A New Dawn at METRA

Presented by Jim Derwinski, Metra Executive Director/CEO
Metra provides safe, reliable, efficient, and affordable **commuter rail** service that enhances the economic and environmental health of Northeast Illinois.

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

**MISSION** - who we are

**VISION** - what we aspire to

**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
2024 FARE PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

- Multiple pandemic-era price promotions
- Simplify fares for new and existing riders alike
- Align with Metra Strategic Plan
GOALS OF NEW FARE STRUCTURE

• 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.
## FARE TABLE

### Ticket Options and Fares

**Riding Today Only?**

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<td>Unlimited rides all day between selected zones. Expires at 3 a.m. the next day.</td>
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<td>Day Pass 5-Pack</td>
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**Savings for Weekend Riders!**

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**Frequent Rider also using CTA or Pace?**

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*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.*
KEY POINTS OF PROPOSAL

Structure
- From 10 to 4 zones & no incremental fares
- Zones combined based on individual line characteristics

Products
- Standardize products to match zones
- Replace 10-ride with Day Pass 5-Pack

Pricing
- 20x one-way for Monthly Pass & 9.5x one-way for 5-Pack
- Intermediate fare discount
ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM

SNAP recipients ride Metra for less

• 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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COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO BRIDGES

- Comprehensive inspections
- Data-driven analysis
- Programmatic approach to upgrading bridges
- Bridge inventory in place
NEXT STEP: FUNDING THE PLAN

* 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

Improving Passenger Mobility to the Region

- Faster Trips
- Frequency
- Consistency
- Resiliency
- Creating better connections to other destinations, such as Amtrak, CTA, NICTD, & Pace
Next Steps and Areas of Focus

1. University Park to Homewood
2. Homewood to Kensington
3. Kensington to 67th St.
4. 67th St. to McCormick Place
5. Onboard vehicles
ALL-ELECTRIC TRAINSET PROCUREMENT
WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, AND WHERE ARE WE GOING
ALL-ELECTRIC TRAINSET PROCUREMENT

• **Determining Factors**
  • Low-level Boarding
  • Better Passenger Flow
  • Weight
  • Flexibility
  • Value
ALL-ELECTRIC TRAINSET PROCUREMENT

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- **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

• **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

• **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?