ORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL TRANSIT

RTA

Planning, Oversight, Funding

CTA
Provides bus and rail service in Chicago and adjoining suburbs

Metra
Provides commuter rail service in 6 county region

Pace
Provides bus and vanpool services within suburbs and between suburbs and Chicago and paratransit services throughout the region
RTA SIX COUNTY REGION

- 8 million people
- 260 municipalities
- 6 counties
- 3,700 square miles
- 570 million riders
- 4,800 bus & rail cars
- 380 stations
- 400 routes
- 7,200 route miles
- $27 billion in assets
- 2nd largest transit system in US
REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RTAP)

- Benefits Communities and the RTA Transit System
- 8th year of program
Q: How can local municipalities leverage the resources they control to help launch investment and redevelopment in the station area?

A: Physical Improvements
Policy Changes
Physical Improvements: Assemble Land
Physical Improvements:
Upgrade, relocate, or develop civic and public spaces
Physical Improvements: Lower Cost
Physical Improvements: Higher Cost
Policy Changes: Zoning Regulations

- Create Mixed Districts
- Design Guidelines
- Transit Zone Overlay = Most Effective Approach
Policy Changes: Permit and Plan Review Process

- Waive fee requirements
- Streamline the process
- Allow flexibility

“Make it easy for them to do the right thing.”
- Richard Bernhardt
Policy Changes: Partner With Transit Providers
For More Information

Regional Transportation Asset Management System

[www.RTAMS.org](http://www.RTAMS.org)

Provides planning and financial information on the transportation system in the northeastern Illinois area surrounding Chicago. RTAMS also allows users to access transit and tollway data through an interactive map.

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