losses, peaking at 14.7% in April 2020 and then recovering to finish the year at 6.7%. The national unemployment improved steadily over the course of 2021, finishing the year at 3.9%. The CBO forecasts the national unemployment rate to further improve to 3.8% in 2022.

#### Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada ("GFOA") awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the RTA for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR") for the year ended December 31, 2020. This was the twenty-seventh consecutive year that the RTA has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current annual comprehensive financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

I would like to express my appreciation to the RTA staff for their efforts in preparing this report.

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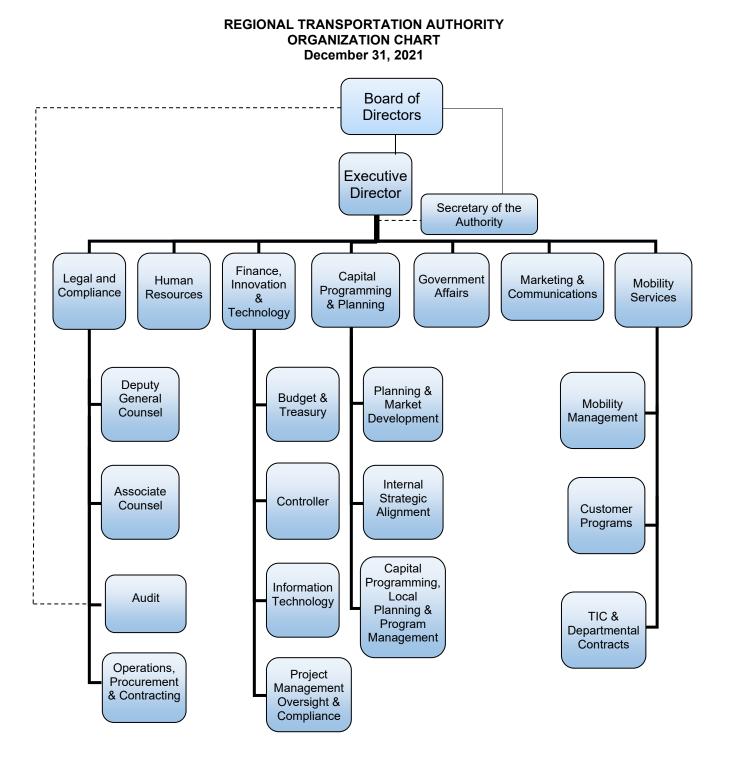
## Regional Transportation Authority Illinois

For its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2020

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Executive Director/CEO



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Executive Director	Leanne P. Redden
Senior Deputy Executive Director Finance, Innovation and Technology, CFO	Bea Reyna-Hickey
General Counsel	Nadine Lacombe
Director, Government Affairs and Counsel	Jeremy LaMarche
Deputy Executive Director Capital Programming, Planning and Performance/COS	Jill Leary
Director, Human Resources	Allison Noback
Director, Marketing and Communications	Tina Fassett Smith
Director, Mobility Services	Michael VanDekreke

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



#### Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors Regional Transportation Authority Chicago, Illinois

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Regional Transportation Authority ("RTA"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise RTA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Regional Transportation Authority, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the RTA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the RTA's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the RTA's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the RTA's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of the employer contributions, schedule of the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of changes in the total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance (budgetary basis) budget and actual-general fund and the notes to the required supplementary information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inguiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the RTA's basic financial statements. The combining and individual schedules, including the schedule of expenditures (budgetary basis)-budget and actual-general fund, the combining schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance (budgetary basis) budget and actual-general and sales tax custodial funds, combining balance sheet schedule-debt service fund accounts, combining schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance-debt service fund accounts, the combining balance sheet schedule-capital project fund accounts and the combining schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance-capital project fund accounts are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information

has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual schedules, including the schedule of expenditures (budgetary basis)-budget and actual-general fund, the combining schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance (budgetary basis) budget and actual – general and sales tax custodial funds, combining balance sheet schedule-debt service fund accounts, combining balance sheet schedule-capital project fund accounts and the combining schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance-debt service fund accounts, the combining balance sheet schedule-capital project fund accounts is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois July 13, 2022

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides an overview of the financial activity affecting the operation of the Regional Transportation Authority ("RTA") for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the RTA's basic financial statements which follow this section.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- For the year ended December 31, 2021, the RTA statement of activities for the governmental activities shows expenses increased by \$311 million to \$791 million from \$479 million for the same period in 2020. This increase is due to an increase in capital grants to the CTA, Metra, and Pace ("Service Boards") by \$302 million and financial assistance to the CTA, Metra, and Pace ("Service Boards") by \$45 million.
- The government-wide statement of net position shows assets of \$768 million for the governmental activities, a net increase of \$5 million. This is mainly due to an increase in receivables included in other assets of \$68 million offset by decreases in cash and investments and noncurrent assets of \$63 million. In the government-wide statement of net position, bond-related liabilities decreased by \$274 million, which reflects the decrease in general-obligation bonds payable in 2021.
- At the end of 2021, the government-wide statement of net position shows a deficit of \$1.1 billion for governmental activities. In contrast, the governmental funds balance sheet presented a total fund balance of \$425 million. There is a \$1.5 billion difference between the fund balance and the net deficit. GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, requires RTA's general obligation bonds to be presented in the government-wide statement of net position. The RTA has the obligation to pay the bonds it has issued to fund the Service Boards' capital expenditures. These expenditures and the related assets appear in the Service Boards' financial statements. The sales taxes imposed by the RTA Act in the region represent the primary source of payment for the bond obligations.

#### USING THIS ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR)

Overview of the ACFR—The RTA ACFR consists of three parts:

- 1. Introductory Section—This section includes the letter of transmittal, the GFOA Certificate of Achievement, the organizational chart, and the list of principal officials.
- 2. Financial Section—This section is comprised of the independent auditor's report, the management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and the required supplementary information and combining and individual fund schedules.
- 3. Statistical Section (Unaudited)—This section provides additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the RTA.

The basic financial statements contain three parts: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to financial statements. A discussion of the basic financial statements is included in this ACFR as follows:

**Government-wide Financial Statements**—The government-wide financial statements provide a broad overview of the RTA's finances in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements are prepared following the full accrual basis of accounting.

• Statement of Net Position—The statement of net position presents information on all the RTA's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. The statement subtracts liabilities and deferred inflows from assets and deferred outflows to compute—in the case of the RTA—a net deficit. This net deficit reflects the recording of bonds issued by the RTA for capital grants to the Service Boards to acquire and construct assets used to provide public transportation. These assets appear in the financial statements of the Service Boards. The bonds represent general obligations of the RTA to which the RTA has pledged its full faith and credit.

The size of the net deficit will increase as the RTA continues to issue bonds to fund the RTA System's capital program.

• **Statement of Activities**—The statement of activities shows the change in net position of the governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities include operating and capital asset funding (capital grants) to the Service Boards, RTA administrative expenses, the RTA Travel Information Center, certification of riders for paratransit service under the Americans with Disabilities Act (regional expenses), and interest expense on bonds issued by the RTA. Business-type activities consist of the RTA Joint Self-Insurance Fund.

The government-wide financial statements include only the RTA (the "primary government"). There are no "component units" (separate legal entities for which the RTA is financially accountable) that the RTA government-wide financial statements are required to include.

The RTA does not consider the CTA, Metra, or Pace to be component units, therefore, the RTA government-wide financial statements do not incorporate the financial data of the Service Boards. (See Letter of Transmittal and Note 1 to the financial statements for further details.)

*Fund Financial Statements*—A fund refers to a set of related self-balancing accounts used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The RTA, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The RTA's funds are accounted for in three fund types: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

• **Governmental Funds**—Governmental funds account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year.

Unlike the information presented for governmental funds, information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements includes the long-term impact of near-term financing decisions. The governmental funds financial statements provide reconciliations to facilitate comparison between governmental funds and government-wide financial statements.

In the fund level basic financial statements, the RTA presents three major governmental funds: a general fund, a debt service fund, and a capital projects fund. The governmental funds financial statements present information for each major fund separately. Individual fund data for each of the RTA governmental funds is presented in this ACFR in the section labeled "Combining and Individual Fund Schedules."

The RTA adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. The Required Supplementary Information and Combining and Individual Fund Schedules include a budgetary comparison.

- **Proprietary Funds**—The RTA maintains a proprietary fund to account for the RTA Joint Self-Insurance Fund. This type of proprietary fund, referred to as an enterprise fund, reports the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. As required by Article II of the Loss Financing Plan, the RTA Joint Self-Insurance Fund issues separate annual audited financial statements.
- **Fiduciary Funds**—Fiduciary funds account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government activity. In the case of the RTA, the fiduciary fund accounts for the assets of the RTA defined-benefit Pension Plan and the Sales Tax Custodial Fund. The government-wide financial statements do not reflect fiduciary funds as these funds are not available to support the programs and operations of the RTA. The RTA Pension Plan issues annual audited financial statements separately.

#### ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following table summarizes the Statement of Net Position:

#### SUMMARY OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (In Thousands)

	Governn	nental Activit	ies		Busin	ess	-type Act	iviti	es		Total		
	 2021	2020		Variance	 2021		2020		ariance	 2021	2020	v	ariance
Assets:													
Cash and investments	\$ 455,212	\$ 516,01	2 \$	(60,800)	\$ 16,325	\$	18,598	\$	(2,273)	\$ 471,537	\$ 534,610	\$	(63,073)
Other assets	304,961	236,81		68,145	4,171		4,094		77	309,132	240,910		68,222
Noncurrent assets	1,810	2,08	3	(278)	-		-		-	1,810	2,088		(278)
Capital assets—net	 5,670	7,55	3	(1,888)	 -		-		-	 5,670	7,558		(1,888)
Total assets	 767,653	762,47	1	5,179	 20,496		22,692		(2,196)	 788,149	785,166		2,983
Deferred outflow of resources													
Loss on refunding	4,202		-	4,202	-		-		-	4,202	-		4,202
OPEB related amounts	114	13	)	(16)	-		-		-	114	130		(16)
Pension related amounts	 11,153	7,18	5	3,968	-		-		-	 11,153	7,185		3,968
Total deferred outflow of resources	15,469	7,31	5	8,154	 -		-		-	15,469	7,315		8,154
Liabilities:													
Current non bond-related													
liabilities	334,308	196,29	9	138,009	-		-		-	334,308	196,299		138,009
Current bond related liabilities Long-term non-bond-related	124,535	120,36	)	4,175	-		-		-	124,535	120,360		4,175
liabilities	35,189	25,74	5	9,444	-		-		-	35,189	25,745		9,444
Long-term bond-related													
liabilities	 1,364,501	1,676,39	3	(311,897)	 -		-		-	 1,364,501	1,676,398		(311,897)
Total liabilities	 1,858,533	2,018,80	2	(160,269)	 -		-		-	 1,858,533	2,018,802		(160,269)
Deferred inflow of resources													
Gain on refunding	3.946	4.22	7	(281)	-		-		-	3.946	4.227		(281)
OPEB related amounts	69	8		(13)	-		-		-	69	82		(13)
Pension related amounts	1,574	96	7	607	-		-		-	1,574	967		607
Total deferred inflow of resources	 5,589	5,27	6	313	 -		-		-	 5,589	5,276		313
Net position (deficit):													
Net investment in capital assets	5,670	7,55	3	(1,888)	-		-		-	5,670	7,558		(1,888)
Restricted	116,445	403,24	9	(286,804)	-		-		-	116,445	403,249		(286,804)
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,203,115)	(1,665,09	5)	461,981	 20,496		22,692		(2,196)	 (1,182,619)	(1,642,404)		459,785
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (1,081,000)	\$ (1,254,28	9)\$	173,289	\$ 20,496	\$	22,692	\$	(2,196)	\$ (1,060,504)	\$ (1,231,597)	\$	171,093

As of December 31, 2021, cash and investments for governmental activities decreased by \$60 million over the previous year. The RTA's cash balance decreased from last year due to timing differences in receipts and disbursements, specifically related to funding provided to the Service Boards for capital projects. As of December 31, 2021, the current liabilities increased by \$142.0 million from the previous year due to the timing of debt service payments becoming due.

The presentation of financial statements under GASB Statement No. 34 requires the recognition in the statements of net position of \$1.5 billion in current and long-term general obligation bonds and notes payable. The issuance of these bonds was for the specific purpose of funding capital grants to acquire and construct assets used to provide public transportation within the RTA region.

The RTA net deficit at December 31, 2021, will not affect the availability of RTA to fund resources for future use. In fact, the RTA maintains its operations funding levels for 2022 as established in September 2021 during the 2022 budget process.

The following table summarizes the Statement of Activities:

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020 (In Thousands)

	Gov	ernmental Activ	/ities	Busine	ess-type Ac	tivities			
	2021	2020	Variance	2021	2020	Variance	2021	2020	Variance
Expenses:									
Financial assistance to Service Boards	\$ 257,474	\$ 212,613	\$ 44,861	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 257,474	\$ 212,613	\$ 44,861
Capital grants to Service Boards	425,331	122,771	302,560	-	-	-	425,331	122,771	302,560
Operating grants to Service Boards	23,659	24,542	(883)	-	-	-	23,659	24,542	(883)
Administrative expenses	21,284	16,642	4,642	9,221	7,640	1,581	30,505	24,282	6,223
Regional and technology									
program expenses	17,390	19,512	(2,122)	-	-	-	17,390	19,512	(2,122)
Interest expense	45,633	83,274	(37,641)	-	-	-	45,633	83,274	(37,641)
Total expenses	790,771	479,354	311,417	9,221	7,640	(1,581)	799,992	486,994	312,998
Revenues:									
Sales taxes	162,980	128,799	34,181	-	-	-	162,980	128,799	34,181
PTF and state assistance	752,316	409,937	342,379	-	-	-	752,316	409,937	342,379
Grants to Service Boards	23,344	23,539	(195)	-	-	-	23,344	23,539	(195)
Other intergovernmental revenues	22,584	6,181	16,403	-	-	-	22,584	6,181	16,403
Investment income and other	9,836	16,948	(7,112)	25	129	(104)	9,861	17,077	(7,216)
Total revenues	971,060	585,404	385,656	25	129	(104)	971,085	585,533	385,552
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over									
expenses before transfers	180,289	106,050	74,239	(9,196)	(7,511)	(1,685)	171,093	98,539	72,554
Transfers	(7,000)	(9,139)	2,139	7,000	9,139	(2,139)		-	-
Change in net position	173,289	96,911	76,378	(2,196)	1,628	(3,824)	171,093	98,539	72,554
Net position - beginning of year	(1,254,289)	(1,351,200)	96,911	22,692	21,064	1,628	(1,231,597)	(1,330,136)	98,539
Net position - end of year	\$ (1,081,000)	\$ (1,254,289)	\$ 173,289	\$ 20,496	\$ 22,692	\$ (2,196)	\$ (1,060,504)	\$ (1,231,597)	\$ 171,093

In 2021, financial assistance increased by \$44.8 million and other capital grant to the Service Boards increased by \$302.6 million from 2020, which reflects the activity in capital expenses to the Service Boards during 2021. Furthermore, the amount of bond interest expense decreased by \$37.6 million from \$83.3 million to \$45.6 million in 2021. For revenues, there were increases in sales tax, PTF, and state assistance of \$376.6 million was mainly due to higher sales tax receipts which relate to the State's efforts in collecting sales tax on online transactions.

During 2021, \$7 million was paid to the Joint Self-Insurance Fund for excess liability. Insurance premiums representing the only major expense, and investment income represents the only revenue for the Business-type activities (insurance financing) as there were no loss financing agreements entered into with the service boards.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS

As noted earlier, the RTA employs three fund types: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental Funds**—Governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as the balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. See the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for further details.

*General Fund*—Assets in the General Fund primarily represent the amounts for the Service Boards' operations and capital projects. Assets increased by \$62 million from \$497 million in 2020 to \$559 million in 2021, mainly due to timing differences. The RTA's cash and investments balance decreased by \$42 million and intergovernmental receivables increased by \$69 million due to timing of receipts on receivables.

The total fund balance of the General Fund equals \$225 million at December 31, 2021. The General Fund balance decreased by \$23 million primarily due to the impact of COVID-19 on the RTA's expense budget which was amended to increase expenses to the Service Boards.

The amount committed for RTA capital projects is for projects focusing on the application of advanced technology on transportation systems to improve the efficiency of such systems. The transit industry views such technology as having the potential for increasing ridership and revenues by making transit systems more attractive to customers.

These applications include the following:

- The Regional Transit Signal Priority ("TSP") Implementation Program made further progress in 2021.
  - RTA staff managed grants with Pace to design and implement TSP on portions of Milwaukee Avenue and other corridors, and with the CTA and CDOT to design and implement TSP on the Central and Northern portions of Ashland Avenue.
  - Pace completed proof-of-concept testing of TSP on Milwaukee Avenue in early 2021. In addition, Pace substantially completed installation of roadside TSP equipment along the Dempster Street corridor. Pace also prepared and submitted IDOT permit applications for implementation of TSP equipment on several other IDOT corridors beginning in 2022 – including Roosevelt Road and 95<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - CTA and CDOT continued engineering designs for implementation of TSP and traffic signal modernization on the North/Central Ashland Avenue corridor.
- The RTA Interagency Signage Program made further progress in 2021.
  - Completed Bundle 3 with the installation of signage at Blue Island and the CTA installation of two interagency backlit signs at LaSalle/Van Buren for Metra LaSalle St. Station.
  - Received approval from the RTA Board to proceed with Bundle 4 using remaining Federal Grant funds.
  - Completed retrofits at Joliet Gateway Center station and installed signage for Pace Bus Station at Joliet Gateway Center.
  - RTA, CTA, and Metra staff designed the installation signage package for the City of Chicago Department of Transportation Chicago Pedway Wayfinding Signage Pilot project.

**Debt Service Fund**—The RTA has established a Debt Service Fund to receive transfers from the General Fund and investment income. Disbursements of principal and interest payments made for each of its outstanding series bonds. As of December 31, 2021, the RTA has sixteen series of general obligation bonds/notes outstanding. Each respective bond/note agreement sets forth the debt service funding requirements. The 2021 Debt Service Fund balance decreased by \$1.7 million in 2021 to \$139.7 million.

*Capital Projects Fund*—The RTA has established a Capital Projects Fund to account for bond proceeds, earnings on the investment of such proceeds, and the expenditure of such monies for capital assets of the Service Boards. During 2021, the Capital Projects Fund decreased by \$50 million. The decrease in investment for the Capital Projects Fund was due to increased capital drawdowns by the Service Boards in 2021.

**Proprietary Fund**—The RTA has established a proprietary fund to account for activities that are similar to those found in the private sector and to account for the financing of goods or services provided by a department or agency to other departments or agencies of the governmental unit, or to other governmental units on a cost-reimbursement basis. The RTA has one proprietary fund which relates to the activities of the Joint Self-Insurance Fund.

#### **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

In 2021, the budget was amended and the estimated impact there would be on general fund revenues and expenditures was reflected. After the amendment, the actual change in revenues over expenditures of \$331 million, excluding other financing (Debt Service) use was very close with the amended budget figure of \$210 million.

Within the General Fund, total revenues were over the amended budget amount by \$536 million. The variance in the General Fund is mainly due to the receipt of greater Sales Tax and PTF than anticipated in the amended budget for 2021. In addition, expenditures were \$415 million over the amended budget amount which again is largely due to the pass through of PTF funds as financial assistance to the Service Boards.

### SERVICE BOARDS CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

The financial statements of the Service Boards reflect the capital assets discussed in this section. The statement of net position for the RTA reflects the RTA bonds issued to provide a portion of the funding for these assets. The details of the RTA bond program are discussed further in Note 9 of this report.

**Service Boards Capital Assets**—The RTA System provided 225.4 million unlinked passenger trips in 2021. This has the beneficial impact of reducing road congestion, improving the flow of goods and services, and enhancing air quality. In addition, the RTA System provides essential mobility to those persons unable to utilize other transportation. The System represents an asset with replacement cost estimated at more than \$150 billion for the entire region. To continue these public benefits, the RTA strives to maximize the amount of resources devoted to investment in its System for it to remain in good working order. The RTA Five-Year Capital Program report contains the details of this investment. The Five-Year Capital Program report is updated and adopted annually by the RTA Board, as required by the RTA Act.

Sources of funds for capital investment include federal programs, proceeds of RTA bonds, and State of Illinois programs. The level of capital funding from Federal as well as State programs has risen, reflecting the increasing recognition of the importance of public transportation. In recent years, the RTA and the Service Boards have also been able to direct funds to capital projects by successfully constraining operating costs.

**RTA Capital Assets**—For more detailed information on capital asset activity, please see Note 8 in the notes to the financial statements.

**Long-Term Debt Activity**—Under the RTA Act, the RTA has authority to issue General Obligation Bonds for the improvement and expansion of the RTA System. This authority resulted from successful RTA efforts to demonstrate to the State legislature the need for capital reinvestment. The authorization identified two types of bonds: Strategic Capital Improvement Program ("SCIP") bonds and RTA ("Non-SCIP") bonds.

Prior to January 1, 2000, the RTA had the authority to issue up to \$500 million in SCIP bonds and to have up to \$500 million in Non-SCIP bonds outstanding. Effective January 1, 2000, the RTA Act was amended to increase the RTA authorization by an additional \$1.3 billion of SCIP bonds (limited to \$260 million per year going forward). In 2000, the RTA Act was further amended to increase Non-SCIP bonds outstanding by \$300 million to \$800 million. As of year-end 2021, the RTA has issued \$1.8 billion in SCIP bonds, with total SCIP bonds outstanding of \$841.7 million. The remaining \$581.4 million of bonds outstanding are Non-SCIP bonds.

As of December 31, 2021, the fixed-rate bonds/note, issued by the RTA carried a rating of AA from Standard & Poor's, A1 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and AA+ by Fitch, Inc. The one variable-rate bond is rated A-1+ from Standard & Poor's, P-1 by Moody's Investors Service and F1+ by Fitch. For more detailed information on debt activity, please see Note 9 in the Notes to Financial Statements.

### **COVID-19 IMPACT AND RECOVERY**

A total of \$3.540 billion of federal relief funding was provided to the RTA Region by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act of 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations ("CRRSA") Act of 2021, and the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act of 2021. The RTA Board worked with the federal government to assist in fully allocating these funding sources among the CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, ADA Paratransit, and the RTA Agency to help offset the impact of COVID-19 related revenue losses. Through 2021, the Region had drawn down approximately 32% of the available relief funding. With respect to COVID-19 impacts, 2021 was a year of recovery. The unemployment rate in the RTA region improved from 7.5% at the beginning of the year to 5.4% in December. Due to the gradual easing of mitigation measures, RTA system ridership improved from about 30% of pre-COVID levels at the beginning of the year to about 47% by December. With a January 2021 change to State law which required collection of local sales taxes on more online transactions, RTA sales tax performance rebounded to record levels in 2021, growing by 27.6% to \$1.469 billion, more than \$200 million above the pre-COVID result for 2019. Looking forward, ridership recovery has continued in early 2022 as return-to-office plans solidify, passing 50% of pre-COVID levels in March. With the RTA funding outlook improved, the focus will be on judicious use of the remaining federal relief funding as the RTA system continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

# CONTACTING THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

This ACFR provides a general overview of the finances of the RTA. Users of the ACFR should address questions concerning the information, or requests for additional financial information, to the Regional Transportation Authority, c/o Senior Deputy Executive Director, Finance, Innovation and Technology/CFO, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 1550, Chicago, Illinois 60604 or visit our website at www.rtachicago.org.

#### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Current portion of:			
Cash and investments:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 236,503	\$ 15,825	\$ 252,328
Restricted—investments	139,709	-	139,709
Unrestricted—investments	79,000	500	79,500
Intergovernmental receivables	304,770	-	304,770
Prepaid insurance-bonds	139	-	139
Accrued interest on investments	47	15	62
Prepaid expenses and other assets	5	4,156	4,161
Total current assets	760,173	20,496	780,669
Non-current portion of:			
Prepaid insurance-bonds	1,810	-	1,810
Capital assets—net of accumulated depreciation	5,670		5,670
Total non-current assets	7,480		7,480
Total assets	767,653	20,496	788,149
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Loss on refunding	4,202	-	4,202
OPEB related amounts	114	-	114
Pension related amounts	11,153	-	11,153
Total deferred outflows of resources	15,469		15,469
LIABILITIES:			
Current portion of:			
General obligation bonds payable	124,535	-	124,535
Unearned revenue	1,809	-	1,809
Due to fiduciary funds	11,209	-	11,209
Intergovernmental payables	159,295	-	159,295
Advances from the State	15,522	-	15,522
Accrued interest payable	23,268	-	23,268
Accrued other expenses	122,711	-	122,711
Compensated absences	494		494
Total current liabilities	458,843		458,843
Noncurrent portion of:			
Accrued other expenses:			
Total OPEB liability	635	-	635
Net pension liability	9,798	-	9,798
Unearned revenue	24,756	-	24,756
General obligation bonds payable plus unamortized			
bond premium of \$66,001	1,364,501	-	1,364,501
Total non-current liabilities	1,399,690	-	1,399,690
Total liabilities	1,858,533		1,858,533
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Gain on refunding	3,946	-	3,946
OPEB related amounts	69	-	69
Pension related amounts	1,574		1,574
Total deferred inflows of resources	5,589		5,589
NET POSITION (DEFICIT):			
Investment in capital assets	5,670	-	5,670
Restricted			
Debt service	116,445	-	116,445
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,203,115)	20,496	(1,182,619)

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

(In Thousands)

		Program Operating	et Expense (R Changes in Ne			
		Grants/	 overnmental	Business-type	Э	
	Expenses	Revenues	 Activities	Activities		Total
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:						
Governmental activities:						
Financial assistance to Service Boards	\$ 257,474	\$-	\$ 257,474	\$-	\$	257,474
Capital grants to Service Boards						
Discretionary	897	-	897	-		897
Bonds	416,039	-	416,039	-		416,039
IDOT Capital Grant - PACE (ADA)	8,395	8,395	-	-		-
Operating grants to Service Boards						
Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE)	14,949	14,949	-	-		-
Service board funding	8,710	-	8,710	-		8,710
Administrative expenses	21,284	22,584	(1,300)	) –		(1,300)
Regional and technology expenses	17,390	-	17,390	-		17,390
Interest expense	45,633	-	 45,633			45,633
Total governmental activities	790,771	45,928	744,843	-		744,843
Business-type activities:						
Insurance financing	9,221			9,221		9,221
	9,221		 -	9,221		9,221
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 799,992	\$ 45,928	 744,843	9,221		754,064
GENERAL REVENUES:						
General revenues:						
Sales taxes			162,845	-		162,845
Interest on sales taxes			135	-		135
Public Transportation Fund (PTF)			257,474	-		257,474
General state revenue			367,568	-		367,568
Additional State Assistance (ASA) / Additional Fincancial Assistance (AFA)			127,274	-		127,274
Investment income			5,739	25		5,764
Other revenues			 4,097			4,097
Total general revenues			 925,132	25		925,157
Transfers			 (7,000)	7,000		
CHANGES IN NET POSITION (DEFICIT)			173,289	(2,196)		171,093
NET POSITION (DEFICIT):						
Beginning of year			 (1,254,289)	22,692		(1,231,597)
End of year			\$ (1,081,000)	\$ 20,496	\$	(1,060,504)
The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement						

#### BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	General Fund		Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Gov	Total /ernmental Funds
ASSETS:						
Cash and cash equivalents Investments:	\$	236,503	\$ -	\$ -	\$	236,503
Restricted investments		-	139,709	-		139,709
Unrestricted—investments		17,929	-	61,071		79,000
Intergovernmental receivables		304,770	-	-		304,770
Accrued interest on investments Other receivable		43 5	4			47 5
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	559,250	\$ 139,713	\$ 61,071	\$	760,034
LIABILITIES:						
Vouchers payable	\$	398	\$ -	\$ -	\$	398
Due to fiduciary funds Intergovernmental payables		11,209 158,078	-	- 1,217		11,209 159,295
Advances from State		15.522	-	1,217		15,522
Accrued items		122,313	-	-		122,313
Unearned revenue		26,565	 -	 -		26,565
Total liabilities		334,085	 -	1,217		335,302
FUND BALANCES:						
Restricted:			400 740			400 740
Debt service Committed:		-	139,713	-		139,713
CTAP capital		6,007	-	-		6,007
RTA non-cap tech		3,799	-	-		3,799
Debt service deposit agreement (DSDA)		26,481	-	-		26,481
Service Board capital (discretionary)		180	-	-		180
ICE reserve		8,173	-	-		8,173
RTA capital projects		4,807	-	-		4,807
Bond capital projects for Service Boards		-	-	59,854		59,854
Strategic capital investment account (SCIA) ADA Paratransit Reserve		47,144 11,209	-	-		47,144 11,209
Professional services		26.719	-	-		26.719
Unassigned*		90,646	 	 -		90,646
Total fund balances		225,165	 139,713	 59,854		424,732
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF						
RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	559,250	\$ 139,713	\$ 61,071	\$	760,034

\*See Note 2 for details of unassigned fund balance

## RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

TOTAL FUND BALANCE—GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$	424,732
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. This is the capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, recognized in the statement of net position.		5,670
Long-term liabilities and related deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as fund liabilities:		
Bonds and notes payable	(	(1,423,035)
Premiums on bonds		(66,001)
Deferred gain on refunding (inflow)		(3,946)
Deferred loss on refunding (outflow)		4,202
Compensated absences		(494)
Total OPEB liability		(635)
Net pension liability		(9,798)
Prepaid expenses - bond insurance		1,949
Accrued Interest		(23,268)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are not reported		
in governmental funds because they do not use current financial resources.		
Similarly, deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB do not		
provide current financial resources:		
Deferred outflow (OPEB)		114
Deferred outflow (Pension)		11,153
Deferred inflow (Pension)		(1,574)
Deferred inflow (OPEB)		(69)
TOTAL NET DEFICIT—GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ (	(1,081,000)

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:		• • • • •	• • • • •	•
Investment income	\$ 2,053	\$ 3,648	\$ 38	\$ 5,739
CARES Act funding	22,584 4,097	-	-	22,584 4,097
Other revenues Sales Tax	4,097 162,845	-	-	4,097 162,845
Interest on Sales Tax	135	-	-	135
Public Transportation Fund	257,474	_	_	257,474
General State Revenue	367,568	-	-	367,568
IDOT State Grant - PACE (ADA)	8,395	-	-	8,395
Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE)	14,949	-	-	14,949
State assistance	189,399			189,399
Total revenues	1,029,499	3,648	38	1,033,185
EXPENDITURES: Current:				
Service Board Funding	8,710	-	-	8,710
Financial assistance to Service Boards	257,474	-	-	257,474
Intergovernmental:				
Capital grants-discretionary	897	-	-	897
Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE)	14,949	-	-	14,949
Capital grants- State bonds IDOT Cap Grant - PACE (ADA)	366,461 8,395	-	49,578	416,039 8,395
Administrative Operating	17.567	-	-	17.567
Regional and technology expenses	17,390			17,390
Agency Capital Expenses	237	_	-	237
Debt service:				
Principal	-	270,360	-	270,360
Interest	-	79,507	-	79,507
Debt related costs		2,303		2,303
Total expenditures	692,080	352,170	49,578	1,093,828
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES				
OVER EXPENDITURES	337,419	(348,522)	(49,540)	(60,643)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		00.040		00.040
Issuance of refunding bonds Premium on issuance of debt	-	89,210 2.184	-	89,210 2,184
Payment to escrow for debt refunding	-	(98,953)	-	(98,953)
Transfers in	-	354,423	-	354,423
Transfers out	(360,792)		(663)	(361,455)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(360,792)	346,864	(663)	(14,591)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(23,373)	(1,658)	(50,203)	(75,234)
FUND BALANCES:				
Beginning of year	248,538	141,371	110,057	499,966
End of year	\$ 225,165	\$ 139,713	\$ 59,854	\$ 424,732

## RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES—TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$	(75,234)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activitie the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which Depreciation (\$2,238) exceeds capital outlay (\$350)		(4.000)
in the current period.		(1,888)
Revenue in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not represent as revenues in the fund financials. This amount represents the changes in unavailable revenue		(00.405)
the prior year.		(62,125)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes current financial resources of governmental Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of all prepaid bond insurance, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first is whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. These amou the differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items:	funds. e sued,	
Issuance of refunding bonds		(89,210)
Premium on issuance of refunding bonds		(2,184)
Debt service principal		270,360
Payment to escrow agent		98,953
Amortization of premiums on bonds		34,003
Change in prepaid bond insurance		(139)
Change in accrued interest on bonds		2,064
Amortization of gain on refunding		281
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources such as changes in compensated absences and pension and OPEB liabilities, and are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Compensated absences		132
OPEB expense		(23)
Pension expense		(1,701)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$	173,289

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES—ENTERPRISE FUND JOINT SELF-INSURANCE (PROPRIETARY) FUND DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

#### ASSETS:

Current:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,825
Investments	500
Accrued interest on investments	15
Prepaid insurance	 4,156
Total assets	20,496
LIABILITIES Due to General Fund	_
NET POSITION - Unrestricted	\$ 20,496

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES—ENTERPRISE FUND JOINT SELF-INSURANCE (PROPRIETARY) FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

OPERATING EXPENSES: Insurance expense Professional services	\$ 9,139 82
Total operating expenses	 9,221
OPERATING LOSS	 (9,221)
NONOPERATING REVENUES: Investment income Total nonoperating revenues	 25 25
Transfer from General Fund	 7,000
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(2,196)
NET POSITION: Beginning of year	 22,692
End of year	\$ 20,496

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES—ENTERPRISE FUND JOINT SELF-INSURANCE (PROPRIETARY) FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Payments to insurance vendor Payments to other vendors	\$ (9,139) (172)
Net cash flows from operating activities	 (9,311)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of investments Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments Investment income	 (23,193) 23,200 <u>31</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities	 38
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Transfers received from RTA General Fund	 7,000
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,273)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS: Beginning of year	 18,098
End of year	\$ 15,825
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Loss from operations Changes in:	\$ (9,221)
Due from General Fund	 (90)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (9,311)

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	Pension Trust Fund	Sales Tax Custodial Fund		
ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,012	\$-		
	φ 10,012	φ -		
Investments, at fair value:	50.457			
Corporate fixed income mutual fund Common stocks	59,157	-		
Real estate funds	42,235	-		
Private equity funds	28,589 22,590	-		
Commingled funds	218,489	-		
-				
Total Investments	371,060			
Intergovernmental receivables:				
Sales taxes	-	251,628		
New sales tax	-	91,327		
Interest on sales taxes	-	16		
Due from General Fund	-	11,209		
Reduced fare reimbursement	-	8,785		
PTF (new sales tax/RETT)	-	18,554		
Advances to Service Boards	-	94,398		
Other receivables	16			
Total Receivables	16	475,917		
Total assets	381,088	475,917		
LIABILITIES:				
Intergovernmental payables:				
Sales taxes due to Service Boards	-	251,628		
New sales tax due to Service Boards	-	91,327		
ADA Paratransit Funding (Future Years) SBD	-	11,209		
Interest on sales taxes due to Service Boards	-	16		
Reduced fare reimbursement	-	8,785		
PTF (new sales tax/RETT)	-	18,554		
Advances from State	-	94,398		
Other accrued expenses	546	-		
Unearned employer contributions	5,423			
Total liabilities	5,969	475,917		
NET POSITION:				
Restricted for pensions	\$ 375,119	\$		

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	Pension Trust Fund	Sales Tax Custodial Fund		
ADDITIONS:				
State tax sharing and assistance				
Sales taxes	\$ -	\$ 1,291,013		
Interest on sales taxes	-	193		
Public Transportation Fund (PTF) and other State assistance	-	179,794		
Reduced fare reimbursement		17,570		
Total State tax sharing and assistance	<u> </u>	1,488,570		
Contributions:				
Metra pension contributions	13,106	-		
Pace pension contributions	8,587	-		
RTA pension contributions	2,093			
Total contributions	23,786			
Investment gain:				
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	37,847	-		
Interest and dividends	3,436			
Total investment income	41,283			
Less investment expenses:	877			
Net investment income	40,406			
Total additions	64,192	1,488,570		
DEDUCTIONS:				
State tax sharing and assistance paid to Service Boards				
Sales taxes	-	1,291,013		
Interest on sales taxes	-	193		
Public Transportation Fund (PTF) and other State assistance	-	179,794		
Reduced fare reimbursement	-	17,570		
Pension	04 700			
Benefit payments	24,792	-		
Administrative expenses	491			
Total deductions	25,283	1,488,570		
NET CHANGE IN NET POSITION	38,909	-		
NET POSITION				
Beginning of year	336,210			
End of year	\$ 375,119	\$-		

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

#### NOTE 1. REPORTING ENTITY

The Regional Transportation Authority ("RTA" or "Authority") was established in 1974 upon approval of a referendum in its six-county Northeastern Illinois region. The operating responsibilities of the RTA are set forth in the RTA Act ("Act"). The RTA is a unit of local government, body politic, political subdivision, and municipal corporation of the State of Illinois. As initially established, the RTA was an operating entity responsible for providing day-to-day bus and rail transportation services. However, on November 9, 1983, the Illinois General Assembly reorganized the structure and funding of the RTA from an operating entity to a planning, funding, and oversight entity. The reorganization placed all operating responsibilities in the Chicago Transit Authority ("CTA"), the Commuter Rail Division ("Metra") and the Suburban Bus Division ("Pace"), each having its own independent board of directors. These divisions conduct operations and deal with subsidized carriers. These three entities are defined in the Act as the "Service Boards."

The Service Boards provide services to different geographic areas within the six-county region. Metra provides transit service to the six-county area, with the majority of the transit riders residing in the suburban metropolitan area and commuting into the City of Chicago. Pace's primary service area is the suburban communities, with limited service within the City of Chicago. The CTA provides service to the City of Chicago and 35 surrounding suburbs within Cook County. Although programs are underway to encourage riders to transfer between the service entities, trips of this type presently represent a minority of those taken.

The Act sets forth detailed provisions for the allocation of receipts by the RTA to the various Service Boards and imposes a requirement that the RTA System as a whole achieves annually a "systemgenerated revenues recovery ratio" (i.e., aggregate income for transportation services provided) of at least 50% of the cost of transportation services. For purposes of the recovery ratio calculation, the Act requires that the costs used in the calculation include all operating costs consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, with certain exceptions. Capitalized expenditures are recorded as capital assets and are excluded from the recovery ratio calculation as required by the Act. The Service Boards achieve their required recovery ratios by establishing fares and related revenue to cover the required proportion of their proposed expenses. The RTA is responsible for monitoring the budgets and financial performance of the Service Boards.

As defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"), the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, as well as its component units, which are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as:

Appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board, and either: (a) the ability to impose will by the primary government, or (b) the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, the primary government; or fiscal dependency on the primary government.

Financial benefit or burden is created if any one of the following relationships exist:

1) The primary government is legally entitled to or has access to the component unit's resources.

## NOTE 1. REPORTING ENTITY (Continued)

- 2) The primary government is legally required or has assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, provide support to, the component unit.
- 3) The primary government is obligated in some manner for the other component unit's debt.

In addition, a component unit also includes certain organizations that the primary government is not financially accountable for if the nature and significance of their relationship, including ongoing financial support are such that exclusion from the financial reporting entity would render the entity's financial statements incomplete or misleading.

In the judgment of management of the RTA of each of the entities and their analysis and application of the GASB Statements criteria, while the RTA does exercise some fiscal oversight, the Service Boards are not part of the RTA reporting entity for the purpose of preparing an annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

In arriving at this conclusion, the following factors were considered:

- The Service Boards maintain separate management, exercise control over all operations (including the fare structures), and are accountable for fiscal matters, including ownership of assets, relations with Federal and State transportation funding agencies that provide financial assistance in the acquisition of these assets, and the preparation of operating budgets. The Service Boards are also responsible for the purchase of services and approval of contracts relating to their operations.
- The RTA Board has control neither in the selection nor the appointment of any Service Board Director nor of any of its management. Further, directors of the Service Boards are excluded from serving on more than one entity's board of directors, including that of the RTA.
- The Illinois statutes required the RTA Board to approve the budgets of the Service Boards to determine if such budgets meet specified system-generated revenues recovery ratios and other requirements as defined by the Act.
- The RTA is not entitled to any Service Board surplus or responsible for any Service Board deficits.

Based on these factors and applying the aforementioned criteria used to determine financial accountability, management of the RTA does not consider the Service Boards to be component units and, accordingly, the financial data of the Service Boards have been excluded from the RTA reporting entity. The RTA is not aware of any entity which is financially accountable for the RTA that would result in the RTA's being considered a component unit of such entity.

## NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the RTA conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the significant policies:

**Fund Financial Statements**—The accounts of the RTA are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. RTA resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be utilized and the means by which spending activities are controlled. In the financial statements, the various funds are grouped into three broad fund types and six generic fund categories as follows:

*Governmental Funds*—The RTA's Governmental Fund Types consist of the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund, the following funds are reported as major governmental funds:

General Fund—The General Fund is the general operating fund of the RTA. It is used to account for all financial transactions that are not accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund—This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs for all debt issuances.

Capital Projects Fund—In 1989, the Illinois General Assembly authorized the RTA to issue a maximum of \$500 million of Strategic Capital Improvement Program ("SCIP") bonds, and to have a maximum of \$500 million RTA bonds outstanding. The Capital Projects Fund is utilized for the receipt and disbursement of the proceeds of the bond issues. The Capital Projects Fund was first established in 1990 with the issuance of \$100 million of RTA bonds to fund capital projects at the Service Boards. The proceeds from the bonds issued under the General Assembly's authorization were allocated by the RTA as follows: 50% for capital projects of the CTA; 45% for capital projects of Metra; and 5% for capital projects of Pace. Projects included in approved five-year Capital Programs will be eligible for reimbursements from these proceeds by the RTA without further review or action by the RTA Board of Directors.

In 1999, the Illinois General Assembly passed additional bonding authorization, thereby increasing the RTA bond authority to \$800 million outstanding effective January 1, 2000. It also increased SCIP bond issues by \$1.3 billion not to exceed \$260 million per year beginning in 2000.

*Proprietary Fund Type*—Proprietary Funds are used to account for activities that are similar to those found in the private sector and to account for the financing of goods or services provided by a department or agency to other departments or agencies of the governmental unit, or to other governmental units on a cost-reimbursement basis. The RTA has one Proprietary Fund which relates to the activities of the Joint Self-Insurance Fund.

Joint Self-Insurance Fund—The Joint Self-Insurance Fund ("Fund") is used to account for the financing of claims incurred by the Service Boards and the RTA on a cost-reimbursement basis. The Fund is essentially a financing mechanism providing a source from which to borrow or to pay for the first \$5 million of catastrophic losses and other claims incurred by the Service Boards and the RTA arising out of personal injuries, property damage, and certain other losses. This Fund is reported as an Enterprise Fund since the predominant participants are outside of the RTA.

*Fiduciary Fund Type*—Fiduciary Funds account for assets held by a governmental entity in a trustee capacity or as an agent for others. The RTA's Fiduciary Funds consist of one Custodial (Sales Tax) Fund and a Pension Trust Fund.

Custodial Fund—The Sales Tax Custodial Fund records the additions and deductions of amounts due to the CTA, Metra, and Pace, including Retailers' Occupation and Use Tax (sales taxes), interest on sales taxes, and reduced fare reimbursement grants. For RTA budgetary purposes, sales tax additions are recorded in the Sales Tax Custodial Fund and are equally offset by amounts recorded as deductions reflecting the pass-through to the Service Boards.

Pension Trust Fund—The Pension Trust Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payments of, retirement benefits to employees participating in the RTA Pension Plan.

**Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**—The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the RTA in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The effect of interfund activities has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities which are supported by sales taxes and intergovernmental revenues are reported separately from the insurance activities. The insurance activities include interest charges for loans advanced for claims of the Service Boards. Likewise, the fiduciary fund type - RTA Pension Trust Fund and Sales Tax Custodial Fund are presented separately and are not included in the government-wide financial statements of the RTA.

The statement of activities shows certain direct program expenses which are offset by program revenues. Governmental program activities include expenses such as financial assistance and capital asset funding (capital grants) to CTA, Metra, and Pace; administrative expenses; operating the RTA Travel Information Center, certifying riders for paratransit service under the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and other services (regional expenses); and payment of debt service on bonds issued by the RTA. Program revenues include operating grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program (i.e., technology and non-technology programs). Sales taxes, Public Transportation Fund ("PTF"), state assistance ("ASA/AFA"), investment income and other items properly excluded from program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund level financial statements are provided for governmental funds, the proprietary fund, and fiduciary funds.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**—The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund (Joint Self-Insurance Fund) and the fiduciary funds (Pension Trust Fund and Sales Tax Custodial Fund) financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Sales taxes are recognized as revenues if collected by the retailers by year-end. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues when qualifying expenditures have been incurred and as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the grantors have been met. Prepaid expenses are recorded using the consumption method.

The Joint Self-Insurance Fund distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues (interest charged to Service Boards) and expenses (administrative expenses including insurance premium and professional services) generally result from providing services in connection with the proprietary fund's ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Governmental fund financial statements use the current financial resources measurement focus. The funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting; i.e., revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or shortly thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Sales taxes are considered measurable and available if collected by the retailer by year-end and received by the RTA within 180 days after year-end. ASA/AFA is considered measurable and available if billed and received within 180 days after year-end. Additionally, certain compensated absences, claims and judgments, debt service principal and interest, pension and OPEB are only recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

The RTA reports three major governmental funds—General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund; one major proprietary fund—Joint Self-Insurance Fund; and two fiduciary funds—Pension Trust Fund and Sales Tax Custodial Fund.

Major funds are funds whose revenues, expenditures/expenses, assets, or liabilities (excluding extraordinary items) are at least 10 percent of corresponding totals for all governmental or enterprise funds and at least 5 percent of the aggregate amount for all governmental and enterprise funds. This only applies to governmental and proprietary funds. The results of fiduciary activities are included in aggregate remaining fund information.

# Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Equity/Net Position

*Cash and Investments*—All excess General Fund cash is invested, and earnings are credited to the General Fund for use in financing general RTA operations. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, the RTA reports investments with maturities of greater than one year at the time of purchase at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Short-term investments are reported at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Fair value for the majority of fixed income securities is determined by using quoted market prices by independent pricing services.

*Intergovernmental Receivables*—Receivables include amounts due from State and local governments for sales taxes, specific programs or projects, and services.

*Capital Assets*—The RTA sets a capitalization threshold of no less than \$5,000 for any capital item(s) and have a useful life of at least one year following the date of acquisition. Purchased capital assets are recorded at historical cost, donated works of art and similar items and capital assets received in a service concession arrangement, if applicable, are recorded at acquisition value. Any acquisitions during the year are considered acquired at the beginning of that year for the purpose of computing depreciation. The RTA uses the straight-line method for computing depreciation expense. Leasehold improvements made to RTA's office facilities are capitalized, and their costs amortized over the life of the lease. Leasehold improvements and major equipment repairs, if any, are also capitalized during the remaining life of the lease or the extended useful life of the equipment.

Description	Useful Life
Office equipment	5 years
Computer equipment and software	5 years
Leasehold improvements	Life of the lease
Other assets (signage)	Life of the sign

*Restricted Assets and Restricted Net Position*—Bond proceeds and amounts set aside for general obligation debt service are classified as restricted assets since their use is limited by the bond indentures. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is RTA's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

*Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources*—are a consumption (outflow) or acquisition (inflow) of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period.

*Bond premiums and discounts*—are amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest rate method.

*Compensated Absences*—Compensation for holidays, illness, and other qualifying absences is not accrued in the accompanying financial statements because rights to such compensation amounts either do not accumulate or they do not vest. The RTA accounts for compensated absences under GASB No. 16, entitled "Accounting for Compensated Absences", whereby the applicable salary-related employer obligations are accrued in addition to the compensated absences liability. Compensated absences are recorded in the General Fund only if they have matured (i.e., unused leave still outstanding at time of an employee's resignation or retirement). Compensated absences are recorded in the governmental activities as current liabilities when the obligation is due. The RTA's policy is compensated absences have to be used by the end of the following fiscal year.

Changes in compensated absences for the year ended December 31, 2021, were as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Balance January 1, 2021		Incre	Increases Decreases			Balance December 31, 2021		Due Within One Year	
Compensated absences payable	\$	626	\$	508	\$	640	\$	494	\$	494

*Intergovernmental Payables*—These amounts include accrued financial assistance, sales taxes, capital, and other grants due to the Service Boards.

*Unearned Revenue*—-These amounts include debt service deposit agreement receipts, which are recorded as liabilities and revenue recognition is based on certain time requirements based on the required timing of the related debt service payments.

*Fund Balances*—In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balances in the following categories:

**Non-spendable** – This consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either a) not in spendable form or b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The RTA did not have amounts reported within this category.

**Restricted** – This consists of amounts that are restricted to specific purposes, that is, when constraints placed on the use of resources are either a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** – This consists of amounts constrained by limitations that the Authority imposes upon itself through resolution by its board of directors. The commitment amount will be binding unless removed or amended in the same manner.

**Assigned** – This consists of net amounts that are constrained by the Authority's intent to be used for specific purpose, but that are neither restricted nor committed. Assigned amounts are determined by the Executive Director upon recommendation of the Budget and Treasury division based on the year-end positive budget variance.

Unassigned – This consists of residual fund balances.

In instances where restricted, committed, and assigned fund balances are available for use, RTA's policy is to use restricted resources first, followed by committed resources, then assigned resources, as needed. In 2021, the General Fund reports unassigned fund balance of \$90.6 million, these funds are needed to satisfy future debt service requirements as well as general administrative costs of the RTA.

*Revenues*— The RTA has four principal sources of revenue: (1) retailer's occupation taxes, service occupation taxes, and use taxes (collectively, RTA Sales Tax); (2) funds appropriated to the RTA by statute through the PTF established under the Act; (3) State or Federal grants, or any other such funds, which the RTA is authorized to apply for and receive under the Act; and (4) investment income on unexpended funds held by the RTA, and other miscellaneous revenue.

*Sales Tax*— Prior to 2008, the RTA Sales Tax consisted of (i) in Cook County, (a) a tax of 1% of the gross receipts from sales of drugs, certain medical supplies and food prepared for consumption off the premises (other than for immediate consumption) imposed on all persons selling tangible personal property at retail (a Food and Drug Tax) and (b) a tax of 0.75% of the gross receipts from all other taxable retail sales; (ii) in counties within Northeastern Illinois other than Cook County, a tax of 0.25% of the gross receipts from all taxable retail sales (together with (i) (b), a General Sales Tax); and (iii) a tax of 1% on the use in Cook County, and 0.25% on the use in Northeastern Illinois other than Cook County of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer outside Northeastern Illinois and titled or registered with a State agency by a person with a Northeastern Illinois address (a Use Tax); and (iv) a tax imposed in the same locations and at the same rates as the Food and Drug Tax and the General Sales Tax on persons engaged in a sale of service pursuant to which property in the form of tangible personal property or in the form of real estate is transferred incidental to a sale of a service (a Service Occupation Tax).

The taxes described in (i) and (ii) above are also imposed on persons engaged in making sales of services pursuant to which tangible personal property or real estate (as incident to a sale of a service) is transferred (with respect to the taxes in (i) and (ii), a Service Occupation Tax).

The RTA Sales Tax is collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue (the "Department of Revenue") and paid to the Treasurer of the State to be held in trust for the RTA outside the State Treasury. Proceeds from the RTA Sales Tax are payable monthly directly to the RTA, without appropriation, by the State Treasurer on the order of the State Comptroller. Effective July 1, 2018, the State reduced the permanent administrative surcharge on RTA sales tax receipts to 1.5%, which was imposed July 1, 2017, at 2%. Through December 2021, the reduced amount of sales tax provided to the RTA and Service Boards was approximately \$77.0 million.

Also, proceeds from certain sales taxes imposed by the State are allocated to the RTA as part of the restructuring of the State and local sales taxes in Illinois. Until January 1, 1990, the State General Sales Tax, State Use Tax, and State Service Occupation Tax portions of the RTA Sales Tax were imposed at a rate of 1% in Cook County. Effective January 1, 1990, as a result of legislation (the Sales Tax Reform Act) aimed at simplifying the base and rate structure of taxes imposed by the State and its local governments, including the RTA, the State General Sales Tax, State Use Tax, State Service Use Tax were increased from 5% to 6.25% and any corresponding portions of the RTA Sales Tax in Cook County were reduced from 1% to 0.75%. In order to avoid a revenue loss to the RTA because of the receipts from the State General Sales Tax, State Use Tax, State Service Occupation Tax, and State Service Use Tax be paid to the RTA Sales Tax.

Specifically, 4% of the net monthly revenue from the 6.25% State General Sales Tax and State Service Occupation Tax and 4% of the net monthly revenue from the State Use Tax on personal property purchased at retail outside the State, but registered or titled with a State agency within the State (i.e., 0.25% of total) is transferred into the County and Mass Transit District Fund in the State Treasury (the "CMTD Fund"). The amount in the CMTD Fund attributable to taxable sales occurring in Cook County or to property registered or titled in Cook County is then transferred into the RTA Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund in the State Treasury (the "Replacement Fund"). In addition, (i) the net monthly revenue from the State Use Tax and State Service Use Tax portions of the 1% State Food and Drug Tax, and (ii) 20% of the net monthly revenue of the 6.25% State Use Tax and State Service Use Tax (i.e., 1.25% of total), other than revenues of such taxes attributable to personal property purchased at retail outside the State but registered or titled with a State agency within the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund (the "Reform Fund"). Of the money paid into the Reform Fund, 10% is transferred into the Replacement Fund.

The Act provides that the RTA withhold 15% of these tax revenues generated and that these revenues are deposited into the RTA's General Fund. The RTA is required to pass on to the Service Boards, pursuant to statutory formula, an amount equal to the remainder of such tax revenues. The remaining 85% of sales tax is allocated to the Service Boards as follows:

Service Board	Collected Within <u>Chicago</u>	Collected within Cook County <u>Outside Chicago</u>	Collected in DuPage, Kane, Lake McHenry and <u>Will Counties</u>
СТА	100 %	30 %	-
Metra	-	55 %	70 %
Pace	-	15 %	30 %

The RTA recognizes as a receivable and revenue in the General Fund only the 15% of this portion of the total sales taxes collected to which it is entitled by the amended Act. The remaining 85% of this portion of the sales tax is recorded in the Sales Tax Custodial Fund. The criteria applied for recognition of the receivable and related revenue in the General Fund are that the amounts are "measurable and available" for the RTA to meet its current obligations.

In January 2008, Illinois Public Act 95-0708 increased the RTA sales tax rate throughout the region, increased the real estate transfer tax ("RETT") in the City of Chicago, and raised the rate at which RTA sales tax revenues are matched by PTF. The RTA sales tax rate was increased 0.25% in Cook County and 0.50% in the Collar Counties effective April 1, 2008. Proceeds of the sales tax increase in the Collar Counties are divided evenly between the RTA and the county where the tax is collected. Effective April 1, 2008, the RETT in the City of Chicago was increased by 40% (i.e. for every \$500 in sales price an additional \$1.50 in tax is collected).

*Public Transportation Fund*—In accordance with the Act, the State Treasurer is authorized and required to transfer from the State's General Revenue Fund to a special fund in the State Treasury designated the "Public Transportation Fund," an amount equal to 30% of net revenues realized from sales taxes (or, as the case may be, gasoline or parking taxes) and RETT. These amounts may be paid to the RTA only upon State appropriation.

In February 2008, the PTF match of the pre-2008 RTA sales tax increased from 25% to 30%. In April 2008, the 5% PTF match was applied to the RETT and the RTA portion of the sales tax increase. In January 2009, the PTF match of both the RETT and the RTA portion of the sales tax increase rose from 5% to 30%.

While the RETT and the 25% PTF match of RETT funds only the CTA, the largest part of P.A. 95-0708 revenue provides funding for CTA, Metra, Pace and ADA Paratransit operations, as well as for regional Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement ("ICE") and Suburban Community Mobility Fund ("SCMF") initiatives. Funds for ADA Paratransit, ICE and SCMF are by statute set aside before distributions to the CTA, Metra, and Pace.

None of the revenues from the PTF are payable to the RTA unless and until the RTA certifies to the Governor, State Comptroller, and Mayor of the City of Chicago that it has adopted an annual budget and financial plan as called for by the Act. This certification was submitted as required during the year.

The amounts allocable to each of the Service Boards from funding received by the RTA from a portion of the State's PTF are allocated at the direction of the RTA Board in connection with the review and approval of the annual and revised budgets of each Service Board. This portion corresponds to 25% of the pre-2008 sales tax receipts. The remaining portion of the State's PTF is combined with the sales tax resulting from the 2008 rate increase and allocated by statute first to the ADA Paratransit Fund, ICE Fund, and SCMF, with the remainder distributed 48% to the CTA, 39% to Metra, and 13% to Pace.

The allocable amounts of such funds are payable as soon as may be practicable upon their receipt, provided that the RTA has adopted a budget pursuant to Section 4.01 of the Act, and the Service Board that is to receive such funds is in compliance with the budget requirement imposed upon the Service Board pursuant to Section 4.11 of the Act.

*Reduced Fare Reimbursement*—In the State's fiscal year 2021, which ends June 30, 2021, the Illinois General Assembly appropriated funds for a program under which the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") is authorized to provide to the RTA a reduced fare reimbursement grant for the purpose of reimbursing the Service Boards for a portion of actual revenue losses attributable to reduced fares for students, people with disabilities, and the elderly. For the state fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the grant was in the amount of \$17.6 million.

Additional State Assistance/Additional Financial Assistance—The State has authorized Additional State Assistance ("ASA") which is supplemental financing for the RTA's Strategic Capital Improvement Program ("SCIP") bonds. The ASA available to the RTA during the State's July through June fiscal year is limited to the lesser of (i) the actual debt service payable during such year on any outstanding SCIP I bonds plus any debt service savings from the issuance of currently refunding or advance refunding SCIP I bonds, less interest earned on the unspent bond proceeds, or (ii) \$55 million per year. The RTA recognized \$40 million of ASA in 2021.

Beginning with the State's fiscal year 2001, the State has also authorized Additional Financial Assistance ("AFA") to pay for debt service requirements for SCIP II bonds authorized under the Illinois First Program. The amount available to the RTA during the State's July through June fiscal year is limited to the lesser of (i) the actual debt service payable during such year on any outstanding SCIP bonds less interest earned on those bond proceeds, or (ii) \$100 million in the State's fiscal years 2021 and 2022, per year. The RTA recognized \$87 million of AFA in 2021.

*Expenditures and Expenses*—Operating grants consist of financial assistance to the Service Boards. The RTA provides operating assistance to the Service Boards to fund, in part, their RTA-approved budgets.

Capital grants consist of the RTA local match of Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") and IDOT-funded capital projects, 100% RTA-funded projects and capital projects funded by RTA, SCIP bonds, and investment income on bonds. Capital payments of approximately \$10 million for sales tax funding are due to Metra based on a statutory formula. This formula consists of the budgeted sales tax revenues in excess of Metra's budgeted operating deficit. This amount is presented in the Sales Tax Custodial Fund.

Administration consists of those costs of the RTA incurred to carry out its administrative activities. These costs were limited by statute to \$29.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Non-administration, listed as regional and technology program expenses in the statement of activities, consists of those costs of the RTA which are exempt from the statutory limit defined in the RTA Act. These costs include the operation of the Travel Information Center, Transit Benefit Program, Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), reduced fare registration, capital development and other program costs incurred on behalf of the Service Boards and not for the benefit of RTA itself.

**Cash Flows**—For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the RTA considers all short-term securities with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$16 million at December 31, 2021, and are included in cash and cash equivalents under the proprietary fund on the accompanying statement of net position.

**Management's Use of Estimates**—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Interfund Transactions*—The governmental fund balance sheet and enterprise fund statement of net position reports all outstanding balances between funds, as "due to/from other funds." The government-wide financial statements report any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities as "internal balances." Government-wide financial statements and the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position report a "due to/from general fund" outstanding for pension contributions.

## New Accounting Pronouncements:

GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*. The Statement was effective immediately upon issuance in May 2020. The primary objective of this Statement is to provide temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. That objective is accomplished by postponing the effective dates of certain provisions in Statements and Implementation Guides that first became effective or are scheduled to become effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2018, and later.

During fiscal year 2021, the Authority adopted the following GASB Statements:

GASB Statement No. 98, *The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)*. The primary objective of this Statement is to establish the term annual comprehensive financial report and its acronym ACFR. That new term and acronym replace instances of comprehensive annual financial report and its acronym in generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.

GASB Statement No. 89, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period. The objective of this Statement is (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. This statement did not have a material impact on the RTA's financial statements.

Accounting standards that the Authority is currently reviewing for applicability and potential impact on the financial statements include:

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, will be effective for the RTA with its year ended December 31, 2022. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lesse is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities.

GASB Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020,* the primary objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. The requirements of this Statement were effective on different timelines as some were effective upon issuance, the remaining items are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

GASB Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*, will be effective for the RTA with its year ending December 31, 2022. Some governments have entered into agreements in which variable payments made or received depend on an interbank offered rate (IBOR)—most notably, the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). As a result of global reference rate reform, LIBOR was expected to cease to exist in its current form at the end of 2021, prompting governments to amend or replace financial instruments for the purpose of replacing LIBOR with other reference rates, by either changing the reference rate or adding or changing fallback provisions related to the reference rate. The objective of this Statement is to address this and other accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of an IBOR.

GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, will be effective for the RTA with its year ending December 31, 2023. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infra-structure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. This Statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements (APAs). As defined in this Statement, an APA is an arrangement in which a government compensates an operator for services that may include designing, constructing, financing, maintaining, or operating an underlying nonfinancial asset for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)*, will be effective for the RTA with its year ending December 31, 2023. This Statement defines a SBITA; establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. The requirements of this Statement will improve financial reporting by establishing a definition for a SBITA and providing uniform guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition.

GASB Statement No. 97, Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No. 32, will be effective for the RTA with its year ending December 31, 2022. The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans.

GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. The requirements of this Statement will enhance comparability in the application of accounting and financial reporting requirements and will improve the consistency of authoritative literature. Consistent authoritative literature enables governments and other stakeholders to more easily locate and apply the correct accounting and financial reporting provisions, which improves the consistency with which such provisions are applied. The comparability of financial statements also will improve as a result of this Statement. Better consistency and comparability improve the usefulness of information for users of state and local government financial statements. The requirements of this Statement timelines as requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance, requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022 and requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023.

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, will be effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this Statement will improve the clarity of the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections, which will result in greater consistency in application in practice. In turn, more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable informatial statement users for making decisions or assessing accountability. In addition, the display and note disclosure requirements will result in more consistent, decision useful, understandable, and comprehensive information for users about accounting changes and error corrections.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The unified recognition and measurement model in this Statement will result in a liability for compensated absences that more appropriately reflects when a government incurs an obligation. In addition, the model can be applied consistently to any type of compensated absence and will eliminate potential comparability issues between governments that offer different types of leave. The model also will result in a more robust estimate of the amount of compensated absences that a government will pay or settle, which will enhance the relevance and reliability of information about the liability for compensated absences.

Unless stated otherwise, management has not currently determined what impact, if any, these Statements may have on its financial statements.

#### NOTE 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

#### **Governmental and Joint Self-Insurance Fund**

Cash and investments in the statement of net position may be restricted by bond covenants or through action of the RTA board as to their use. Unrestricted cash and investments may be used for any purpose. A summary of cash and investments as of December 31, 2021 is as follows (amounts are in thousands):

	 vernmental activities	siness-Type Activities	Total
Demand deposits	\$ 236,503	\$ 15,825	\$ 252,328
Certificates of deposit	2,100	500	2,600
Illinois Funds	5,155	-	5,155
Money market funds	74,468	-	74,468
U.S. Treasuries	136,686	-	136,686
Government agencies	 299	-	299
Total cash and investments	\$ 455,211	\$ 16,325	\$ 471,536

**Deposits and Investments**—Section 2.20(a)(ii) of the RTA Act authorizes the RTA to invest any funds or monies not required for immediate use or disbursement. The applicable statutory provisions governing the investment of public funds are found in 30 ILCS 235/0.01, et seq.

The RTA investment policy is in accordance with the Illinois statutes and allows the RTA to invest in:

- Certain obligations of the U.S. Government and its agencies.
- Interest-bearing certificates of deposit, interest-bearing time deposits or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any FDIC insured bank as defined by the Illinois Banking Act.
- Short-term obligations of corporations organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500 million and rated within the highest two classifications established by at least two standard rating services.
- Certain money market mutual funds.
- The Illinois Funds external investment pools managed by the Illinois State Treasurer.
- Repurchase agreements.

*Custodial Credit Risk* — Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the RTA's deposits may not be returned to it. The RTA's policy for custodial credit risk states collateral will be valued at fair value (excluding accrued interest) on the trade date. Collateral required will be 100% of the investment or such greater percentage as may be appropriate based upon the financial stability of the institution and the term of the collateral (i.e., maturity), less any insurance provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). As of December 31, 2021, all of RTA's deposits with financial institutions in excess of federal depository insurance limits were fully collateralized.

#### Investments

*Custodial Credit Risk* — For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. As of December 31, 2021, the RTA's investments are exposed to custodial credit risk because they are held by a third-party, in the name of the RTA.

*Interest Rate Risk* — To mitigate losses caused by changing interest rates, the maturities of the RTA's investments are limited. Per the RTA's investment policy, investments in corporations are limited to maturities of 180 days or less. Other investment maturities cannot exceed three years.

As of December 31, 2021, the RTA's investments subject to interest rate risk were as follows (amounts in thousands):

Investment Type	Carrying Value			
Illinois Funds	\$	5,155		
Money market funds		74,468		
U.S. treasuries		136,686		
Government agencies		299		
Total	\$	216,608		

The RTA treats all investments with an initial term of less than 90 days as cash and cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2021, there are no investments held by the Authority with maturities greater than one year.

**Credit Risk** — The RTA's policy for credit risk states no investment shall be made in short-term obligations of corporations unless such obligations are rated at the time of purchase within the highest classification established by at least two standard rating services, the investment matures no later than 180 days from the date of purchase and the issuer is domiciled in the United States. Investments in Agencies will be limited to obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Banks. Investments in U.S. Treasury securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government and are not considered to have credit risk.

As of December 31, 2021, the RTA's investments were as follows (amounts in thousands):

		Credit Rating						
				Standard 8	L .			
Investment Type	Carr	ying Value	Moody's	Poor's	Fitch			
Illinois Funds Money market funds U.S. treasuries Government agencies	\$	5,155 74,468 136,686 299	* Aaa-mf Aaa P-1	AAAm AAAm AA+ A-1+	* AAAmmf AAA F1+			
Total	\$	216,608						

\* Rating not available

**Concentration of Credit Risk** – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. Except for commercial paper, the RTA's investment policy does not specifically address a limitation of investments in a single issuer; instead, the policy addresses credit risk using broad categories of investments. The RTA's policy states the maximum percentage of the portfolio invested in commercial paper should not exceed 33.3%, money market mutual funds should not exceed 20.0%, U.S. Government Agency obligations should not exceed 20.0%, the Illinois Funds should not exceed 20% and Repurchase Agreements should not exceed 50.0%.

The RTA has no investments that exceed the individual limitations noted with the policy noted above. In addition, the RTA has no individual investment that exceeds 5% of the total investments.

The RTA's investments in money market funds are for liquidity and offer an alternative to other investment vehicles. Management has reviewed the investments in the money market funds and has determined that the types of investments included in the money market funds are consistent with the RTA's investment policy. These funds consist of U.S. Treasury Securities and Agencies.

The Illinois Funds is an investment pool managed by the State of Illinois, Office of the Treasurer, which allows governments in the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. Illinois Funds is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. Illinois Funds does meet all the criteria in GASB Statement No. 79, paragraph 4 which allows the reporting of investments at amortized cost, Investments in Illinois Funds are valued at share price, which is the price the investment could be sold for. There are no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals from the pool.

#### Fair Value Measurement

The RTA categorizes investments measured at fair value within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy prioritizes valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset or liability into three broad categories. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Levels 1, 2 and 3 (lowest priority level) of the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

- **Level 1** Inputs using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets or exchanges for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Significant other observable inputs, which may include, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets; and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly.
- **Level 3** Valuations for which one or more significant inputs are unobservable and may include situations where there is minimal, if any, market activity for the asset or liability.

If the fair value is measured using inputs from different levels in the fair value hierarchy, the measurement should be categorized based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the valuation. The RTA's assessment of significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment.

Fixed income and equity investments classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for identical investments.

The following summarizes the valuation of the RTA's investments by the fair value hierarchy levels as of December 31, 2021 (amounts in thousands):

		Fair Value Measurements Using						
	Fa	Fair Value		Level 1		Level 2	Level 3	
Money market - mutual fund	\$	74,468	\$	74,468	\$	-	\$	-

The RTA's remaining investments have maturities of less than one year at the time of purchase and are reported at amortized cost which as stated in Note 2 approximates fair value and is not subject to the fair value hierarchy.

#### Pension Fund

**Risk Posture -** The RTA evaluated the assets and liabilities of the Pension Plan in order to determine an asset allocation that provides a high likelihood of achieving the responsibilities noted above. The obligations of current and future beneficiaries were evaluated under various market scenarios to develop an allocation that can be expected to generate a solid rate of return without incurring undue risk. In general, the risk posture of the Pension Plan is such that the portfolio is structured to maintain funding requirements and modestly grow assets through a low to moderate level of risk.

**Custodial Credit Risk** – Custodial credit risk, for deposits and investments, is the risk that in the event of the failure of the depository financial institution or counterparty to a securities transaction, the RTA Pension Plan will not be able to recover the deposits or value of the securities or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured or unregistered by the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the name of the customer.

As of December 31, 2021, the Plan's deposits are covered in full by federal depository insurance and the Plan's investments are exposed to custodial credit risk because they are held by the Plan's trust operations administrator in the name of the Plan.

*Interest Rate Risk* — Per the RTA's Pension Plan investment policy, the duration of the fixed income portfolio should be within 20% of the duration of the benchmark index.

As of December 31, 2021, the RTA's pension investments exposed to interest rate risk were as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Weighted Aver				
Investment Type	Fa	air Value	Maturity (Months)		
Corporate fixed income mutual fund	\$	59,157	107		

*Credit Risk* — The RTA's pension policy for credit risk states at least 85% of the fixed income investments should be limited to securities with ratings of at least investment grade as defined by both Moody's and Standard & Poor's. Split rated bonds are to be governed by the lower rating. Unrated securities of the U.S. Treasury and government agencies are a permissible investment. No more than 15% of the portfolio may be invested in investment-grade securities of foreign entities domiciled in countries included in the Salomon Brothers World Government Bond Index.

As of December 31, 2021, the credit ratings for RTA pension debt securities were as follows (amounts in thousands):

			Credit Rating (where avai				
	Total Fair			Standard			
Investment Type		Value	Moody's	& Poor's	Fitch		
Corporate fixed income mutual fund	\$	59,157	NR	NR	NR		

NR - not rated

**Concentration of Credit Risk -** Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. The RTA's pension investment policy states that fixed income securities of a single issuer (excluding obligations of the United States Government and its agencies) should be limited to 5% of the fixed income portfolio, measured at fair value. The RTA's pension policy states the asset allocation policy has been developed based on the objectives and characteristics of the pension liabilities, capital market expectations, and asset-liability projections. This policy is long-term oriented and consistent with the risk posture. As of December 31, 2021, the pension fund did not have any investment in a single issuer which was greater than 5% of the Plan's investment portfolio.

#### Fair Value measurement

The RTA Pension Plan categorizes investments measured at fair value within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles.

If the fair value is measured using inputs from different levels in the fair value hierarchy, the measurement should be categorized based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the valuation. The Plan's assessment of significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment. Investments measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or equivalent) as a practical expedient to fair value are not classified in the fair value hierarchy; however, separate disclosures for these investments are required. Fixed income and equity investments classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for identical investments.

Fixed income and equity investments classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are normally valued based on price data obtained from observed transactions and market price quotations from broker dealers and/or pricing vendors. Valuation estimates from service providers' internal models use observable inputs such as interest rates, yield curves, credit/risk spreads and default rates. Matrix pricing techniques value securities based on their relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Plan's investments by the fair value hierarchy levels as of December 31, 2021 (amounts in thousands):

			Fair Value Measurements Using					
Investment by Fair Value Level	F	air Value	I	uoted Prices in Active Markets for entical Assets (Level 1)	c	Significant Other Dbservable uts (Level 2)	Unob	nificant servable (Level 3)_
Fixed income investments								
Mutual funds - fixed income	\$	59,157	\$	-	\$	59,157	\$	-
Total Fixed Income Investments		59,157		-		59,157		-
Equity investments								
Common stock		42,236		42,236		-		-
Total Equity Investments		42,236		42,236		-		-
Total investments by fair value level	\$	101,393	\$	42,236	\$	59,157	\$	
Investment Measured at the Net Asset Value	) (NAV	<u>)</u>						
Commingled funds - equity	\$	200,125						
Commingled funds - fixed income		18,365						
Real estate funds		28,588						
Private equity		22,589						
Total investments by NAV		269,667	-					
Total investments	\$	371,060	=					

Investments measured at the NAV per share (or its equivalent) are as follows (amounts in thousands):

#### Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value (NAV)

					Redemption	
			Uı	nfunded	Frequency (if	Redemption
	F	air Value	Con	mitments	Currently Eligible)	Notice Period
Commingled funds (1)	\$	218,490	\$	-	Daily	1 day
Real estate funds (2)		28,588		-	Quarterly - Biannually	30 days
Private equity funds (3)		22,589		8,973	N/A	N/A
Total	\$	269,667	\$	8,973		

- (1) Commingled Funds There are four equity funds and one fixed income fund, which are considered commingled in nature. Each are valued at net asset value of the units held at the end of the period based upon fair value of the underlying securities.
- (2) Real Estate Funds There are two real estate funds that invest primarily in office, industrial, retail, and residential real estate in the United States with a focus on major cities on both coasts. The fund is classified as a liquid real estate fund due to the open-end structure of the fund. Open-end funds generally offer periodic distributions of net cash flow, which can be reinvested, as well as quarterly redemption windows.

- (3) Private Equity Funds Consisting of two private equity funds investing in secondary private markets with asymmetric risk/reward profiles, offering enhanced downside protection and meaningful upside optionality. The underlying portfolio investments cannot be redeemed with each fund, but rather the fund will make distributions of capital as the fund liquidates the underlying portfolio investments over the life of the fund.
- (4) Hedge Funds This type invests in one hedge fund, in which managers employ bottom-up stock picking, seeking returns in excess of public markets. Some of these managers have the ability to employ dedicated exposure to a particular sector in which they exhibit expertise.

## NOTE 4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The intergovernmental receivables and payables in the statement of net position comprise the following:

Receivable	-	Amount housands)
General Fund:		
Sales taxes	\$	56,487
Public Transportation Fund (PTF)		24,050
State assistance (ASA & AFA)		65,150
General State Revenue (MOU)		155,084
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) grants and others		3,999
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	\$	304,770
Payable		
General Fund:		
Operating Assistance	\$	120,269
State bond payable - service boards		37,809
Total General Fund		158,078
Capital Projects Fund:		
Capital grants		1,217
Total Intergovernmental Payables	\$	159,295

## NOTE 5. DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

Various transactions result in "due to/from other funds" balances. In most cases, the General Fund advances payments on behalf of other funds.

The General Fund makes monthly transfers to the Debt Service Fund and occasionally makes transfers to the Joint Self-Insurance Fund. The General Fund owes the Pension Trust Fund for its share of contributions during the period. Cash receipts and payments on behalf of the Sales Tax Custodial Fund originate in the General Fund.

On December 31, 2021, the amounts due to/from other funds presented in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet, the Joint Self-Insurance Fund Statement of Net Position, and the Fiduciary Funds Statement of Fiduciary Net Position are as follows:

		Amount
Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	(In Thousands)
Fiduciary - Sales Tax Custodial Fund	General	\$ 11,209

#### NOTE 6. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Various transactions result in "transfer in/out" balances from funds. Transfer in/out balances presented on the Governmental Fund's Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Business-Type Activities Fund's Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position are as follows:

		Amount				
Transfer Out Fund	Transfer In Fund	(In Thousands)				
General	Debt Service	\$ 353,792				
Capital Projects	Debt Service	664				
General	Joint Self-Insurance	7,000				

The purpose of interfund transfers from the General Fund and the Capital Project Fund to Debt Service Fund is to satisfy the RTA's obligations to bondholders for principal and interest. The purpose of the interfund transfer from the General Fund to the Joint Self-Insurance Fund is to fund the annual budgeted insurance premiums.

## NOTE 7. ADVANCES TO SERVICE BOARDS

The Illinois Department of Revenue ("IDOR") sends a "13<sup>th</sup> month" sales tax advance to compensate for the delayed processing of sales tax payments to the RTA. Each year, IDOR calculates the amount and the RTA verifies that calculation. The allocations to the Service Boards are set forth below (amounts in thousands):

СТА	\$ 44,418
Metra	37,960
Pace	 12,020
Total Service Board Advances	\$ 94,398

Sales tax advances have also been reported as current liabilities in the Sales Tax Custodial Fund.

## NOTE 8. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets during the fiscal year (amounts in thousands):

	Balance at January 1, 2021		Additions		Retirements/ Adjustments		Balance at December 31 2021	
<u>Depreciable:</u>								
Office equipment and other assets	\$	2,502	\$	27	\$	94	\$	2,435
Computer equipment		13,318		200		-		13,518
Leasehold improvements		5,038		123		-		5,161
Subtotal		20,858		350		94		21,114
Accumulated depreciation:								
Office equipment and other assets		1,600		241		94		1,747
Computer equipment		8,924		1,397		-		10,321
Leasehold improvements		2,776		600		-		3,376
Subtotal		13,300		2,238		94		15,444
Total depreciable		7,558		(1,888)		-		5,670
Total capital assets—net of	¢	7 660	¢	(1 000)	ሱ		¢	E 670
accumulated depreciation	\$	7,558	\$	(1,888)	\$	-	\$	5,670

All capital assets are associated with governmental activities.

During 2021, the total depreciation allocated to administrative expense was approximately \$2.2 million.

## NOTE 9. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE

	J	anuary 1, 2021	New Issues	F	Current Retirements	D	ecember 31, 2021	oue Within One Year
1991A	\$	7,335	\$ -	\$	7,335	\$	-	\$ -
1997 Refunding		14,625	-		5,375		9,250	5,700
1999* Refunding		99,215	-		29,170		70,045	30,890
2000A*		141,565	-		10,605		130,960	11,270
2001A*		56,035	-		3,810		52,225	4,025
2001B* Refunding		10,725	-		3,380		7,345	3,570
2002A*		95,880	-		5,755		90,125	6,085
2003A*		164,235	-		9,070		155,165	9,565
2003B		94,675	-		5,215		89,460	5,495
2004A*		171,960	-		8,540		163,420	9,000
2005B Refunding		67,175	-		13,190		53,985	13,885
2010A		12,835	-		6,260		6,575	6,575
2010B		112,925	-		-		112,925	-
2014A		89,195	-		89,195		-	-
2016A		89,230	-		1,765		87,465	1,855
2017A		178,995	-		6,615		172,380	14,200
2018B		134,805	-		2,305		132,500	2,420
2020A Direct Placement		150,000			150,000		-	-
2021A Refunding		-	89,210		-		89,210	-
Subtotal		1,691,410	89,210		357,585		1,423,035	124,535
Unamortized bond premium		105,348	2,184		41,531		66,001	-
Total	\$	1,796,758	\$ 91,394	\$		\$	1,489,036	\$ 124,535

Changes during the year in bonds and notes payable were as follows (amounts in thousands):

\* Strategic Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) Bonds

On December 31, 2021, the total general obligation bonds, notes payable and premiums of \$1.5 billion are classified as current and long-term in the Statement of Net Position in the amounts of \$124 million and \$1.4 billion, respectively.

**Debt Service Requirements**—The "debt service requirements" set forth in the following tables represent payments due the bondholders, as required by the respective bond agreements. The amounts do not represent sinking fund payments the RTA must deposit with the trustee.

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements							
December 31		Principal	Interest			Total		
2022	\$	124,535	\$	70,314	\$	194,849		
2023		111,245		66,624		177,869		
2024		115,860		60,915		176,775		
2025		101,395		55,281		156,676		
2026		91,870		50,165		142,035		
2027-2031		464,245		169,181		633,426		
2032-2036		245,125		58,949		304,074		
2037-2041		71,480		25,737		97,217		
2042-2046		81,115		10,776		91,891		
2047-2049		16,165		654		16,819		
Total	\$	1,423,035	\$	568,596	\$	1,991,631		

Following is a summary of all debt service requirements (in thousands).

All amounts in the individual series debt service requirement reported in the tables below, and on the following pages for Note 9, are expressed in thousands.

**1997 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**—In September 1997, the RTA issued \$98 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 1997, to provide funds to refund in advance of maturity the RTA's outstanding Series 1990A Bonds, maturing November 1 in the years 2001-2002, in the aggregate amount of \$4 million, Series 1991A Bonds, maturing November 1 in the years 2002-2006, 2008 and 2011, in the aggregate amount of \$29 million, Series 1992B Bonds, maturing June 1 in the years 2015 and 2022, in the aggregate amount of \$18 million and Series 1993B Bonds, maturing June 1 in the years 2004-2009, 2013 and 2023, in the aggregate amount of \$47 million.

The Series 1997 Refunding Bonds mature on June 1 over a twenty-six year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 4.00% to 6.00% on December 1, 1997 and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 1997 Refunding bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending		Debt Service Requirements										
December 31	Pr	incipal		Interest	Total							
2022	\$	5,700	\$	384	\$	6,084						
2023		3,550		107		3,657						
Total	\$	9,250	\$	491	\$	9,741						

**1999 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**—In August 1999, the RTA issued \$299 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999, to provide funds to refund in advance of maturity the RTA's outstanding Series 1992A Bonds, maturing June 1 in the years 2015 and 2022, in the aggregate amount of \$114 million, Series 1993A Bonds, maturing June 1 in the years 2009 and 2013, in the aggregate amount of \$10 million, Series 1994A Bonds, maturing June 1 in the years 2006-2009, 2012, 2015 and 2024, in the aggregate amount of \$143 million and Series 1994C Bonds, maturing June 1 in the year 2025, in the aggregate amount of \$22 million.

The Series 1999 Refunding Bonds mature on June 1 over a twenty-five year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 5.00% to 6.00% on December 1, 1999 and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each remaining year.

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements									
December 31	Principal	Interest	Total							
2022	\$ 30,890	\$ 3,195	\$ 34,085							
2023	16,975	1,818	18,793							
2024	17,960	792	18,752							
2025	4,220	127	4,347							
Total	\$ 70,045	\$ 5,932	\$ 75,977							

Debt service requirements on the Series 1999 Refunding Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

**2000 General Obligation Bonds**—In June 2000, the RTA issued \$260 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000A, to pay the costs of construction, acquisition, repair and replacement of certain public transportation facilities for the Service Boards.

The Series 2000A Bonds mature on July 1 over a thirty-year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 5.75% to 6.25% on January 1, 2001 and semiannually thereafter on July 1 and January 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2000A Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements								
December 31	F	Principal		Interest		Total			
2022	\$	11,270	\$	8,454	\$	19,724			
2023		11,975		7,750		19,725			
2024		12,725		7,001		19,726			
2025		13,520		6,174		19,694			
2026		14,370		5,296		19,666			
2027-2030		67,100		11,236		78,336			
Total	\$	130,960	\$	45,911	\$	176,871			

**2001 General Obligation Bonds**—In April 2001, the RTA issued \$100 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001A, to pay the costs of construction, acquisition, repair, and replacement of certain public transportation facilities for the Service Boards.

The Series 2001A Bonds mature on July 1 over a thirty-year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 5.0% to 6.0% in January 2001 and semiannually thereafter on July 1 and January 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2001A Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements									
December 31	F	Principal		Interest		Total				
2022	\$	4,025	\$	3,134	\$	7,159				
2023		4,255		2,892		7,147				
2024		4,495		2,637		7,132				
2025		4,750		2,367		7,117				
2026		5,020		2,082		7,102				
2027-2031		29,680		5,538		35,218				
Total	\$	52,225	\$	18,650	\$	70,875				

In March 2001, the RTA issued \$38 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2001B, to provide funds to refund in advance of maturity the RTA's outstanding series 1993A Bonds, maturing June 1 in the years 2004-2008, in the aggregate amount of \$38 million.

The Series 2001B Refunding Bonds mature on June 1 over a twenty-three year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.50% on June 1, 2001 and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2001B Refunding Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements							
December 31	Principal			Interest		Total		
2022 2023	\$	3,570 3,775	\$	306 104	\$	3,876 3,879		
Total	\$	7,345	\$	410	\$	7,755		

**2002 General Obligation Bonds**—In March 2002, the RTA issued \$160 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, to pay the costs of construction, acquisition, repair and replacement of certain public transportation facilities for the Service Boards.

The Series 2002A Bonds mature on July 1 over a thirty-year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 5.0% to 6.0% on July 1, 2002 and semiannually thereafter on January 1 and July 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2002A Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements									
December 31	P	rincipal		Interest		Total				
2022	\$	6,085	\$	5,408	\$	11,493				
2023		6,440		5,042		11,482				
2024		6,815		4,656		11,471				
2025		7,205		4,247		11,452				
2026		7,625		3,815		11,440				
2027-2031		45,270		11,660		56,930				
2032		10,685		641		11,326				
Total	\$	90,125	\$	35,469	\$	125,594				

**2003 General Obligation Bonds**—In May 2003, the RTA issued \$260 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003A, to pay the costs of construction, acquisition, repair and replacement of certain public transportation facilities for the Service Boards.

The Series 2003A Bonds mature on July 1 over a thirty-year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 2.0% to 5.5% on January 1, 2004 and semiannually thereafter on January 1 and July 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2003A Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements									
December 31		Principal		Interest		Total				
2022	\$	9,565	\$	9,102	\$	18,667				
2023		10,095		8,576		18,671				
2024		10,650		8,021		18,671				
2025		11,205		7,435		18,640				
2026		11,795		6,819		18,614				
2027-2031		68,945		22,706		91,651				
2032-2033		32,910		2,987		35,897				
Total	\$	155,165	\$	65,646	\$	220,811				

In January 2003, the RTA issued \$150 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003B, to pay the costs of construction, acquisition, repair, and replacement of certain public transportation facilities for the Service Boards.

The Series 2003B Bonds mature on June 1 over a thirty-year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 4.0% to 5.5% on June 1, 2003 and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2003B Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements								
December 31	Pi	rincipal		Interest		Total			
2022	\$	5,495	\$	4,899	\$	10,394			
2023		5,790		4,588		10,378			
2024		6,100		4,261		10,361			
2025		6,430		3,917		10,347			
2026		6,780		3,553		10,333			
2027-2031		39,785		11,435		51,220			
2032-2033	_	19,080		1,111		20,191			
Total	\$	89,460	\$	33,764	\$	123,224			

**2004 General Obligation Bonds**—In October 2004, the RTA issued \$260 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004A, to pay the costs of construction, acquisition, repair, and replacement of certain public transportation facilities for the Service Boards.

The Series 2004A Bonds mature on June 1 over a thirty-year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 5.0% to 5.75% on June 1, 2005 and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2004A Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements								
December 31	F	Principal		Interest		Total			
2022	\$	9,000	\$	8,920	\$	17,920			
2023		9,485		8,423		17,908			
2024		9,995		7,912		17,907			
2025		10,535		7,373		17,908			
2026		11,100		6,791		17,891			
2027-2031		65,155		23,588		88,743			
2032-2034		48,150		4,250		52,400			
Total	\$	163,420	\$	67,257	\$	230,677			

**2005 General Obligation Bonds**— In May 2005, the RTA issued \$148 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005B, to provide funds to refund in advance of maturity the RTA's outstanding Series 1996A Bonds, maturing June 1 in the years 2005-2025, in the aggregate amount of \$147 million.

The Series 2005B Bonds mature on June 1 over a twenty-year period and interest is payable at variable rates which reset weekly based on current market rates.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2005B Refunding Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements								
December 31	P	Principal		terest*		Total			
2022	\$	13,885	\$	1,552	\$	15,437			
2023		14,615		1,082		15,697			
2024		15,380		587		15,967			
2025		10,105		167		10,272			
Total	\$	53,985	\$	3,388	\$	57,373			

\* Interest was calculated using a rate of 3.3%.

**2010 General Obligation Bonds**—In January 2010, the RTA issued \$62.2 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010A, to finance a portion of the costs incurred in connection with the construction, acquisition, repair and replacement of certain public transportation facilities.

The Series 2010A Bonds mature on July 1, over a thirteen-year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.00% on July 1, 2010 and annually thereafter on July 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2010A Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements							
December 31	Pr	rincipal	h	nterest	Total			
2022	\$	6,575	\$	329	\$	6,904		

In January 2010, the RTA issued \$112.9 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010B, to finance a portion of the costs incurred in connection with the construction, acquisition, repair and replacement of certain public transportation facilities.

The Series 2010B Bonds mature on July 1, over a twenty-five year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 5.40% to 5.90% on July 1, 2010 and annually thereafter on July 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2010B Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements								
December 31		Principal		Interest		Total			
2022	\$		\$	6,622	\$	6,622			
2022	Ψ	- 6,885	Ψ	6,622	Ψ	13,507			
2024		7,140		6,250		13,390			
2025		7,400		5,857		13,257			
2026		7,680		5,443		13,123			
2027-2031		43,020		20,145		63,165			
2032-2035		40,800		6,238		47,038			
Total	\$	112,925	\$	57,177	\$	170,102			

**2016 General Obligation Bonds** – In January 2016, the RTA issued \$95.5 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016A, to finance a portion of the costs incurred in connection with the construction, acquisition, repair, and replacement of certain public transportation facilities. To fund the Series 2016A Bonds Reserve Account and to pay Costs of Issuance of Series 2016A Bonds.

The Series 2016A Bonds mature on June 1, over a thirty-year period and interest is payable at rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.00% on June 1, 2016 and semi-annually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2016A Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements								
December 31	P	rincipal		Interest		Total			
2022	\$	1,855	\$	3,856	\$	5,711			
2023		1,950		3,761		5,711			
2024		2,050		3,661		5,711			
2025		2,155		3,556		5,711			
2026		2,265		3,445		5,710			
2027-2031		13,185		15,361		28,546			
2032-2036		16,935		11,616		28,551			
2037-2041		21,190		7,363		28,553			
2042-2046		25,880		2,671		28,551			
Total	\$	87,465	\$	55,290	\$	142,755			

**2017** General Obligation Refunding Bond – In August 2017, the RTA issued \$191 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017A, to provide funds to currently refund the RTA's outstanding Series 2006A Bonds maturing in the years 2019 through 2035, to fund the Series 2017A Bonds Reserve Account and to pay the costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

The Series 2017A Bonds mature on and after July 1, 2028 and interest is payable at rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.00% on June 1, 2016 and semi-annually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each remaining year.

Debt service requirements on the Series 2017A Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements								
December 31	Principal		lı	Interest		Total			
2022	\$	14,200	\$	8,148	\$	22,348			
2023		10,145		7,438		17,583			
2024		17,025		6,931		23,956			
2025		18,120		6,079		24,199			
2026		19,245		5,173		24,418			
2027-2031		58,305		12,649		70,954			
2032-2035		35,340		4,659		39,999			
Total	\$1	72,380	\$	51,077	\$	223,457			

**2018** General Obligation Bonds – In June 2018, the RTA issued \$139 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018B, to finance a portion of the costs incurred in connection with the construction, acquisition, repair and replacement of certain public transportation facilities; as well as to pay costs of issuance of Series 2018B Bonds.

The Series 2018B Bonds mature on June 1, 2049 and interest is payable at rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.00% on December 1, 2018 and semi-annually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each remaining year.

Year Ending	Debt Service Requirements							
December 31	Principal		I	Interest		Total		
2022	\$	2,420	\$	5,988	\$	8,408		
2023		2,545		5,865		8,410		
2024		2,675		5,734		8,409		
2025		2,815		5,597		8,412		
2026		2,960		5,452		8,412		
2027-2031		17,230		24,825		42,055		
2032-2036		22,130		19,929		42,059		
2037-2041		28,375		13,675		42,050		
2042-2046		35,185		6,864		42,049		
2047-2049		16,165		654		16,819		
Total	\$	132,500	\$	94,583	\$	227,083		

Debt service requirements on Series 2018B Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

**2020 Direct Placement** – In May 2020, the RTA authorized the issuance of \$250 million two-year Direct Placement Working Cash Notes, Series 2020A (Taxable) with JP Morgan Chase Bank under a line of credit to provide funds to manage the cash flow needs of the RTA and the service boards, including the payment to the underwriter's discount on the Notes. The Series 2020A Working Cash Note also helped to retire the \$150 million to the outstanding Working Cash Note Series 2018A.

The Notes will mature on April 29, 2022, within two years of the date of issuance of the first Note, which will be funded in the amount of \$150 million on May 4, 2020, the closing date. The outstanding amount of the Notes may not exceed \$250 million at any point in time over the life of the agreement. The interest rate on the Notes will be 2.5% as of the closing date and shall be reset on the first business day of each month. The interest rate shall be the LIBO Interest Rate, unless and until the Bank provides written notice of the change of rate mode to the Trustee and the Authority pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture.

In the event of default by the Authority, the bank, by written notice to the Authority may declare the amount of the Notes and the Agreement Obligations to be immediately due and payable without presentment, demand, protest, or further notice of any kind. In addition, the bank, by written notice to the authority, may declare to be under no further obligation to make advances under the terms of the agreement.

**2021 General Obligation Refunding Bond** – In October 2021, the RTA issued \$89.2 million in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021A, to provide funds to advance refund the RTA's outstanding Series 2014A Bonds, as well as to fund pay the costs of issuance of the 2021A refunding bonds.

The RTA advance refunded Series 2014A in order to take advantage of more favorable interest rates which provide the RTA and the Service Boards with cost savings. The RTA reduced the total debt service payments for 2014A by approximately \$26.2 million and achieved an economic gain of approximately \$10.9 million (difference between net present value of the debt service payments on the old and the new debt).

The Series 2021A Bonds mature on June 1, 2044 and interest is payable at rates ranging from 2.40% to 3.05% on December 1, 2021 and semi-annually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each remaining year.

Year Ending		Debt Service Requirements					
December 31	F	Principal		Interest		Total	
2022	\$	-	\$	346	\$	346	
2023		2,765		2,556		5,321	
2024		2,850		2,472		5,322	
2025		2,935		2,385		5,320	
2026		3,030		2,296		5,326	
2027-2031		16,570		10,038		26,608	
2032-2036		19,095		7,518		26,613	
2037-2041		21,915		4,699		26,614	
2042-2046		20,050		1,241		21,291	
Total	\$	89,210	\$	33,551	\$	122,761	

Debt service requirements on the Series 2021A Bonds to maturity are set forth below:

All the bonds and notes payable are recorded as current and long-term liabilities, as applicable, of the governmental activities in the government-wide statement of net position, and are general obligations of the RTA to which the full faith and credit of the RTA are pledged. The bonds and notes payable are payable from all revenues and all other funds received or held by the RTA (except amounts in the Joint Self-Insurance Fund and amounts required to be held or used with respect to separate ordinance obligations) that lawfully may be used for retiring the debt.

The bonds and notes payable are secured by an assignment of a lien on the sales taxes imposed by the RTA. All sales tax receipts are to be paid directly to the trustee by officials of the State. If, for any reason, the required monthly debt service payment has not been made by the RTA, the trustee is to deduct it from the sales tax receipts. If all payments have been made, the funds are made available to the RTA for regular use. Under the RTA Act, the Service Boards' fare box receipts and funds on hand are not available for payment of debt service.

In the Debt Service Fund, \$139.7 million in investments are restricted and available to service principal and interest payments of the RTA's long-term debt as of December 31, 2021.

#### NOTE 10. PENSION

*Plan Description*—Effective July 1, 1976, the RTA participates, along with Metra and Pace, in a costsharing multi-employer noncontributory defined benefit pension plan, the Regional Transportation Authority Pension Plan ("Plan"), covering substantially all employees not otherwise covered by a union pension plan. The responsibilities for establishing, administering, and amending the Plan are divided among a Board of Trustees, a Retirement Committee, a Plan Administrator, and the RTA Board of Directors ("Plan Administrators").

The Plan is classified as a "governmental plan" and is, therefore, generally exempt from the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The Internal Revenue Service has issued a letter of determination dated September 30, 1988 stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code") and is, therefore, exempt from Federal income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(a) of the Code. The Plan operates on a calendar fiscal year.

**Pension Benefits**—Participants are entitled to annual pension benefits upon normal retirement at age 65. Such benefits are generally based on a percentage of the average annual compensation in the highest three years of service, whether consecutive or not, multiplied by the number of years of credited service.

The Plan provides that, upon retirement, benefits will be reduced by a defined percentage for participants who received credit for prior service with an eligible employer.

The Plan permits early retirement with reduced benefits at age 55 after completing ten years of credited service. As a result of the August 1, 1999 amendment to the Plan, participants may receive their full vested benefits if they are at least 55 years of age and their combined age at retirement and credited years of service equal eighty-five or higher (known as "Rule of Eighty Five Early Retirement").

The Plan provides for benefit payments to beneficiaries based on one of the payment methods selected by participants, as outlined in the Plan.

**Disability Benefits**—An employee is eligible for a disability pension if he or she becomes disabled after the completion of ten years of credited service, and is no longer receiving long-term disability benefits under a separate RTA benefit plan, or after reaching age 65, whichever is later.

**Contributions and Vesting** — The Plan is funded solely by employer contributions, which are actuarially determined under the entry age actuarial cost method. Contributions to the plan from the Authority were \$23.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Participating employees do not contribute to the Plan. If participants terminate continuous service before rendering five years (ten years prior to January 1, 1987) of credited service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated benefits attributable to employer contributions. All forfeitures are applied to reduce the amount of contributions otherwise payable by the employer.

At December 31, 2021, the Authority reported a liability of \$9.798 million for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Authority's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At the measurement date, the Authority's proportion was 8.70%, which was a decrease of 0.60% from its proportion measured as of the prior year measurement date.

The net pension liability reflected in the RTA Pension Plan's Financial Report as of December 31, 2021, is \$81 million, of which the RTA's estimated proportionate share will be approximately \$7 million. This amount will be reflected as a liability in the Authority's financial statements next year.

# NOTE 10. PENSION (Continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$3,796 thousand. At December 31, 2021, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources (amounts in thousands):

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	881	\$	-
Changes of assumptions		5,775		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		-		1,334
Changes in proportion and differences between Authority				
contributions and proportionate share of contributions		2,404		241
Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date		2,093		
Total	\$	11,153	\$	1,575

The \$2,093 thousand reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2022.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense over the average remaining service life of plan members or a fixed five year period as follows (amounts in thousands):

Year ended December 31:	Amoun	<u>t</u>
2022	\$ 2,328	3
2023	2,443	3
2024	1,453	3
2025	1,26	1
Total	\$ 7,485	5

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability was determined using an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020 and rolled forward to December 31, 2020 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases	2.85 percent to 8.60 percent including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 (General Employees) Employee Mortality table for preretirement mortality and the Pub-2010 (General Employees) Healthy Retiree Mortality table for postretirement mortality sex distinct, with mortality improvement projected from 2010 using projection scale MP-2018.

## NOTE 10. PENSION (Continued)

The assumed rate of investment return was adopted by the Plan's trustees after considering input from the Plan's investment consultant and actuary. Additional information about the various actuarial assumptions included in the actuarial valuation report as of January 1, 2019 were updated according to an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2013 through January 1, 2018. A summary of changes from the prior valuation include decreasing the inflation rate to 2.5% from 2.75%, lowering future salary increases from a range of 3.25% to 8.75% to 2.85% to 8.6% and updating the mortality tables utilized from RP-2014 to Pub 2010.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These arithmetic real rates of return are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. For each major asset class that is included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of the measurement date are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	28%	6.8%
Developed Foreign Equity	16%	7.1%
Emerging Markets Equity	15%	8.1%
Private Equity	4%	9.1%
Investment Grade Bonds	11%	1.8%
Long-Term Government Bonds	3%	2.5%
TIPS	3%	1.4%
High-Yield Bonds	3%	4.2%
Emerging Markets Bonds (local)	2%	3.7%
Emerging Markets Bonds (major)	2%	3.9%
Real Estate	8%	5.5%
Real Assets	5%	7.0%

*Discount rate.* A single discount rate of 6.0% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the future expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.0%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

## NOTE 10. PENSION (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.00%, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.00%) than the current rate (amounts in thousands):

	 Decrease 5.00%)	 nt Discount e (6.00%)	 Increase 7.00%)
Authority's proportionate share of the			
net pension liability	\$ 14,567	\$ 9,798	\$ 5,812

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* The complete Plan financial report, including all required disclosures can be obtained from the Plan Administrators at the following address:

Regional Transportation Authority Pension Plan 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1650 Chicago, IL 60604

## NOTE 11. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

**Plan Description**. The Regional Transportation Authority's ("RTA") defined benefit OPEB plan, Retiree Medical Benefit Plan ("RMBP" or "Plan") provides limited health care insurance coverage for its eligible retired employees. The Plan is a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the executive director of the RTA. The RTA Board of Directors through ordinance grants the authority to establish and amend benefit terms and financing requirements to the executive director of the RTA. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

**Benefits Provided**. The Plan provides limited healthcare insurance coverage for retirees. Retirees can retain coverage through COBRA if under the age of 65 under the same medical plans available to active employees. Once a retiree is Medicare eligible, retirees can seek supplemental Medicare coverage through Benistar, where they pay the full cost of Medicare coverage. Retirees can seek outside insurance and are eligible to receive \$78 monthly stipend (reimbursement) from the RTA. Dependent coverage ends at the same time as that of the retiree.

## Employees Covered by Benefit Terms.

At December 31, 2021, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

27
12
99
138

# NOTE 11. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)

## **Total OPEB Liability**

The RTA's total OPEB liability of \$635 thousand was measured as of December 31, 2021, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5 percent
Salary increases	2.5 percent, average, including inflation
Discount rate	Beginning of year 2.12 percent
	End of year 2.06 percent
Healthcare cost trend rates	Based on the eligibility and plan provisions, the health benefit stipend is not assumed to increase in the future periods

For plans that are not held in trust and have accumulated no assets, the discount rate used is the same as the tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20 year general obligation bonds with an average credit rating of AA as of the measurement date. For this valuation, the "The Bond Buyer 20-Year GO Index" was used.

Mortaility Rates: Pub-2010 (General Employees) Employee Mortality table for pre-retirement mortality and the Pub-2010 (General Employees) Healthy Retiree Mortality table for post-retirement mortality sex distinct, with mortality improvement projected from 2010 using projection scale MP-2018.

## Changes in the Total OPEB Liability (amounts in thousands)

Total OPEB Liability at December 31, 2020	\$ 615
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	30
Interest	13
Difference between expected and actual experience	-
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	4
Benefit payments	 (27)
Net changes	 20
Balances at December 31, 2021	\$ 635

Changes in assumptions or other inputs reflect the change in the discount rate. The beginning of year rate (2.12 percent) is the December 31, 2020 rate, and the end of year rate (2.06 percent) is the December 31, 2021 rate. The 20-Year GO Index is based on an average of certain general obligation municipal bonds maturing in 20 years and having an average rating equivalent of Moody's Aa2 and S&P's AA. In addition, in 2020, the actuarial assumptions used to calculate the GASB 75 Total OPEB liability were updated according to an experience study effective January 1, 2020. A summary of the most significant change other than the discount rate includes updating the mortality tables utilized from RP-2014 to Pub-2010 and updating retirement rates, termination rates and disability rates to better reflect recent plan experience.

# NOTE 11. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)

## Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the RTA, as well as what the RTA's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate of 1-percentage-point lower (1.74 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.74 percent) than the current discount rate (amounts in thousands):

	 crease /4%)	Discount Rate (2.74%)		1% Increase (3.74%)	
Total OPEB liability	\$ 716	\$	635	\$	567

# Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates.

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the RTA, as well as what the RTA's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (8.5 percent decreasing to 4.5 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (10.5 percent decreasing to 6.5 percent) than the current healthcare cost trend rates (amounts in thousands):

	Healthcare Cost					
	 ecrease aries)	Trend Rates (varies)		1% Increase (varies)		
Total OPEB liability	\$ 635	\$	635	\$	635	

Based on the plan's eligibility and provisions for benefits, the monthly stipend of \$78 is not assumed to be impacted by healthcare cost trend rates and therefore changes in the rates would not impact the valuation of the Plan's total OPEB liability.

# OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the RTA recognized OPEB expense of \$50 thousand. At December 31, 2021, the RTA reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources (amounts in thousands):

	Deferred O of Reso		Deferred of Res	Inflows sources
Changes of assumptions	\$	114	\$	69

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized, over the average remaining service lives of active and inactive participants, in OPEB expense as follows (amounts in thousands):

Year Ended December 31,	Ame	ount
2022	\$	7
2023		7
2024		7
2025		7
2026		11
Thereafter		6
Total	\$	45

## NOTE 12. RISK MANAGEMENT

The RTA is exposed to various risks including, but not limited to, losses from workers' compensation, employee health insurance, and general liability/property. Commercial insurance coverage is procured to limit the RTA's exposure to such losses.

The Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance Policy is held through The Hartford. The RTA is insured for \$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident, \$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease and \$500,000 policy limit. The RTA procured property, general liability, automobile, and umbrella insurance policies with Zurich American Insurance Company. Under these policies, the RTA is insured for \$1,000,000 each occurrence with a general aggregate limit of \$2,000,000, and a personal and advertising injury limit of \$1,000,000. The RTA also procured public officials and employment practices liability coverage through ACE American Insurance Company with an aggregate coverage limit of \$3,000,000; cyber liability coverage through Illinois Union Insurance Company with an aggregate coverage limit of \$3,000,000; and fidelity and crime coverage through Great American Insurance Group with an aggregate coverage limit of \$5,000,000. The RTA had no settlements in excess of this insurance coverage in the past three years. There have been no significant reductions in the amount of coverage from the prior year.

In addition, the RTA is a participant in RTA's Loss Financing Plan ("Plan") and Joint Self-Insurance Fund. The Fund was created as required by Article Two of the Plan with the RTA and the three Service Boards as participants. The Plan is intended primarily to serve as a mechanism for funding catastrophic losses and, by capitalizing the Fund in advance of such losses, to smooth their impact over time. The Fund is essentially a self-insurance program that provides a means for financing losses that are normally insured, and is included in the RTA's reporting entity as a proprietary fund type (enterprise fund). The Plan is administered by the RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace ("Participating Entities") utilizing a Fund Manager appointed by the RTA and three Fund Advisors, one appointed by each of the Service Boards.

Each participating entity (RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace) is only responsible to repay the Fund for submitted claims paid by the Fund. The Fund acts exclusively as a claims-service, and financing mechanism, not an insurer, with respect to claims presented.

The limit of liability to the Fund is established at \$50 million, subject to the availability of funds in the Fund, less the retained limit (deductible portion) as described below:

**General Liability**—The categories of general liability that are covered, with certain defined exclusions, by the joint agreement are:

- Personal injury
- Property damage
- Advertising injury
- Evacuation, evacuation expenses and loss of use

Further, the Plan purchases excess liability insurance on behalf of all four participating agencies, with self-insured retention limits of up to \$15,000,000 and coverage for losses from \$15,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

# NOTE 12. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The retained limit (deductible portion) for each Participating Entity is:

	Amount (in thousands)
СТА	\$ 3,500
Metra	3,000
Pace	1,000
RTA	500

*Director, Officer, and Employee Liability*—All directors, officers or employees of each Participating Entity are covered, with certain defined exclusions, by the Plan. The retained limits are \$100,000 for each Wrongful Act. If a loss is covered under both types of liability, then the retained limit for general liability will apply.

## NOTE 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The RTA has an operating lease agreement for its office facilities. In 2021, the total rent paid by the RTA was \$1,638,352. Minimum required annual rental payments by the RTA are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Amount (in thousands)
2022	\$ 1,675
2023	1,709
2024	1,743
2025	1,778
2026	1,814
Thereafter	5,336
Total	\$ 14,055

# NOTE 14. OTHER REPORTABLE EVENTS

## COVID-19 Pandemic

A total of \$3.540 billion of federal relief funding was provided to the RTA Region by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act of 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations ("CRRSA") Act of 2021, and the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act of 2021. The RTA Board fully allocated these funding sources among the CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, ADA Paratransit, and the RTA Agency to help offset the impact of COVID-19 related revenue losses. Through 2021, the Region had drawn down approximately 32% of the available relief funding. With respect to COVID-19 impacts, 2021 was a year of recovery. The unemployment rate in the RTA region improved from 7.5% at the beginning of the year to 5.4% in December. Due to the gradual easing of mitigation measures, RTA system ridership improved from about 30% of pre-COVID levels at the beginning of the year to about 47% by December. With a January 2021 change to State law which required collection of local sales taxes on more online transactions, RTA sales tax performance rebounded to record levels in 2021, growing by 27.6% to \$1.469 billion, more than \$200 million above the pre-COVID result for 2019. Looking forward, ridership recovery has continued in early 2022 as return-tooffice plans solidify, passing 50% of pre-COVID levels in March. With the RTA funding outlook improved, the focus will be on judicious use of the remaining federal relief funding as the RTA system continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

## Regional Transportation Authority RTA Pension Plan

# Schedule of the Employer Contributions (in Thousands)

	2021		2020		2019		2018	2017	2016	2015	
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the	\$	1,784	\$	1,490	\$	1,170	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,048	\$ 991	\$	1,644
contractually required contribution		(2,093)		(2,790)		(2,470)	(2,366)	(2,348)	(2,291)		(1,644)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	(309)	\$	(1,300)	\$	(1,300)	\$ (1,300)	\$ (1,300)	\$ (1,300)	\$	-
Authority's covered payroll	\$	9,347	\$	9,992	\$	9,605	\$ 9,205	\$ 9,301	\$ 9,221	\$	9,183
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		22.39%		27.92%		25.72%	25.70%	25.24%	24.85%		17.90%

Note: The RTA implemented GASB 68 in FY 2015. Information is not available prior to 2015. Additional years will be added to future reports as schedules are required to show 10 years of historical data.

#### Regional Transportation Authority RTA Pension Plan

Schedule of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Measurement Date One Year Prior) (in Thousands)

	2021		:	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016			2015
Authority's proportion of the net pension liability		8.70%		9.30%	9.20%	9.90%	10.40%		11.00%		12.00%
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	9,798	\$	4,735	\$ 5,555	\$ 1,770	\$ 3,932	\$	3,804	\$	8,406
Authority's covered payroll	\$	9,347	\$	9,605	\$ 9,205	\$ 9,301	\$ 9,221	\$	9,183	\$	8,984
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll		104.82%		49.30%	60.35%	19.03%	42.64%		41.42%		93.56%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		74.91%		86.00%	81.73%	94.32%	87.38%		87.67%		73.51%

Note: The RTA implemented GASB 68 in FY 2015. Information is not available prior to 2015. Additional years will be added to future reports as schedules are required to show 10 years of historical data.

## Regional Transportation Authority RTA Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Plan

# Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios (in Thousands)

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB liability				
Service cost	\$ 30	\$ 25	\$ 19	\$ 21
Interest	13	16	20	18
Differences between expected and actuarial experience	-	(67)	-	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	4	77	82	(37)
Benefit payments	 (27)	(29)	(28)	(28)
Net change in total OPEB liability	20	22	93	(26)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	 615	593	500	526
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 635	\$ 615	\$ 593	\$ 500
Covered payroll	\$ 8,751	\$ 9,205	\$ 9,025	\$ 8,881
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	7.26%	6.68%	6.57%	5.63%

## Notes to Schedule:

The RTA implemented GASB 75 in FY 2018. Information is not available prior to 2018. Additional years will be added to future reports as schedules are required to show 10 years of historical data.

*Changes of assumptions.* Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period:

20212.06 percent20202.12 percent20192.74 percent20184.10 percent20173.44 percent

In addition, in 2021, the actuarial assumptions used to calculate the GASB 75 Total OPEB liability were updated according to an experience study effective January 1, 2021. A summary of the most significant change other than the discount rate includes updating the mortality tables utilized from RP-2014 to Pub-2010 and updating retirement rates, termination rates and disability rates to better reflect recent plan experience.

## SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (BUDGETARY BASIS) BUDGET AND ACTUAL—GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

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				Genera	l Fu	ind			
		Budg	et		$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				
		Original		Final		Actual		Variance	
REVENUES:									
Investment income	\$	1,000	\$	1.000	\$	2,053	\$	1,053	
Other Revenues	·	6,373		-	•	26,681		19,808	
Sales taxes		116,829		126,660		162,845		36,185	
Interest on sales taxes		500		500		135		(365)	
Public Transportation Fund		191,372		207,839		257,474		49,635	
General State Revenue		-		-		367,568		367,568	
IDOT State Grant Pace (ADA)		8,395		8,395		8,395		-	
Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE)		10,661		11,558		14,949		3,391	
State assistance (AFA & ASA)		130,300		130,300		189,399		59,099	
Total revenues		465,430		493,125		1,029,499		536,374	
EXPENDITURES:									
Service Board Funding		7,500		7,500		8,710		1,210	
Financial assistance to Service Boards		191,372		207,839		257,474		49,635	
JSIF Excess Liability Insurance		9,500		9,500		7,000		(2,500)	
Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE)		10,661		11,558		14,949		3,391	
Capital Grants - State Bond		-		-		366,461		366,461	
IDOT State Cap Grant-PACE (ADA)		8,395		8,395		8,395		-	
Administrative Operating		16,051		16,051		17,567		1,516	
Regional Service Operating and Regional Program Expense		21,967		22,467		17,390		(5,077)	
Agency Capital Expense		40		40		237		197	
Total expenditures		265,486		283,350		698,183		(414,833)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER									
EXPENDITURES—BUDGETARY BASIS		199,944		209,775		331,316		(121,541)	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE—									
BUDGETARY BASIS	\$	199,944	\$	209,775		331,316	\$	121,541	
Budgetary basis to GAAP basis adjustments						(354,689)			
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE—GAAP BASIS						(23,373)			
FUND BALANCE:									
Beginning of year						248,538			
End of year					\$	225,165			

# NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

## Note 1. BUDGET AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

For comparison of the combined budgets as required for board presentation, the combined schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance—budget and actual—in the General and the Sales Tax Custodial Fund are presented in the combining and individual fund schedules section of the ACFR. Additional budget detail is used by management for monitoring purposes which is provided in this section as the schedule of expenditures—budget and actual—General Fund.

Section 4.01(a) of the Act requires the RTA to prepare and adopt a comprehensive annual budget and program presenting the RTA's planned operations and capital expenditures for the forthcoming year. The Service Boards' proposed budgets are based on the RTA's estimate of funds that will be available to the Service Boards by or through the RTA's own budget. This budget is comprehensive and includes the activity in the General Fund and Sales Tax Custodial fund.

The annual budget and related appropriations are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States except for RTA capital expenditures and capital grants to the Service Boards. The RTA capital expenditures and capital grants to the Service Boards are budgeted on a project basis, which normally exceeds one year, and debt service payments, which are budgeted as transfers from the General Fund. Budgets for RTA capital expenditures and capital grants to the Service Boards that extend beyond one year are presented in the first year of the grants and represent the total amounts awarded. In addition, for the Sales Tax Custodial Fund, additions and deletions are treated as revenues and expenditures. All appropriations lapse at year-end.

Although appropriations are adopted for individual line items, the legal level of control (i.e., the level at which appropriation transfers or expenditures in excess of appropriated amounts require RTA Board approval) is restricted to total appropriations/expenditures and total administration appropriations/ expenditures. Management has the authority to exceed any line item appropriation without Board approval, provided it does not exceed the total appropriations/expenditures and the total administration appropriations/expenditures. It had previously been the policy of the RTA (ordinance 91-9) to fund the budgets of the Service Boards up to the amount appropriated in the annual Budget Ordinance. However, this policy was rescinded by ordinance 2015-55, which also rescinded the provision of the RTA funding policy adopted by Ordinance 98-15 that required the RTA annual budget and two-year financial plan to show a year-end unassigned fund balance equal to 5% of RTA operating expenditures by no later than the end of the three-year planning period. The Service Boards now maintain their own fund balance and reserve plans.

The Service Boards shall maintain all financial records and shall prepare all financial statements and reports, including quarterly and annual reports required under the Act, in accordance with the following provisions:

- The first source of funds to be credited against the budgeted funding amount is from Service Board sales tax receipts;
- The second source of funds to be credited against the budgeted funding amount is from PTF receipts; and
- The third source of funds credited against the budgeted funding amount is from unallocated RTA sales tax receipts and other discretionary receipts.

# Note 1. BUDGET AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING (Continued)

The reimbursement of Service Boards' capital expenditures and the payment of PTF funds, unallocated RTA sales tax receipts and other discretionary funds of the RTA shall be made under the terms and conditions of grant agreements governing such expenditures.

# Note 2. RECONCILIATION OF BUDGETARY BASIS TO GAAP BASIS ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance, budget and actualgeneral fund (this section), and combining schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance-budget and actual-general and custodial fund (in combining and individual fund schedules section) present comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data on a budgetary basis.

Since accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, a reconciliation of timing differences in the excess of revenues over expenditures and other financing uses is presented below:

	 eral Fund tousands)
Net change in fund balance - budgetary basis	\$ 331,316
Adjustments:	
Capital grant expenditures incurred in current year but considered in prior years' budgets Capital grants received that were not in the budget Capital grants disbursed to the Service Boards/Others that were not in the budget Net transfers in and out between the General Fund and Debt Service Fund not in the budget	(897) 367,568 (367,568) (353,792)
Budgetary basis to GAAP basis adjustments	 (354,689)
Net change in fund balance - GAAP basis	\$ (23,373)

## COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULES

# A. GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with the RTA which are not accounted for in another fund. A budget and actual schedule of general fund expenditures is presented in this section.

The RTA Board approves a comprehensive budget which includes the activity in the General Fund and the Sales Tax Custodial Fund. For comparison of the combined budgets, the combined budget and actual schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for both funds is also presented in this section.

## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES (BUDGETARY BASIS) — BUDGET AND ACTUAL — GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

			Genera	al F	und	
	Driginal Budget		Variance			
EXPENDITURES:						
Service Board Funding	\$ 7,500	\$	7,500	\$	8,710	\$ (1,210)
Financial assistance to Service Boards	191,372		207,839		257,474	(49,635)
JSIF Excess Liability Insurance	9,500		9,500		9,500	-
Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE)	10,661		11,558		14,949	(3,391)
Capital Grants - State Bond	-		-		366,461	(366,461)
IDOT State Cap Grant - Pace	8,395		8,395		8,395	-
Administration	16,051		16,051		15,067	984
Non-administration:						
Regional Program Non-Capital	7,430		7,430		2,627	4,803
Regional Services Operating	14,537		15,037		12,465	2,572
Agency Capital Expenses	40		40		2,535	(2,495)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 265,486	\$	283,350	\$	698,183	\$ (414,833)

#### COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (BUDGETARY BASIS) BUDGET AND ACTUAL—GENERAL AND SALES TAX CUSTODIAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	General Fund								
		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Variance	<u> </u>	
REVENUES: Investment income Other revenue Sales Taxes Interest on Sales Taxes Public Transportation Fund General State Revenue IDOT State Grant - PACE (ADA) Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE)	\$	1,000 6,373 116,829 500 191,372 - 8,395 10,661	\$	1,000 6,873 126,660 500 207,839 - 8,395 11,558	\$	2,053 26,681 162,845 135 257,474 367,568 8,395 14,949	\$ 1, 19, 36, ( 49, 367,	053 808 185 365) 635	
State assistance (AFA & ASA)		130,300		130,300		189,399		099	
Total revenues		465,430		493,125		1,029,499	536,	374	
EXPENDITURES: Service Board Funding Financial Assistance to SB JSIF Excess Liability Insurance Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE) Capital Grants - State Bond IDOT State Cap Grant-PACE (ADA) Administration Operating Agency Capital Expenses Non-administration: Regional Programs Capital and Non-Capital Regional Services Operating Total expenditures		7,500 191,372 9,500 10,661 - - 8,395 16,051 40 7,430 14,537 265,486		7,500 207,839 9,500 11,558 - 8,395 16,051 40 7,430 15,037 283,350		8,710 257,474 7,000 14,949 366,461 8,395 17,567 237 4,834 12,556 698,183	(49, 2, (3, (366, (1, ( 2,	516) 197) 596 481	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	199,944	\$	209,775	:	331,316			
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE— BUDGETARY BASIS Budgetary basis to GAAP basis adjustments NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE—GAAP BASIS						331,316 (354,689) (23,373)			
FUND BALANCE: Beginning of year End of year					\$	248,538 225,165			

		ustodial Fund			Tot	als			
Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance	 Original Budget	Final Budget		Actual	\	/ariance
\$ 17,570 997,401 750 141,878	\$- 17,570 997,401 750 141,878	\$- 17,570 1,291,013 193 179,794	\$- 293,612 (557) 37,916	\$ 1,000 23,943 1,114,230 1,250 333,250	\$ 1,000 24,443 1,124,061 1,250 349,717	\$	44,251 1,453,858 328 437,268	\$	1,054 19,808 329,797 (922 87,55
- - -		-		 - 8,395 10,661 130,300	- 8,395 11,558 130,300		367,568 8,395 14,949 189,399		367,568 3,39 59,099
 1,157,599	1,157,599	1,488,570	330,971	 1,623,029	1,650,724		2,518,069		867,345
1,157,599 - - -	1,157,599 - - -	1,488,570 - -	(330,971) - - -	1,165,099 191,372 9,500 10,661	1,165,099 207,839 9,500 11,558		1,497,280 257,474 7,000 14,949		332,18 49,635 (2,500 3,39
-	-	-	-	- 8,395 16,051 40	- 8,395 16,051 40		366,461 8,395 17,567 237		366,46 1,510 193
-	-	-	-	7,430 14,537	7,430 15,037		4,834 12,556		(2,596 (2,48
1,157,599	1,157,599	1,488,570	(330,971)	 1,423,085	1,440,949		2,186,753		(745,804
\$ 	\$ -		\$-	\$ 199,944	\$ 209,775	-	331,316	\$	121,541
			_		-		331,316 (354,689)		
		-	-				(23,373)	-	
		\$ -				\$	248,538 225,165	-	

## **B. DEBT SERVICE FUND**

## **Debt Service Fund Accounts:**

*1991A*—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 1991A general obligation bonds.

*1997*—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 1997 refunding general obligation bonds.

*1999*—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 1999 refunding general obligation bonds.

2000A\*—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2000A general obligation bonds.

2001A\*—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2001A general obligation bonds.

2001B\*—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2001B refunding general obligation bonds.

2002A\*—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2002A general obligation bonds.

2003A\*—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2003A general obligation bonds.

*2003B*—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2003B refunding general obligation bonds.

2004A\* — to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2004A refunding general obligation bonds.

2005B—to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2005B refunding general obligation bonds.

2010A –to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2010A general obligation bonds.

*2010B* –to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2010B general obligation bonds.

2014A – to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2014A general obligation bonds.

2016A –to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2016A general obligation bonds.

2017A –to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2017 refunding general obligation bonds.

2018B –to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2018B general obligation bonds.

2020A –to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2020A cash note borrowings.

2021A - to account for transfers received, investment income and principal and interest payments made for 2021 refunding general obligation bonds.

\*Strategic Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) Bonds

#### COMBINING BALANCE SHEET SCHEDULE-DEBT SERVICE FUND ACCOUNTS December 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	1	991A	199	4 C&D	 1997	 1999	 2000A	 2001 A	 2001 B	 2002 A	:	2003 A	 2003 B	2	2003 B
ASSETS: Cash and investments Accrued interest	\$	36	\$	-	\$ 3,685 -	\$ 20,037	\$ 10,385 -	\$ 3,766	\$ 2,313	\$ 6,029 -	\$	9,779	\$ 4,011	\$	7,391 -
Total assets	\$	36	\$	-	\$ 3,685	\$ 20,037	\$ 10,385	\$ 3,766	\$ 2,313	\$ 6,029	\$	9,779	\$ 4,011	\$	7,391
LIABILITIES: Accrued items	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-
FUND BALANCES: Restricted for debt service		36		-	 3,685	 20,037	 10,385	 3,766	 2,313	 6,029		9,779	 4,011		7,391
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	36	\$		\$ 3,685	\$ 20,037	\$ 10,385	\$ 3,766	\$ 2,313	\$ 6,029	\$	9,779	\$ 4,011	\$	7,391

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#### COMBINING BALANCE SHEET SCHEDULE-DEBT SERVICE FUND ACCOUNTS (Continued) December 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

2005 B 2010A 2010B 2014A 2016A 2017A 2018A Note 2018B 2020A Note 2021A Total ASSETS: Cash and investments 8,603 \$ 8,654 \$ 12,883 \$ - \$ 7,283 \$ 31,264 \$ 2,145 \$ 1,445 \$ 139,709 \$ - \$ - \$ Accrued interest 4 4 ---------Total assets 8,603 \$ 12,887 \$ - \$ 7,283 \$ 31,264 \$ 2,145 \$ 1,445 \$ 139,713 8,654 \$ - \$ - \$ \$ LIABILITIES: \$ Accrued items - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ -FUND BALANCES: Restricted for debt service 8,603 8,654 \$ 12,887 7,283 31,264 2,145 1,445 \$ 139,713 ---TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES \$ 8,603 \$ 8,654 \$ 12,887 \$ - \$ 7,283 \$ 31,264 \$ - \$ 2,145 \$ - \$ 1,445 \$ 139,713

# COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -DEBT SERVICE FUND ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

(In Thousands)

	1991A	1994 C&D	1997	1999	2000 A
REVENUE:					
Investment income	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-
Total revenue					
EXPENDITURES:					
Debt Service - principal	7,335	-	5,375	29,170	10,605
Debt Service - interest	491	-	716	4,921	9,117
Other debt related costs				<u> </u>	
Total expenditures	7,826		6,091	34,091	19,722
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF					
REVENUES OVER					
EXPENDITURES	(7,826)		(6,091)	(34,091)	(19,722)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Premium on issuance of debt	-	-	-	-	-
Payment to escrow for debt funding	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in - principal	6,001	-	5,582	30,265	10,968
Transfers in - interest	393	-	684	4,754	8,786
Transfers in/(out) - CPF	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in/(out) - GF	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in/(out) - DSF		(2)			
Total other financing sources (uses)	6,394	(2)	6,266	35,019	19,754
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(1,432)	(2)	175	928	32
FUND BALANCES:					
Beginning of year	1,468	2	3,510	19,110	10,354
End of year	\$ 36	\$-	\$ 3,685	\$ 20,037	\$ 10,385

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# COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -DEBT SERVICE FUND ACCOUNTS (Continued) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	2	001 A	2	2001 B	2002 A	2003 A
REVENUE:						
Investment income	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$-
Total revenue		-		-	-	
EXPENDITURES:						
Debt Service - principal		3,810		3,380	5,755	9,070
Debt Service - interest		3,343		498	5,753	9,601
Other debt related costs		-				<u> </u>
Total expenditures		7,153		3,878	11,508	18,671
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER						
EXPENDITURES		(7,153)		(3,878)	(11,508)	(18,671)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Premium on issuance of debt Payment to escrow for debt funding Transfers in - principal Transfers in - interest Transfers in/(out) - CPF Transfers in/(out) - GF Transfers in/(out) - DSF Total other financing sources (uses)		- 3,927 3,238 - - - 7,165		- 3,501 478 - - - 3,979	- 5,935 5,580 - - 11,515	- 9,340 9,352 - - - 18,692
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		12		101	7	21
FUND BALANCES:						
Beginning of year		3,753		2,211	6,022	9,758
End of year	\$	3,766	\$	2,313	\$ 6,029	\$ 9,779

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## COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -DEBT SERVICE FUND ACCOUNTS (Continued) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	2	003 B	2004A	2005 B	2010 A		
REVENUE:							
Investment income	\$		\$ 2	\$-	\$	6	
Total revenue		-	2	-		6	
EXPENDITURES:							
Debt Service - principal		5,215	8,540	13,190		6,260	
Debt Service - interest		5,193	9,402	329		642	
Other debt related costs		-	 	69			
Total expenditures		10,408	 17,942	13,588		6,902	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF							
REVENUES OVER							
EXPENDITURES		(10,408)	 (17,940)	(13,588)		(6,896)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Premium on issuance of debt		-	-	-		-	
Payment to escrow for debt funding		-	-	-		-	
Transfers in - principal		5,393	8,833	13,632		6,432	
Transfers in - interest		5,164	9,353	299		483	
Transfers in/(out) - CPF		-	2	-		-	
Transfers in/(out) - GF		-	-	-		-	
Transfers in/(out) - DSF		-	 -	69		7	
Total other financing sources (uses)		10,557	 18,188	14,000		6,922	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		149	248	412		26	
FUND BALANCES:							
Beginning of year		3,862	 7,143	8,191		8,628	
End of year	\$	4,011	\$ 7,391	\$ 8,603	\$	8,654	
					(C	ontinued)	

## COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -DEBT SERVICE FUND ACCOUNTS (Continued) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	 2010 B	2014A	2	016A		2017A
REVENUE:						
Investment income	\$ 3,294	\$6	\$	10	\$	330
Total revenue	 3,294	6		10		330
EXPENDITURES:						
Debt Service - principal	-	1,970		1,765		6,615
Debt Service - interest	6,624	2,230		3,950		8,479
Other debt related costs	 -			-		
Total expenditures	6,624	4,200		5,715		15,094
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES						
OVER EXPENDITURES	(3,330)	(4,194)	· ,	(5,705)		(14,764)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Premium on issuance of debt Payment to escrow for debt funding Transfers in - principal Transfers in - interest	- - 3,313	- - 1,469 3,506		- 1,822 3,949		- - 10,753 7,984
Transfers in/(out) - CPF	-			3		-
Transfers in/(out) - GF Transfers in/(out) - DSF	 - (7)	- (8,880)		-		-
Total other financing sources (uses)	 3,306	(3,905)		5,774		18,737
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(24)	(8,099)		69		3,973
FUND BALANCES:						
Beginning of year	 12,911	8,099	·	7,215		27,291
End of year	\$ 12,887	\$-	\$	7,283	\$	31,264
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## COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -DEBT SERVICE FUND ACCOUNTS (Continued) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	2018A	Note	20	)18B	2020A	Note	2	021A	 Total
REVENUE:									
Investment income	\$	-	\$		\$		\$		\$ 3,648
Total revenue		-						-	 3,648
EXPENDITURES:									
Debt Service - principal		-		2,305	150	,000,		-	270,360
Debt Service - interest		-		6,108	1	,764		346	79,507
Other debt related costs		-				914		1,321	 2,304
Total expenditures		_		8,413	152	,678		1,667	 352,171
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF									
REVENUES OVER				(0.440)	(150	070)		(4.007)	(0.40.500)
EXPENDITURES		-		(8,412)	(152	,678)		(1,667)	 (348,523)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):									
Issuance of refunding bonds		-		-		-		89,210	89,210
Premium on issuance of debt		-		-		-		2,184	2,184
Payment to escrow for debt refunding		-		-		-	(	98,953)	(98,953)
Transfers in - principal		-		2,378		-		1,185	127,416
Transfers in - interest		-		6,043	1	,409		606	75,374
Transfers in/(out) - CPF		-		659		-		-	664
Transfers in/(out) - GF		-		-		-		-	-
Transfers in/(out) - DSF		(13)			150	,915		8,880	 150,969
Total other financing sources (uses)		(13)		9,080	152	,324		3,112	 346,864
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		(13)		668		(354)		1,445	(1,658)
FUND BALANCES:									
Beginning of year		13		1,476		354		-	 141,371
End of year	\$	-	\$	2,145	\$	-	\$	1,445	\$ 139,713

# C. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

## **Capital Projects Fund Accounts:**

*Strategic Capital Improvement Bonds (SCIP)*—to account for 1994, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 bond sales proceeds and related SCIP capital grants made to the Service Boards as expenditures are incurred. Investment income earned on SCIP bonds is recorded in the related Debt Service Fund accounts.

*Non-SCIP Bonds*—to account for 1990, 1991, 1994, 2002, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018 bond sale proceeds, investment income earned and related Non-SCIP investment income capital grants made to the Service Boards as expenditures are incurred.

# COMBINING BALANCE SHEET SCHEDULE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	SCIP Bonds			on-SCIP Bonds		Total
ASSETS:	<b>•</b>	4 470	<u>,</u>		•	
Cash and investments	\$	1,479	\$	59,592	\$	61,071
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,479	\$	59,592	\$	61,071
LIABILITIES:						
Due to Service Boards	\$	190	\$	1,027	\$	1,217
TOTAL LIABILITIES		190		1,027		1,217
FUND BALANCES: Committed-capital projects		1,289		58,565		59,854
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	1,479	\$	59,592	\$	61,071

# COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (In Thousands)

	-	CIP nds		on-SCIP Bonds	 Total
REVENUES: Investment income	\$		\$	38	\$ 38
Total revenues		-		38	 38
EXPENDITURES: Capital grants—bonds		3,038		46,540	 49,578
Total expenditures		3,038	,	46,540	 49,578
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures		(3,038)		(46,502)	 (49,540)
OTHER FINANCING USES: Transfer out				(663)	 (663)
Total other financing uses		-		(663)	 (663)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		(3,038)		(47,165)	(50,203)
FUND BALANCES: Beginning of year		4,327		105,730	 110,057
End of year	\$	1,289	\$	58,565	\$ 59,854

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Financial Trends

An analysis of Net Position by component, Change in Net Position, Governmental Fund Balances and Change in Fund Balances presented as an indicator of RTA's financial performance and to show the overall change in financial position over time.

Revenue and Expense Capacity

Revenues and expenditures presented in the following tables include the activities in the government-wide and fiduciary fund statements. Additions to and disbursements from the Sales Tax Custodial Fund are considered to be revenues and expenditures, respectively, for the purpose of presentation in these tables. The schedules show the overall distribution of expenses and revenues by source over the past 10 years, the breakout of revenues by county and the federal allocation of capital funds.

Debt Capacity

Schedules in this section provide an overview of RTA's general obligation bonds (SCIP versus Non-SCIP) outstanding balances as of December 31, 2021 and a 10-year analysis of the debt service requirement to revenues and expenses.

Demographic and Economic Information

Schedules in this section provide economic information on the population and the ten largest employers in the six-county area to help readers understand the environment within which the RTA's financial activities take place.

**Operating Information** 

Schedules in this section provide various statistics on passenger services offered by the service boards for fiscal year 2021, a look at system ridership over the last ten years and the RTA's full-time employees by function over the last five years.

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NET POSITION BY COMPONENT LAST TEN YEARS (In Thousands)

	 2012	 2013	_	2014	_	2015	 2016	 2017	 2018		2019	_	2020	 2021
Governmental activities— Net investment in capital assets Restricted Net Position Unrestricted Net Position	\$ 14,809 17,174 (1,819,368)	\$ 14,359 16,738 (1,779,889)	\$	11,524 16,203 (1,714,890)	\$	11,692 15,535 (1,732,590)	\$ 3,590 - (1,663,594)	\$ 2,786 313,657 (1,869,411)	\$ 2,697 212,862 (1,656,321)	\$	3,426 178,078 (1,532,704)	\$	7,558 403,249 (1,665,096)	\$ 5,670 116,445 (1,203,115)
Total Net Position— Governmental Activities	\$ (1,787,385)	\$ (1,748,792)	\$	(1,687,163)	\$	(1,705,363)	\$ (1,660,004)	\$ (1,552,968)	\$ <u>(1,440,762)</u>	\$ (	1,351,200)	\$	(1,254,289)	\$ (1,081,000)
Business-type activities— Unrestricted Net Position	\$ 27,845	\$ 27,116	\$	27,682	\$	27,977	\$ 26,549	\$ 25,203	\$ 23,130	\$	21,064	\$	22,692	\$ 20,496
Total Net Position— Business-Type Activities	\$ 27,845	\$ 27,116	\$	27,682	\$	27,977	\$ 26,549	\$ 25,203	\$ 23,130	\$	21,064	\$	22,692	\$ 20,496
Primary government— Net investment in capital assets Restricted Net Position Unrestricted Net Position	\$ 14,809 17,174 (1,791,523)	\$ 14,359 16,738 (1,752,773)	\$	11,524 16,203 (1,687,208)	\$	11,692 15,535 (1,704,613)	\$ 3,590 - (1,637,045)	\$ 2,786 313,657 (1,530,551)	\$ 2,697 212,862 (1,633,191)	\$	3,426 178,078 (1,511,640)	\$	7,558 403,249 (1,642,404)	\$ 5,670 116,445 (1,182,619)
Total Net Position— Primary government	\$ (1,759,540)	\$ (1,721,676)	\$	(1,659,481)	\$	(1,677,386)	\$ (1,633,455)	\$ (1,214,108)	\$ (1,417,632)	\$ (	(1,330,136)	\$	(1,231,597)	\$ (1,060,504)

#### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CHANGE IN NET POSITION LAST TEN YEARS (In Thousands)

		2012	2013	_	2014	:	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021
EXPENSES:																			
Governmental activities: Financial assistance to Service Boards	\$	171,700	\$ 196,1	16	\$ 200,500	\$	225,805	\$	225,231	\$	216,457	\$	218,240	\$	227,969	\$	212,613	\$	257,474
Administration capital grants Discretionary Bonds		5,410 213,394	8 472,8	97 74	254 306,026		631 341,462		207 213,155		583 245,937		1,238 192,831		472 136,203		1,007 113,369		897 416,039
IDOT Capital Grant - PACE (ADA) Administration of operating grant		- 213,334	472,0	-	- 300,020		- 1,402		- 213,133		- 243,337		- 192,001		-		8,395		8,395
Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE) Service board funding		36,687	52,9	74	27,440		57,061		48,287		30,112		35,030		32,838		11,716 12,826		14,949 8,710
Administrative expenses		16,507	19,0		17,002		16,079		20,342		19,270		18,759		16,629		16,642		21,284
Regional expenses Technology program expenses		17,542 1,473	20,2 2,0		23,284 2,192		18,512 3,566		28,006 2,058		23,423 1,917		24,025 577		22,589 610		19,512		17,390
CTA loan write-off receivable		- 1,475	2,0		2,152		3,300 -		2,000		-		-		-				
Interest expense		125,722	115,9	57	110,168		103,048		124,069		96,706		95,740		88,842		83,274		45,633
Miscellaneous				-			-	_	-				-		-	_			
Total governmental activities		588,435	936,3	76	686,866		766,164		661,355		634,405		586,440		526,152	—	479,354		790,771
Business-type activities: Insurance financing		5,942	5,8	15	5,800		5,929		5,846		5,553		5,424		5,594	_	7,640		9,221
Total business-type activities		5,942	5,8	15	5,800		5,929		5,846		5,553		5,424		5,594	_	7,640		9,221
Total primary government expenses	\$	594,377	\$ 942,1	91	\$ 692,666	\$	772,093	\$	667,201	\$	639,958	\$	591,864	\$	531,746	\$	486,994	\$	799,992
REVENUES: General:																			
Sales taxes	\$	113,152	\$ 118,8	17	\$ 121,798	\$	129,842	\$	131,623	\$	131,789	\$	137,164	\$	139,881	\$	128,279	\$	162,845
Interest on sales taxes		119		79	81		102		116		404		1,074		1,086		520		135
Service board funding		10,398	10,9	02	11,440		11,900		12,062		21,223		26,971		25,338		3,428		-
Innovation, Coordination & Enhancement (ICE) IDOT Capital Grant - PACE (ADA)		-		-	-		-		-		-		-		-		11,716 8,395		14,949 8,395
Public Transportation Fund		355,159	650,1	03	470,815		217,930		250,906		217,972		215,739		225,469		212,608		257,474
General State Revenue		-		-	-		285,143		147,315		222,643		147,567		74,112		70,304		367,568
State assistance		86,984	173,4		130,219		86,882		130,234		130,222		129,681		129,474		127,025		127,274
Regional program reimbursement Other intergovernmental revenue		4,077	3,6	39	3,352		10,341		11,483		8,633		7,038 22,784		-		- 6,181		22,584
Investment income		22,213	20,7	- 09	10,474		9,472		19,150		8,331		10,011		14,817		8,876		5,739
Other revenues		6,436	2,1		6,644		8,394		3,825		224		1,022		8,701		8,072		4,097
Transfers (out)		(5,000)	(5,0		(6,328)		(6,180)		-		-		-		(3,164)		(9,139)		(7,000)
Total governmental activities revenues		593,538	974,9	69	748,495		753,826		706,714		741.441		699,051		615,714		576,265		964,060
Business-type activities: General:		000,000		00			100,020		100,111				000,001		0.10,111		010,200		001,000
Investment income		77		48	38		44		53		151		352		364		129		25
Other revenues Transfers in		7 5,000	5,0	38 00	6,328		6,180		4,365		4,056		2,999		3,164		- 9,139		7,000
Total business-type activities revenues		5,084	5,0		6,366		6,224		4,418		4,000		3,351	· <u> </u>	3,528		9,268		7.025
Total primary government revenues		598,622	980.0	_	754,861		760,050		711,132	_	745,648		702,402		619,242		585,533		971,085
Governmental activities:																			
CHANGES IN NET POSITION (DEFICIT)		5,103	38,5	93	61,629		(12,338)		45,359		107,036		112,611		89,562		96,911		173,289
NET POSITION (DEFICIT): Beginning of year, as restated		(1,732,120)	(1,727,0	17)	(1,688,424)	(*	1,693,025)		(1,705,363)		(1,660,004)		(1,553,373)		(1,440,762)	_	(1,351,200)		(1,254,289)
End of year		(1,727,017)	(1,688,4	24)	(1,626,795)	(*	1,705,363)		(1,660,004)		(1,552,968)		1,440,762)		(1,351,200)	_	(1,254,289)		(1,081,000)
Business-type activities: CHANGES IN NET POSITION (DEFICIT)		(858)	(7	29)	566		295		(1,428)		(1,346)		(2,073)		(2,066)		1,628		(2,196)
NET POSITION (DEFICIT): Beginning of year		40,295	39,4	37	38,708		39,274		27,977		26,549		25,203		23,130		21,064		22,692
End of year	_	39,437	38,7	08	39,274		39,569		26,549		25,203		23,130		21,064	_	22,692		20,496
Total primary government	\$	(1,687,580)	\$ (1,649,7	16)	\$ (1,587,521)	\$ (*	1,665,794)	\$	(1,633,455)	\$	(1,527,765)	\$	1,417,632)	\$	(1,330,136)	\$	(1,231,597)	\$	(1,060,504)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION: Governmental activities Business-type activities	\$	5,103 (858)	\$ 38,5 (7	93 29)	\$ 61,629 566	\$	(12,338) 295	\$	45,359 (1,428)	\$	107,036 (1,346)	\$	112,611 (2,073)	\$	89,562 (2,066)	\$	96,911 1,628	\$	173,289 (2,196)
Total primary government	s	4,245	\$ 37,8		\$ 62,195	\$	(12,043)	\$	43,931	s	105,690	\$	110,538	s	87,496	s	98,539	\$	171,093
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#### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS LAST TEN YEARS (In Thousands)

	2012	2013	2014	2015 2016		2017 2018			2018 2019			2020	2021				
General Fund			 			-					<u> </u>						
Reserved	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Unreserved	-	-	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Nonspendable <sup>(1)</sup>	327	3	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Restricted <sup>(1)</sup>	17,173	16,738	16,203		15,535		-		197,227		91,458		62,970		-		-
Committed <sup>(1)</sup>	204,895	193,745	212,642		188,497		228,118		234,494		239,932		240,463		135,996		134,519
Assigned <sup>(1)</sup>	-	93,363	8,888		42,312		-		-		-		-		-		-
Unassigned <sup>(1)</sup>	 176,554	 9,110	 4,443		3,455		(17,610)		(70,437)		(63,916)		(63,933)		112,542		90,646
Total general fund balances	\$ 398,949	\$ 312,959	\$ 242,176	\$	249,799	\$	210,508	\$	361,284	\$	267,474	\$	239,500	\$	248,538	\$	225,165
All other governmental funds																	
Reserved	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Restricted <sup>(1)</sup>	158,469	188,333	211,498		193,036		122,938		145,172		150,468		142,431		141,372		139,713
Committed <sup>(1)</sup>	 179,063	 132,671	 177,283		111,005		120,443		98,972		220,633		153,967		110,057		59,854
Total all other governmental funds	\$ 337,532	\$ 321,004	\$ 388,781	\$	304,041	\$	243,381	\$	244,144	\$	371,101	\$	296,398	\$	251,429	\$	199,567

(1) New fund balance categories used in FY11 due to the implementation of GASB 54

#### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS LAST TEN YEARS (In Thousands)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
REVENUES:										
Sales taxes	\$ 113,152			129,842 \$		131,789 \$	137,164 \$		128,279 \$	162,845
Interest on sales taxes	119	79	82	102	116	404	1,074	1,086	520 \$	135
Public Transportation Fund	189,523	198,640	210,013	217,930	221,621	212,643	215,739	225,469	212,608	257,474
New 5% PTF Advance Recovery General State Revenue	- 155,369	- 441,191	- 245,298	- 285,143	- 147,314	- 222,643	- 147.567	- 74,112	- 70,304	367,568
Innovation, Coordination, & Enhancement (ICE)	10,398	10,902	11,439	11,900	12,062	12,070	12,539	12,764	11,716	14,949
IDOT State Grant - PACE (ADA)	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,395	3,825	3,825	7,975	8,395	8,395	8,395
Pace ADA 2012 Surplus Refund	1,767	1,772	7,004	-	29,285	5,328	6,457	4,179	-	-
State assistance	86,983	130,185	130,182	130,206	65,118	130,231	130,215	129,146	129,800	189,399
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,822	-	-	-
Investment income	18,703	18,964	13,761	13,819	15,769	8,331	10,011	14,817	8,876	5,739
CARES Act funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,181	22,584
Other revenues	10,518	5,827	7,847	8,187	10,403	14,185	1,022	8,701	11,500	4,097
Total revenues	595,032	934,877	755,924	805,524	637,136	741,449	699,585	618,550	588,179	1,033,185
EXPENDITURES:										
Financial assistance to Service Boards	171,700	196,116	200,500	225,805	225,231	216,457	218,240	227,969	212,613	257,474
Service board funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,898	-
Capital grants—discretionary	5,414	897	254	631	207	582	1,238	472	1,007	897
PACE Discr (CMAQ) Grant RTA share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Suburban Job Access Program - (PACE)	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Innovation, Coordination, & Enhancement (ICE)	10,278	10,902	11,439	11,900	12,062	12,770	12,538	12,760	11,716	14,949
State General Revenue MOU	7,969	26,072	96,988	-	14,337	689	560	-	-	-
IDOT Cap Grant - PACE (ADA)	10,940	8,500	8,500	8,395	3,825	3,825	7,975	8,395	8,395	8,395
PACE (PTF) expenditures Capital grants—bonds	-	-	-	- 337,549	-	-	-	-	-	- 416,039
RTA Capital grants—CTA	213,392	460,448 12,264	149,259 56,257	912	208,679 1,058	244,756	192,511	135,371	112,790	410,039
RTA Capital grants—CTA RTA Capital grants—Metra	-	12,204	3,522	3,002	3,418	- 1,181	- 320	833	- 579	-
PACE ADA Surplus	-	102	3,322	29,266	10,563	5,328	6,457	4,179	3,428	- 1,210
Administrative	15,713	17,530	16,192	17,085	16,433	15,504	16,240	16,007	15,447	17,567
Regional	19,785	22,332	22,817	22,373	21,581	25,101	24,088	23,195	19,512	17,390
Distribution to JSIF	-	-	-	-	4,365	4,056	2,999	-		-
Capital outlay	295	1,530	599	644	1,299	262	1,387	1,973	6,172	237
Write off CTA loan receivable	-	56,147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service:										
Principal	999,375	98,800	443,737	100,610	432,635	413,870	471,295	180,070	271,470	270,360
Interest	129,884	117,428	115,246	110,432	108,599	107,965	102,598	98,869	91,465	79,507
Debt related costs	942	5,767	2,092	357	23,026	1,524	1,568	462	980	2,303
Debt issuance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,552	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	1,594,739	1,042,395	1,134,902	876,461	1,094,818	1,061,370	1,067,514	718,055	764,972	1,093,828
	1,004,100	1,042,000	1,104,002	010,401	1,004,010	1,001,010	1,007,014	110,000	104,012	1,000,020
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES										
OVER EXPENDITURES	(999,707)	(107,518)	(378,978)	(70,937)	(457,682)	(319,921)	(367,929)	(99,505)	(176,793)	(60,643)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):										
Bond proceeds (gross)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunding bond proceeds (gross)	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of refunding bonds	650,000	10,000	374,295	-	-	-	-	-	-	89,210
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(98,953)
SCIP II bond proceeds (gross)	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	
Other financing sources (premium)	-	-	8,006	-	11,011	30,255	11,996	-	-	2,184
Note proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt issuance Transfers out	-	-	-	-	346,720	441,205	389,080	-	150,000	-
Capital Projects Fund			(7,211)	-	(6,459)	(599)	(9,141)	(10,900)	(4,432)	
Debt Service Fund	(173,137)	(7)	(7,211)	(20,037)	(0,433) (160,403)	(250,000)	(5,141)	(10,500)	(4,432)	
General Fund	(212,457)	(295,433)	(306,029)	(216,754)	(373,934)	(319,792)	(318,077)	(259,764)	(215,342)	(360,792)
Joint Self-Insurance Fund	(212,407)	(200,400)	(000,020)	(210,704)	(0/0,004)	(010,102)	(010,011)	(200,104)	(210,042)	(000,702)
Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(663)
Transfers in										()
Capital Projects Fund	7	7	-	37	-	-	-	-		663
Debt Service Fund	207,457	290,433	306,911	210,574	380,393	320,391	327,218	267,500	210,636	353,760
General Fund	173,130	-	-	20,000	160,403	250,000	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Total other financing (uses) sources	945,000	5,000	375,972	(6,180)	357,731	471,460	401,076	(3,164)	140,862	(14,591)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	\$ (54,707)	\$ (102,518) \$	(3,006) \$	(77,117) \$	(99,951) \$	151,539 \$	33,147 \$	6 (102,669) \$	(35,931) \$	(75,234)
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Debt Service as a percentage of noncapital										
expenditures	70.88%	20.79%	49.34%	24.11%	49.52%	49.20%	53.86%	38.78%	47.85%	32.18%

### RTA REVENUE BY SOURCE

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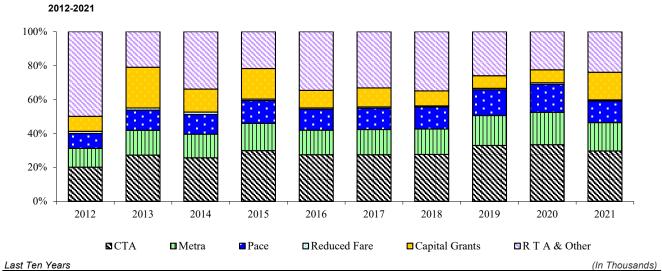
Last Ten Years

	Sales Tax	Transportation Fund	Reduced Fare	Other	Total
12 Months Ended 12/31/12	\$ 1,021,686	\$     319,892	\$ 34,070	\$279,571 \$	5 1,655,219
Percentage of Total	61.73%	19.33%	2.06%	16.89%	100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/13	1,071,225	339,188	25,820	604,173	2,040,406
Percentage of Total	52.50%	16.62%	1.27%	29.61%	100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/14	1,121,275	357,711	34,070	410,449	1,923,505
Percentage of Total	58.29%	18.60%	1.77%	21.34%	100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/15	1,169,268	376,897	17,570	443,582	2,007,317
Percentage of Total	58.25%	18.78%	0.88%	22.10%	100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/16	1,185,182	382,748	17,570	335,398	1,920,898
Percentage of Total	61.70%	19.93%	0.91%	17.46%	100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/17	1,185,986	362,647	17,570	380,963	1,947,166
Percentage of Total	60.91%	18.62%	0.90%	19.56%	100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/18	1,237,339	368,367	16,692	306,944	1,929,342
Percentage of Total	64.13%	19.09%	0.87%	15.91%	100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/19	1,254,161	381,989	17,570	233,541	1,887,261
Percentage of Total	66.45%	20.24%	0.93%	12.37%	100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/20	1,178,795	358,393	17,570	304,647	1,859,405
Percentage of Total	63.40%	19.27%	0.94%	16.38%	100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/21 Percentage of Total	1,468,807	437,268	17,570	611,521	2,535,166
	57.94%	17.25%	0.69%	24.12%	100%

Note: Amounts above include revenues from the General Fund and the Agency Fund

(In Thousands)

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES



		Financial	Assistance		Reduced		Capital	RTA	
	СТА	Metra	Pace	Total	Fare		Grants	and Other	Total
12 Months Ended 12/31/12 Percentage of Total	\$ 538,594 20.14%	\$297,369 5 11.12%	\$ 233,872 8.74%	\$1,069,835 40.00%	\$ 34,070 1.27%	\$	237,717 8.89%	\$1,333,074 49.84%	\$ 2,674,696 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/13 Percentage of Total	576,678 27.27%	308,812 5 14.60%	252,133 11.92%	1,137,623 53.80%	25,820 1.22%	0	508,343 24.04%	442,732 20.94%	2,114,518 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/14 Percentage of Total	597,363 25.72%	322,518 5 13.88%	268,657 11.57%	1,188,538 51.17%	34,070 1.47%	þ	314,780 13.55%	785,469 33.81%	2,322,856 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/15 Percentage of Total	631,806 29.95%	337,773 5 16.01%	283,751 13.45%	1,253,330 59.42%	17,570 0.83%	0	379,755 18.00%	458,601 21.74%	2,109,256 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/16 Percentage of Total	642,155 27.53%	336,898 5 14.44%	287,674 12.33%	1,266,728 54.30%	17,570 0.75%	0	242,086 10.38%	806,311 34.57%	2,332,695 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/17 Percentage of Total	630,467 27.52%	339,865 5 14.83%	288,253 12.58%	1,258,585 54.93%	17,570 0.77%	þ	256,362 11.19%	758,542 33.11%	2,291,059 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/18 Percentage of Total	650,167 27.66%	352,502 5 15.00%	303,207 12.90%	1,305,876 55.55%	16,692 0.71%	)	209,061 8.89%	819,100 34.84%	2,350,729 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/19 Percentage of Total	666,766 32.99%	355,446 5 17.59%	307,272 15.20%	1,329,484 65.78%	17,570 0.87%	)	149,249 7.38%	524,696 25.96%	2,020,999 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/20 Percentage of Total	606,757 25.47%	347,126 5 14.57%	299,038 12.55%	17,570 0.74%	138,313 5.81%	þ	408,815 17.16%	1,817,619 76.30%	2,382,317 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/21 Percentage of Total	776,857 21.07%	438,818 5 11.90%	332,812 9.03%	17,570 0.48%	426,541 11.57%	þ	624,837 16.95%	2,617,435 71.00%	3,686,383 100%

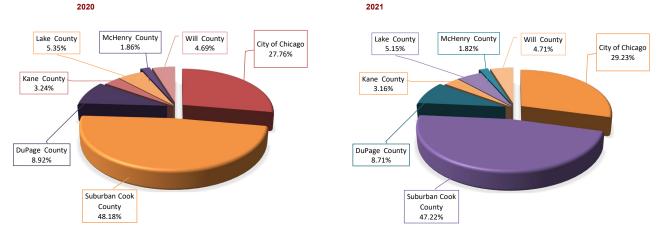
Note: Amounts above include expenditures from the General Fund and the Agency Fund

Table 6

Table 7

(In Thousands)

#### SALES TAX REVENUE SOURCE BY COUNTY/CITY OF CHICAGO



#### Last Ten Years

	City of Chicago	Suburban ook County	DuPage County	Kane County	Lake County	McHenry County	Will County	Total
12 Months Ended 12/31/12 Percentage of Total	\$ 312,519 30.59%	\$ 474,249 46.42%	\$ 88,845 8.70%	\$ 30,569 2.99%	\$ 56,169 5.50%	\$ 5 18,284 1.79%	\$ 41,051 4.02%	\$ 1,021,686 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/13 Percentage of Total	327,809 30.60%	497,997 46.49%	94,329 8.81%	31,667 2.96%	57,650 5.38%	19,077 1.78%	42,696 3.99%	1,071,225 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/14 Percentage of Total	343,832 30.59%	521,593 46.41%	97,995 8.72%	33,208 2.95%	62,156 5.53%	19,964 1.78%	45,249 4.03%	1,123,997 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/15 Percentage of Total	363,131 31.06%	541,214 46.29%	100,795 8.62%	34,482 2.95%	62,705 5.36%	20,385 1.74%	46,555 3.98%	1,169,267 100.00%
12 Months Ended 12/31/16 Percentage of Total	368,589 31.10%	546,376 46.10%	102,966 8.69%	35,476 2.99%	63,521 5.36%	20,801 1.76%	47,453 4.00%	1,185,182 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/17 Percentage of Total	365,311 30.80%	548,955 46.29%	103,254 8.70%	36,047 3.04%	63,041 5.32%	20,976 1.77%	48,403 4.08%	1,185,987 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/18 Percentage of Total	380,082 30.85%	572,126 46.44%	105,460 8.56%	37,452 3.04%	64,929 5.27%	21,507 1.75%	50,455 4.10%	1,232,011 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/19 Percentage of Total	390,709 31.15%	580,259 46.27%	107,848 8.60%	37,876 3.02%	62,748 5.00%	21,895 1.75%	52,826 4.21%	1,254,161 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/20 Percentage of Total	319,612 27.76%	554,640 48.18%	102,676 8.92%	37,302 3.24%	61,586 5.35%	21,400 1.86%	53,942 4.69%	1,151,158 100%
12 Months Ended 12/31/21 Percentage of Total	429,301 29.23%	693,634 47.22%	127,919 8.71%	46,466 3.16%	75,601 5.15%	26,670 1.82%	69,216 4.71%	1,468,807 100%

Note: Amounts above include revenues from the General Fund and the Agency Fund

### Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type Last Ten Fiscal Years (dollars in thousands, except per capita)

Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds <sup>a</sup>	Ca	rking ash tes <sup>ª</sup>	 amortized remiums	Total Primary Government	(	Percentage of Sales Tax		Percentage of Persona Income <sup>b</sup>		Per Capita <sup>b</sup>
2012	\$ 2,092,600	\$	300,000	\$ -	\$ 2,392,600		44.77	%	0.41	%	19
2013	2,003,800		300,000	-	2,303,800		48.79		0.38		18
2014	2,009,355	2	225,000	-	2,234,355		50.31		0.36		17
2015	1,908,745	2	225,000	-	2,133,745		54.80		0.34		17
2016	1,897,830		150,000	-	2,047,830		57.88		0.31		16
2017	2,075,165		-	-	2,075,165		57		0.31		16
2018	1,842,950		150,000	121,378	2,114,328		58.52		0.29		17
2019	1,662,880		150,000	112,720	1,925,600		65.13		0.26		15
2020	1,691,410		-	105,348	1,796,758		65.61		0.23		14
2021	1,423,035		-	66,001	1,489,036		0.99		0.18		12

### Note:

<sup>a</sup> Details regarding the Authority's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

<sup>b</sup> See Table 14 for personal income and population data. These ratios are calculated using personal income and population for the prior calendar year.

**Governmental Activities** 

### LEGAL DEBT CAPACITY

(In Thousands)

20	21

Legal Debt Margin:	Balance Outstanding at December 31, 2021	Issued	Working Cash Notes	Total
Debt Limitation per Act for General Obligations Debt applicable to limitation : Non-SCIP Bonds: 1997 General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2003B General Obligation Bonds 2005B General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2010A General Obligation Bonds 2010B General Obligation Bonds 2016A General Obligation Bonds 2018B General Obligation Bonds 2018B General Obligation Bonds	\$ 9,250 89,460 53,985 6,575 112,925 87,465 132,500 89,210			\$ 2,600,000
Total RTA Bonds Applicable to Limitation	581,370			(581,370)
SCIP Bonds: 1992A General Obligation Bonds 1993A General Obligation Bonds 1994A General Obligation Bonds 1994C General Obligation Bonds 1999 General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2000 General Obligation Bonds 2001A General Obligation Bonds 2001B General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2002A General Obligation Bonds 2003A General Obligation Bonds 2004A General Obligation Bonds 2006A General Obligation Bonds 2006A General Obligation Bonds 2017A General Obligation Bonds	- 70,045 130,960 52,225 7,345 90,125 155,165 163,420 - 172,380	188,000 55,000 195,000 62,000 100,000 100,000 260,000 260,000 250,030		
Total SCIP Bonds Applicable to Limitation Total SCIP Bonds Outstanding	841,665	\$ 1,790,030		(1,790,030)
Total Bonds Outstanding	\$ 1,423,035			
Debt Margin for General Obligations				228,600
Debt Limitation per Act for Working Cash Notes			\$ 400,000	
Debt Margin for Working Cash Notes				400,000
Total Legal Debt Margin				\$ 628,600

#### Table 9

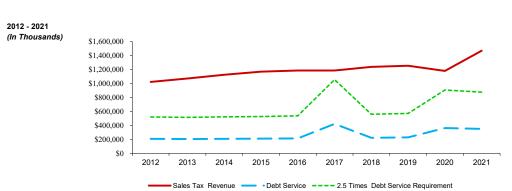
#### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION LAST TEN YEARS (In Thousands)

	Fiscal Year									
	 2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Debt limit for General Obligations Total net debt applicable to limit	\$ 2,600,000 \$ 2,475,325	2,600,000 \$ 2,435,275	2,600,000 \$ 2,492,385	2,600,000 \$ 2,446,390	2,600,000 \$ 2,492,950	2,600,000 \$ 2,440,335	2,600,000 \$ 2,529,790	2,600,000 \$ 2,461,600	2,600,000 \$ 2,412,830	2,600,000 2,371,400
Debt margin for General Obligations	 124,675	164,725	107,615	153,610	107,050	159,665	70,210	138,400	187,170	228,600
Debt limit for Working Cash Notes Total net debt applicable to limit	 400,000 300,000	400,000 300,000	400,000 225,000	400,000 225,000	400,000 150,000	400,000 300,000	400,000 200,000	400,000 150,000	400,000 150,000	400,000
	 100,000	100,000	175,000	175,000	250,000	100,000	200,000	250,000	250,000	400,000
Legal debt margin	\$ 224,675 \$	264,725 \$	282,615 \$	328,610 \$	357,050 \$	259,665 \$	270,210 \$	388,400 \$	437,170 \$	628,600
Total legal debt margin as a percentage of debt limit	 7.49%	8.82%	9.42%	10.95%	11.90%	8.66%	9.01%	12.95%	14.57%	20.95%

TABLE 10

Table 11

#### COMPARISON OF SALES TAX REVENUE TO DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENT



As defined in the Bond and Note General Ordinance, ordinance 85-39, Section 909 (3), revenue test required that all RTA revenues shall equal or exceed two and one-half (2.5) times the maximum annual debt service requirements. In the graph presented above, the RTA compares 2.5 times debt service requirement to sales tax revenues, a major RTA revenue. In effect, the RTA significantly exceeds the revenue test defined in the ordinance.

Last Ten Years									(In Thousands	;)
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Sales Tax Revenue	\$1,021,686	\$ 1,071,225	\$ 1,123,997	\$ 1,169,267	\$ 1,185,182	\$ 1,185,986	\$ 1,237,339	\$ 1,254,161	\$ 1,178,795	\$ 1,468,807
Debt Service Requirement	208,712	206,228	208,985	211,041	214,984	421,835	223,893	228,939	362,935	350,304
2.5 Times Debt Service Requirement	521,780	515,570	522,463	527,603	537,460	1,054,588	559,733	572,348	907,338	875,760

Differences, if any, between debt service amounts presented above and amounts presented in the accompanying financial statements represent timing differences between payments made to trustees and payments made to bondholders. Also, investment income earned in the debt service accounts may lower actual cash transfers from the General Fund.

#### Table 12

### RATIO OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Last Ten Yea					<i>(In Thousands)</i> Ratio of Debt	
		Debt Service Requirements	3	Total	Service to Tota	
Year Principal		Interest	Total	Expenditures	Expenditures	
2012	\$84,375	\$ 124,337	\$ 208,712	\$ 2,679,696	7.79%	
2013	88,800	117,428	206,228	2,119,518	9.73%	
2014	93,740	115,245	208,985	2,322,856	9.00%	
2015	100,610	110,431	211,041	2,109,256	10.01%	
2016	106,385	108,599	214,984	2,332,695	9.22%	
2017	313,870	107,965	421,835	2,291,059	18.41%	
2018	121,295	102,598	223,893	2,350,729	9.52%	
2019	130,070	98,869	228,939	2,020,999	11.33%	
2020	271,470	91,465	362,935	1,817,619	19.97%	
2021	357,585	82,249	439,834	2,617,435	16.80%	

Table 13

(In Millions)

#### FEDERAL ALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS TO NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS

#### Last Ten Calendar Years

Sections 5309, 5307/5340, 5337 and Title 1 including CMAQ and STP (Formerly Section 3, 9, & 23, respectively)

Federal Fiscal		Total	Chicago Transit		Commuter Rail		Suburban Bus Division		Regional Transportation Authority	
Year Awarded		Awarded	Authority			Division				
2011	\$	489.37	\$	299.50	\$	145.02	\$	44.85	\$	-
2012		537.26		306.46		149.63		41.39		39.78
2013		629.76		403.73		158.59		67.44		-
2014		533.43		317.02		161.55		54.86		-
2015*		1,034.69		826.16		161.32		47.21		-
2016		528.31		295.30		190.69		42.32		-
2017**		504.56		294.77		169.83		39.96		-
2018***		576.66		342.48		186.29		47.89		-
2019****		549.80		322.25		183.91		43.64		-
2020*****		524.24		303.96		178.35		41.93		-
2021+		527.36		305.46		179.55		42.35		-
Total	\$	6,925.35	\$	4,296.47	\$	2,034.28	\$	554.82	\$	39.78

Source of data: Information obtained from the Service Boards' records.

\* 2015 data includes \$557.00 TIFIA funding for CTA. Out of \$557.00 applied for, CTA received \$374.90

\*\* 2017 data includes \$5.18M of reprogrammed CTA federal formula funds, \$0.06M additional Metra federal formula funds and \$0.01M additional Pace federal formula funds

\*\*\* 2018 data includes reprogrammed federal formula funds: \$0.13M for CTA, \$0.26M for Metra, and \$0.02M for Pace; for a total of \$0.41M of reprogrammed federal formula funds

\*\*\*\* 2019 data includes reprogrammed federal formula funds: \$8.5M for CTA, and \$0.41M for Pace; for a total of \$8.91M

\*\*\*\*\*2020 includes reprogrammed federal formula funds: \$0.17M for Metra

+ 2021 includes reprogrammed federal formula funds: \$0.17M for Metra and \$.21M for Pace

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Population <sup>1</sup>	Personal Income ( in thousands)		Per Capita Personal Income		Unemploy Rate <sup>2</sup>	ment
2012	12,875,255	\$ 577	,008,488	\$	44,815		8.9%
2013	12,882,135	602	,627,109		46,780		9.2%
2014	12,880,580	619	,808,386		48,120		7.1%
2015	12,861,699	636	,280,652		49,471		5.9%
2016	12,801,539	666	,935,503		52,098		5.9%
2017	12,802,023	676	,053,010		52,808		4.9%
2018	12,741,080	725	,393,900		56,933		4.3%
2019	12,671,821	746	,819,600		58,935		4.0%
2020	12,587,530	792	,728,900		62,977		9.5%
2021	12,671,469	850	,196,600		67,095		6.1%

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis U.S. Department of Commerce

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Data U.S. Department of Labor

### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS

	CURRENT YEAR 2021				N	Ago	
			% of Total Regional				% of Total Regional
Employer <sup>1</sup>	Employees	Rank	Employment	Employer <sup>1</sup>	Employees	Rank	Employment
United States Government	49,400	1	1.15%	United States Government	52,144	1	1.34%
Chicago Public Schools	39,094	2	0.91%	Chicago Public Schools	40,145	2	1.03%
City of Chicago	30,340	3	0.70%	City of Chicago	30,197	3	0.77%
Cook County	21,482	4	0.50%	Cook County	21,057	4	0.54%
Advocate Health System	18,512	5	0.43%	Advocate Health Care	16,710	5	0.43%
JPMorgan Chase	16,045	6	0.37%	State of Illinois	15,400	6	0.40%
University of Chicago	15,452	7	0.36%	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	15,103	7	0.39%
State of Illinois	14,731	8	0.34%	University of Chicago	15,029	8	0.39%
United Continental Holdings	14,000	9	0.33%	Walgreen Co.	14,528	9	0.37%
AT&T Illinois	14,000	10	0.33%	AT&T Inc.	14,000	10	0.36%
Total	233,056		5.41%		234,313	1	6.01%

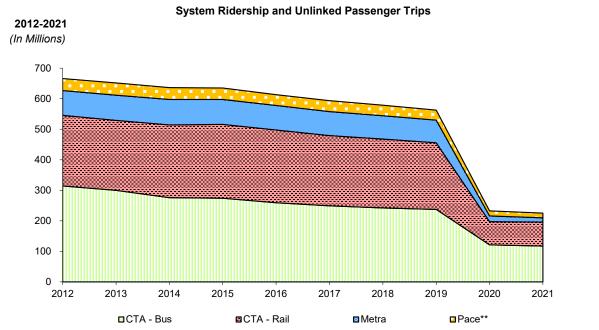
Note: RTA service area includes Cook and the five collar Counties. The information obtained from the sources below has been adjusted

TABLE 15

#### Table 16

# **RTA & SERVICE BOARDS OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS**

Chicago Transit Authority			Metra	Metra Commuter Rail Division*			Pace Suburban Bus Division				
			Commuter Rail			Fixed Route Bus					
	8	rail lines	•	11	rail lines	•	131	regular routes			
	145	stations served	•	488	route miles	•	5	feeder routes			
	1,480	rapid transit cars	•	1,155	miles of track	•	0	shuttle routes			
	78.6	million riders per year	•	242	stations	•	480	vehicles in use during peak periods			
	1,833	STO* positions		173	locomotives			pour ponodo			
						•	12.4	million riders per year			
tor D			•	861	passenger cars		700	Dees surred by se-			
otor Bu	<u>s</u>			182	electric cars	•	723	Pace-owned buses			
	127	bus routes	•	102		•	1,711	full-time employees			
			•	566	weekday trains operated						
	1,859	buses		13.9	million ridoro nor voor	ADA Pa	ratronait				
	117.4	million riders per year	•	13.9	million riders per year	ADA Pa	atransit				
			•	4,422	full-time employees	•	442	Pace-owned lift-equipped			
	3,820	STO* positions						vehicles in service			
			•	278.9	million passenger miles p	er year	2.3	million riders per year			
A Tota	als			32.5	million vehicle revenue mi	• les per year	2.5	million nuers per year			
						•	49	full-time employees			
	0.5	billion rail passenger miles	s per year								
	301.7	301.7 million bus passenger miles p		s per vear			Dial-a-Ride				
	118.5 million vehicle revenue mile										
						•	48	local services			
	4,729	without STO* positions				•	442	Pace-owned lift-equipped vehicles in service			
	*STO is scheduled transit operators. This classification includes bus operators, motorme conductors, and customer assistants.					•	284	communities served			
			n, *All data excludes NICTD South Shore				0.5 million riders per yea				
						Vanpool					
						•	296	vanpool vehicles in operat			
				ervice Boards, the NTD, and RTA records.							



Last Ten Years									(Ir	Millions)
Service Consumed:	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CTA - Bus CTA - Rail	314.4 231.2	300.1 229.1	276.1 238.1	274.3 241.7	259.1 238.6	249.2 230.2	242.2 225.9	237.3 218.5	121.4 76.0	117.4 78.6
Total CTA*	545.6	529.2	514.2	516.0	497.7	479.4	468.1	455.8	197.4	196.0
Metra	81.3	82.3	83.4	81.6	80.1	78.6	76.2	74.0	18.6	13.9
Pace**	39.2	39.9	38.9	37.3	35.4	35.5	34.5	32.7	16.7	15.5
System Total	666.1	651.4	636.5	634.9	613.2	593.5	578.8	562.5	232.7	225.4
Percent Change	2.2%	-2.2%	-2.3%	-0.3%	-3.4%	-3.2%	-2.5%	-2.8%	-58.6%	-3.1%

\*CTA ridership includes rail-to-rail transfers.

\*\*PACE ridership includes ADA Paratransit rides beginning in 2007.

Source of data: National Transit Database and Service Board reported data.

Table 17

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# Regional Transportation Authority Full-time Employee by Function

# Last Five Fiscal Years

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Executive Office	2	2	2	2	2
Human Resources	3	3	3	3	3
Marketing and Communications (1)	4	4	2	4	3
Government Affairs	3	3	3	3	2
Legal and Compliance (2)	13	14	12	11	12
Finance, Innovation and Technology (3)	23	27	26	25	23
Capital Programming and Planning (4)	25	21	23	22	23
Mobility Services (5)	29	29	25	23	19
Total	102	103	96	93	87

## Notes

(1) The Marketing and Communications Department handles internal and external communications, and also oversees Agency branding and regional marketing coordination.

(2) Legal and Compliance Department includes General Counsel, Audit, and Operations (Procurement and Facility/Office Services).

(3) Finance, Innovation and Technology Department includes Budget and Treasury, Controller, Oversight and Compliance, and Information Technology.

(4) Capital Programming and Planning Department contains two main areas: Capital Programming, Local Planning & Program Management and Planning & Market Development.

(5) Mobility Services Department staff all included as part of the regional staff and contains the following regional services: Customer Programs, ADA Paratransit Certification Program, Mobility Management, Travel Information Center, and Regional Accessibility.

Source: RTA HR records



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