



# A New Dawn at METRA

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# MY METRA, OUR FUTURE - 2023-27 STRATEGIC PLAN

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## **MISSION - who we are**

Metra provides safe, reliable, efficient, and affordable **commuter rail** service that enhances the economic and environmental health of Northeast Illinois.



## **VISION - what we aspire to**

To proactively address evolving transportation needs, Metra will provide **regional rail** service that supports sustainable connected communities.

## **STRATEGIC GOALS**

- Enhance service to grow ridership and provide mobility choices
- Ensure the Metra experience is safe, easy, and enjoyable for all customers
- Attract a diverse workforce and invest in our employees
- Innovate to become more efficient and effective
- Be a socially responsible organization committed to equity and sustainability

# BIG CHANGES FOR 2024



# 2024 FARE PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

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- **Multiple pandemic-era price promotions**
- **Simplify fares for new and existing riders alike**
- **Align with Metra Strategic Plan**



# GOALS OF NEW FARE STRUCTURE

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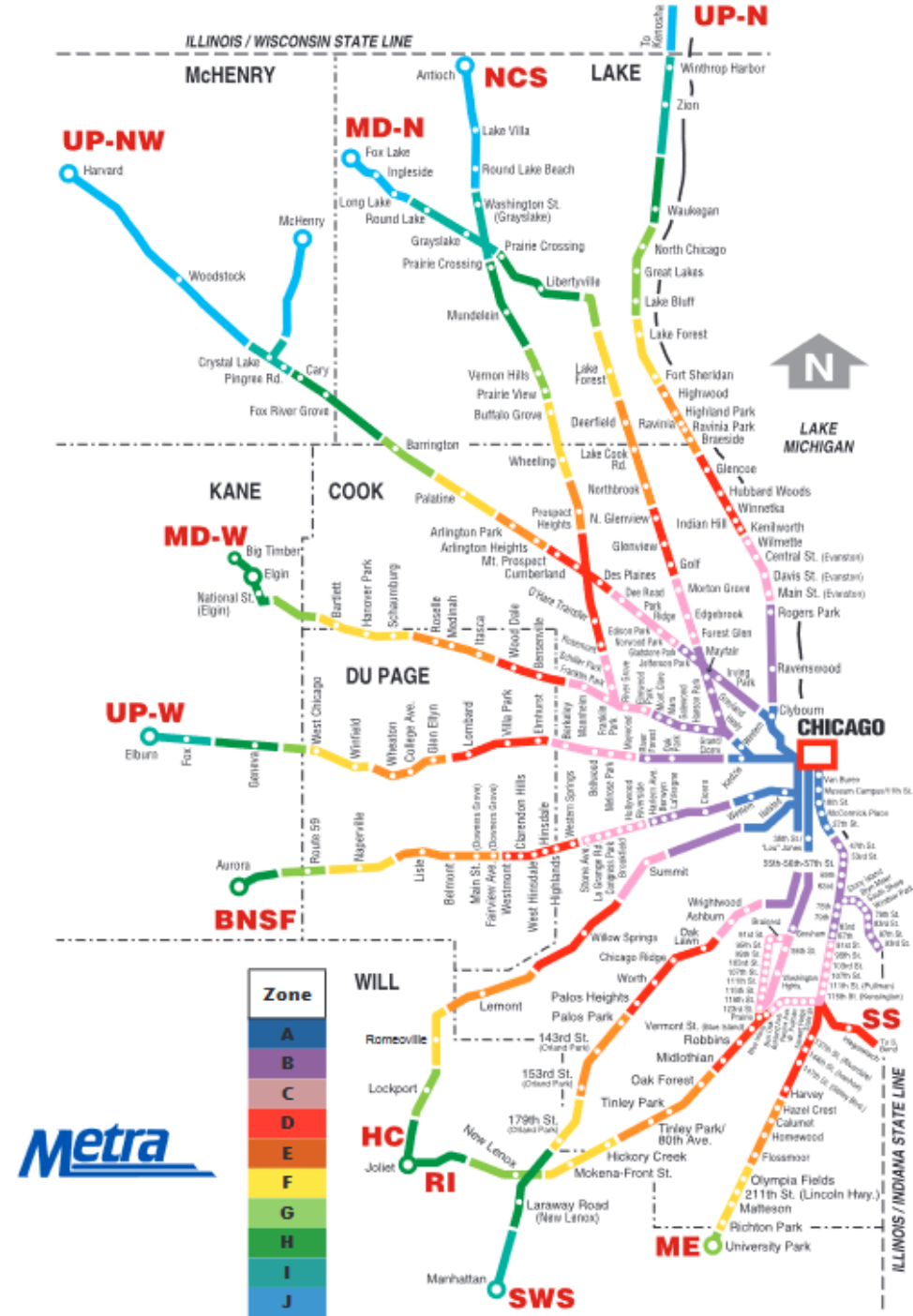
- **Encourage ridership**
- **Create a system that is easily understandable for customers**
- **Simplify onboard fare collection as much as possible**
- **Work within our budget and technological restraints.**





# Metra Fare Zones

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# FARE TABLE

Zone	Ticket	A	B	C	D
A	Monthly	\$100.00			
	Ten-Ride	38.00			
	Day Pass	6.00			
	One-Way	4.00			
B	Monthly	100.00	\$100.00		
	Ten-Ride	40.50	38.00		
	Day Pass	6.00	6.00		
	One-Way	4.25	4.00		
C	Monthly	100.00	100.00	\$100.00	
	Ten-Ride	52.25	40.50	38.00	
	Day Pass	6.00	6.00	6.00	
	One-Way	5.50	4.25	4.00	
D	Monthly	100.00	100.00	100.00	\$100.00
	Ten-Ride	59.50	52.25	40.50	38.00
	Day Pass	10.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
	One-Way	6.25	5.50	4.25	4.00
E	Monthly	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Ten-Ride	64.25	59.50	52.25	40.50
	Day Pass	10.00	10.00	6.00	6.00
	One-Way	6.75	6.25	5.50	4.25
F	Monthly	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Ten-Ride	69.00	64.25	59.50	52.25
	Day Pass	10.00	10.00	10.00	6.00
	One-Way	7.25	6.75	6.25	5.50
G	Monthly	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Ten-Ride	73.75	69.00	64.25	59.50
	Day Pass	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	One-Way	7.75	7.25	6.75	6.25
H	Monthly	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Ten-Ride	78.50	73.75	69.00	64.25
	Day Pass	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	One-Way	8.25	7.75	7.25	6.75
I	Monthly	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Ten-Ride	85.50	78.50	73.75	69.00
	Day Pass	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	One-Way	9.00	8.25	7.75	7.25
J	Monthly	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Ten-Ride	90.25	85.50	78.50	73.75
	Day Pass	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	One-Way	9.50	9.00	8.25	7.75

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## Ticket Options and Fares

Full Fare Pricing by Zone				Reduced Fare* Pricing by Zone				Purchase Options		
1 2	1 2 3	1 2 3 4	2 3 4	1 2	1 2 3	1 2 3 4	2 3 4	AT Station 	ON Phone 	ON Train 
Trips not going to Zone 1 should use the pricing listed in the 2-3-4 column.										

Riding Today Only?												
<b>One-Way</b> A one-way, single ride ticket between selected zones. One-Way Tickets purchased from machines expire three hours after purchase.	\$3.75	\$5.50	\$6.75	\$3.75	\$1.75	\$2.75	\$3.25	\$1.75	•	•	•	
<b>Day Pass</b> Unlimited rides all day between selected zones. Expires at 3 a.m. the next day.	\$7.50	\$11.00	\$13.50	\$7.50	\$3.50	\$5.50	\$6.50	\$3.50	•	•		
<b>Savings for Frequent Riders!</b>												
<b>Day Pass 5-Pack</b> <i>Save 5%</i> <i>Ventra app only.</i> Five Day Passes that can be used on any five days within 90 days of purchase. Each Day Pass expires at 3 a.m. the next day. Can be shared by up to five people traveling in a group.	\$35.75	\$52.25	\$64.25	\$35.75	\$17.50	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$17.50		•		
<b>Monthly Pass</b> <i>Save 15% or more if you ride more than 2 days per week.</i> Unlimited rides for a calendar month between selected zones on weekdays and systemwide on weekends. Available from the 20th to the 12th. Expires at noon on the first business day of the next month.	\$75.00	\$110.00	\$135.00	\$75.00	\$37.50	\$55.00	\$67.50	\$37.50	•	•		
<b>Savings for Weekend Riders!</b>												
<b>Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday Day Pass</b> Unlimited rides systemwide on either Saturday or Sunday or major holidays. Expires 3 a.m. the next day.	\$7.00				\$7.00				•	•	•	
<b>Weekend Pass</b> <i>Ventra app only.</i> Unlimited rides systemwide on Saturday and Sunday. Expires at 3 a.m. the next day following the weekend.	\$10.00				\$10.00					•		
<b>Frequent Rider also using CTA or Pace?</b>												
<b>Regional Connect Pass</b> <i>Must be purchased with a Monthly Pass.</i> Valid for unlimited trips on CTA buses and trains and Pace buses for a calendar month. Expires at noon the first business day of the following month.	Cost of Monthly Pass + \$30.00				Cost of Monthly Pass + \$30.00					•		

\* Senior citizens 65 or older, customers with disabilities and Medicare cardholders who have an RTA-issued Reduced Fare Permit, and low-income customers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) with an RTA-issued Access permit, are eligible for reduced fare tickets. Reduced fares are also available for K-12 students and active duty military personnel with identification.

Metra Fares

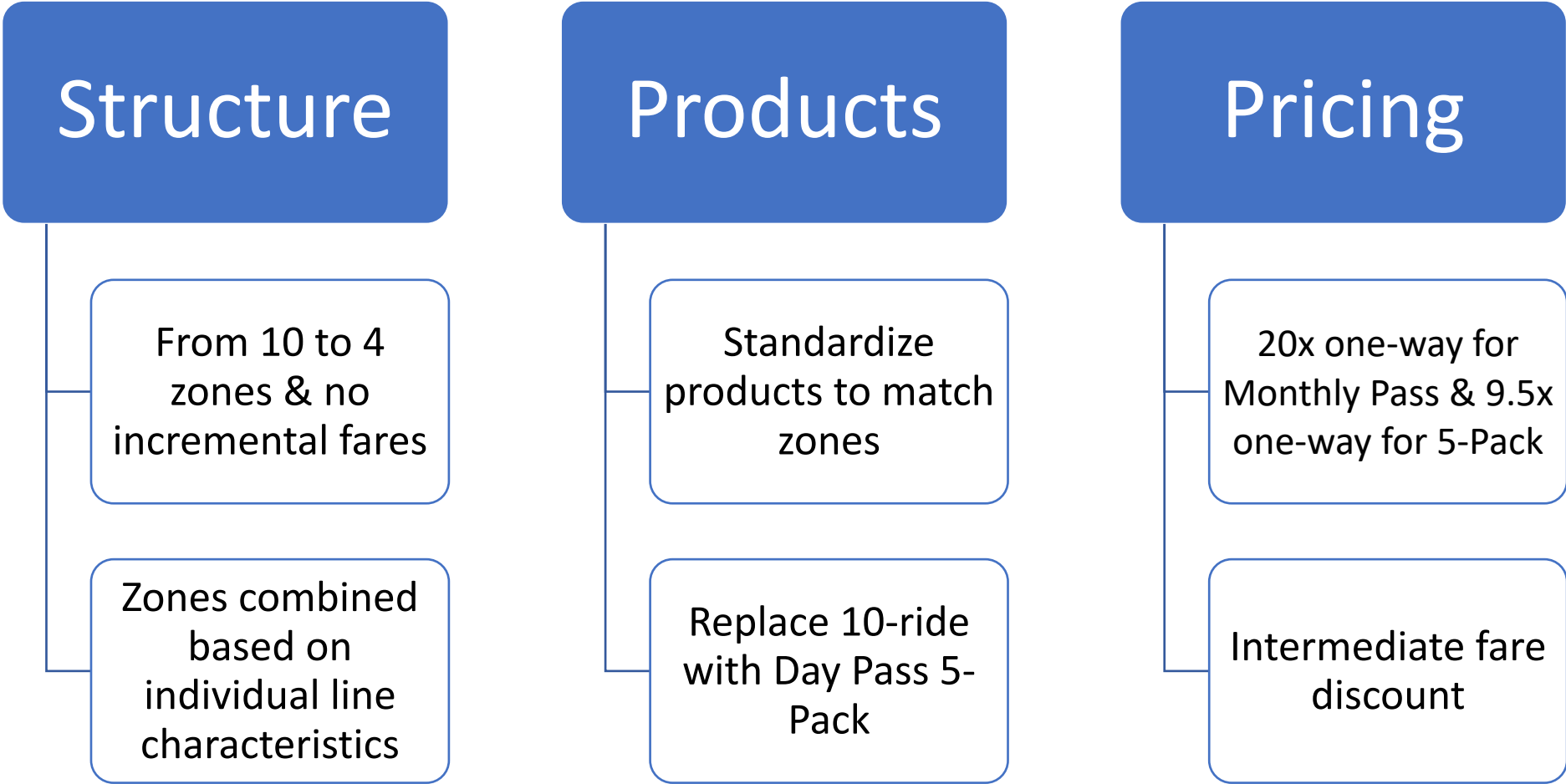


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# KEY POINTS OF PROPOSAL

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## ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM

**SNAP recipients  
ride Metra for less**



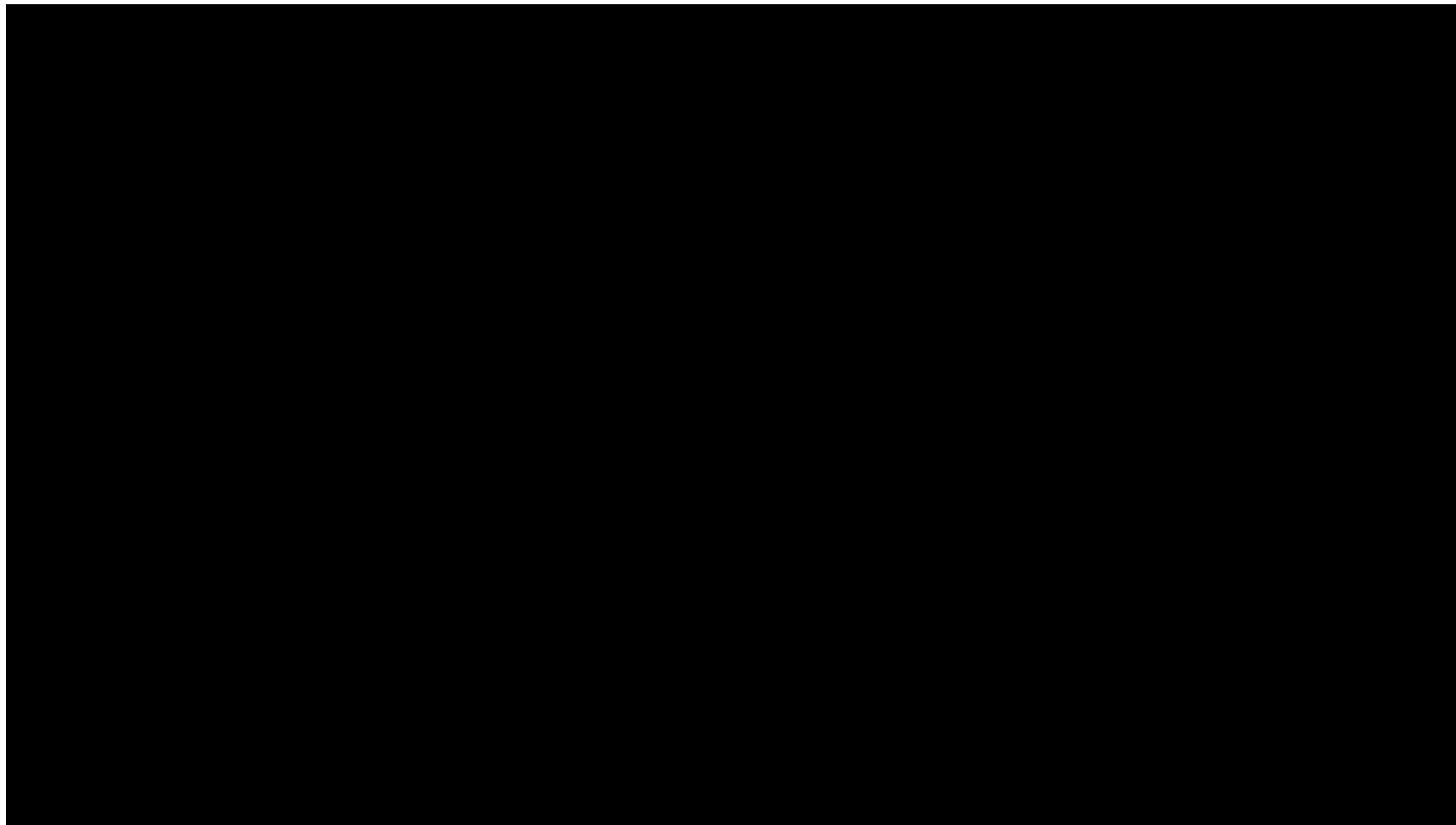
**Get Access**

- **Replacement and evolution of Fair Transit South Cook Pilot**
- **Allows low-income residents of six-county service area to pay reduced fare rates for all tickets**
- **Eligibility determined by enrollment in federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**
- **Partnership with Cook County and RTA will run 18 months**

# SD70-MACH LOCOMOTIVES



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# ALSTOM RAILCARS UPDATE

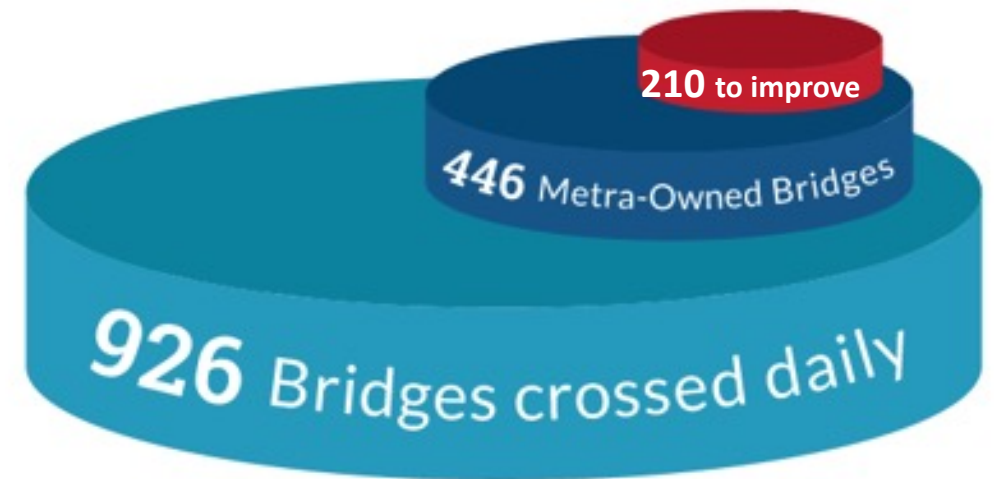


# COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO BRIDGES

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- Comprehensive inspections
- Data-driven analysis
- Programmatic approach to upgrading bridges
- Bridge inventory in place



# NEXT STEP: FUNDING THE PLAN

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## Current Approach

Replacing 3 bridges per year on average systemwide.



## Proposed Plan

20 year program replacing 5 bridges and rehabilitating 5 bridges per year.



100 bridges replaced



100 bridges rehabilitated



\$140M per year/\$2.8B total\*



## Enhanced Proposed Plan

20 year program replacing 12 bridges and rehabilitating 5 bridges per year, addressing all 210 bridges below desired standards.



240 bridges replaced




100 bridges rehabilitated



\$280M per year/\$5.6B total\*

*\* Does not account for future escalation for program year start or escalation over 20-year program.*

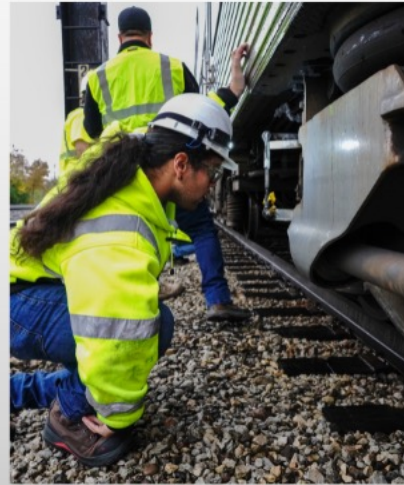
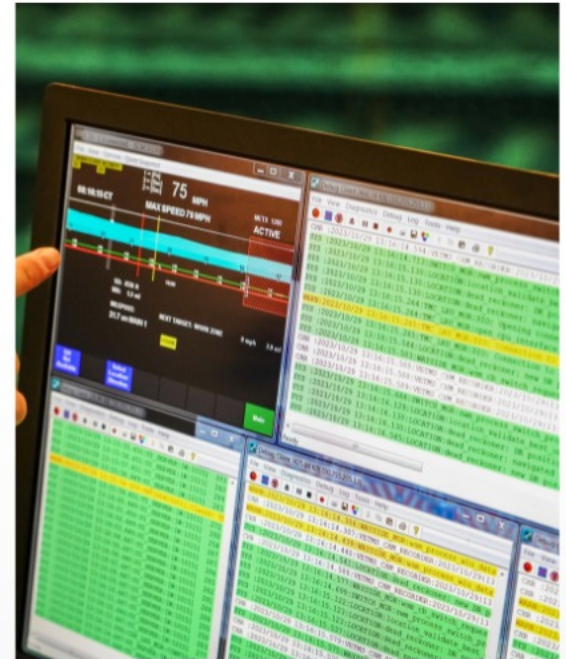


*That's the  
way we've  
always  
done it.*

# ***GAINING SPEED ON THE*** **METRA ELECTRIC**

On Sunday, Oct. 29, members of Metra's engineering, mechanical, and transportation departments conducted tests for operating Metra Electric trains at 79 miles per hour.

**Congrats on a successful test!**







# ME 90 - BENEFITS

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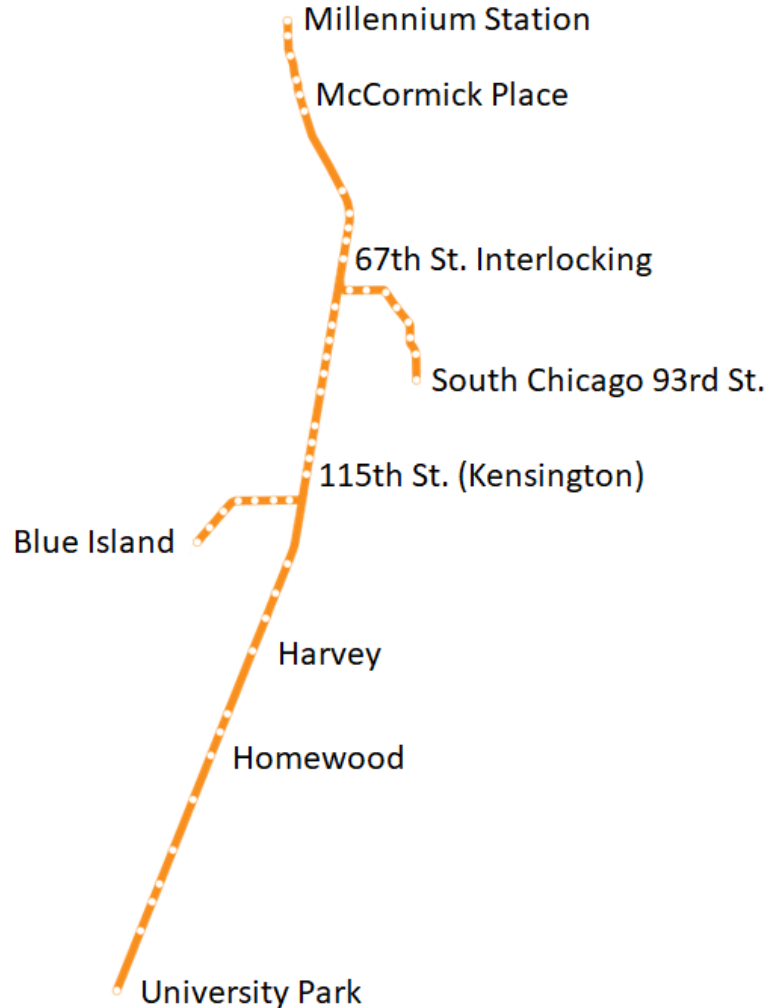
## Improving Passenger Mobility to the Region

- Faster Trips
- Frequency
- Consistency
- Resiliency
- Creating better connections to other destinations, such as Amtrak, CTA, NICTD, & Pace



# ME 90 - PROJECT MAP OF IMPROVEMENTS

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## Next Steps and Areas of Focus

1. University Park to Homewood
2. Homewood to Kensington
3. Kensington to 67<sup>th</sup> St.
4. 67<sup>th</sup> St. to McCormick Place
5. Onboard vehicles

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# WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, AND WHERE ARE WE GOING

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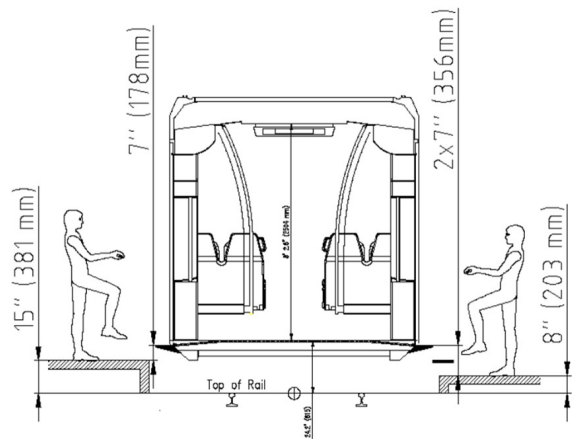




# ALL-ELECTRIC TRAINSET PROCUREMENT

- **Determining Factors**

- Low-level Boarding
- Better Passenger Flow
- Weight
- Flexibility
- Value



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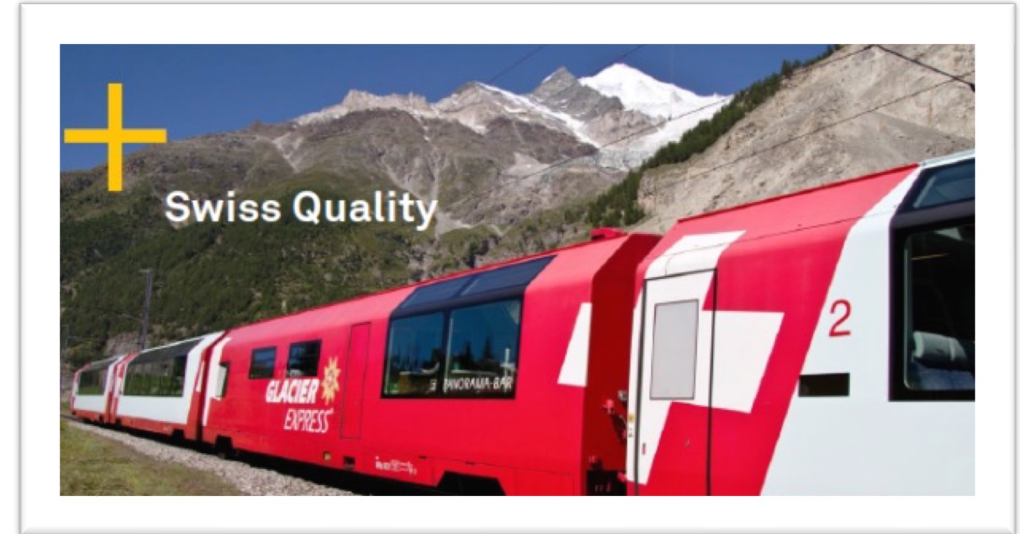




# ALL-ELECTRIC TRAINSET PROCUREMENT

## *Stadler*

- **Background**
  - **Swiss Company**
  - **Large European Presence**
  - **Manufacturing Plant in Salt Lake City**
- **Experience**
  - **TEX Rail - Flirt DMU - 8 Trainsets - 5 Years in Service**
  - **Caltrain - KISS EMU 7-Car Trainsets - 19 Trainsets - Delivery and Testing in Process**
  - **Europe - Three Different Battery EMU Contracts in Process**



# ALL-ELECTRIC TRAINSET PROCUREMENT

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- ***Trainset Order***

- **Eight 2-car battery electric self-propelled trainsets**
  - **ADA compliant**
  - **Seats 112**
  - **Trainsets can be 2-4 cars total in length**
- **Options for additional eight 2-car trainsets and up to 32 trailer cars**

- ***Financial Capital Impact***

- **October 2023 - Metra awarded LARGEST discretionary grant in its history**
  - **FTA Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality Program - \$169.3 million**
- **Discretionary grant funds entire base order with small Metra match - does not take away any funds from other vital projects (i.e. bridges, stations, rolling stock rehabilitations, etc.)**



# ALL-ELECTRIC TRAINSET PROCUREMENT

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- ***Next Steps***

- **Multiple Internal Committees to Form**

- **Infrastructure Improvements - Mechanical, Engineering and Capital Delivery**
    - **Schedule and Service - Mechanical, Transportation, and Operations**
    - **Input throughout Design Process with Labor Organizations (similar to process used with New Car Procurement)**



QUESTIONS?

