

Regional ADA Paratransit Capital Budget – Five Year Plan

Overview

The Five Year Regional ADA Capital Program is considered Unconstrained as it does not have any capital funding at the present time. The \$45 million which was slated from the State to Pace to purchase the replacement of contractor owned ADA buses in the City and Pace ADA buses operated in the suburbs has not been appropriated by the State legislature.

Pace received a State Bond grant in 2010 which included \$14 million dollars - \$9 million for 113 suburban Dial-a-Ride buses and \$5 million for 62 Regional ADA buses. It is our understanding this grant did not commit funding from the \$45 million because it was not appropriated; rather it came from the Suburban “*Illinois Jobs Now*” funding. In the absence of any future funding from the State, the Regional ADA capital needs remain unfunded. If this funding does not materialize in the future, Pace will move the replacement of its suburban ADA buses back to the suburban capital program for funding, but the City buses will remain unfunded.

The 2012 Capital Budget only contains one project for Regional ADA. Pace will make a special request to RTA to fund this project from discretionary money in 2012. Pace currently rents approximately 11,000 square feet of office space at the Metra building located at 547 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL. This space is overcrowded and RTA offered an additional 1,500 square feet of space which they are currently renting, but cannot use. RTA would not charge any rent, but Pace would have to pay for the interior improvements. The space is completely unimproved - no carpeting, ceiling, or walls. Therefore, we plan to ask the RTA to pay for these improvements since there is no other funding alternative. This is estimated at \$75,000.

The Unconstrained Regional ADA Five Year Capital Program totals \$127.330 million for the five years. A detailed five year program is contained in Table 31.



Private contractor buses are used in the City of Chicago. Without a predictable funding source, Pace cannot replace them.

Highlights of the Five Year Regional ADA Program include:

- 1,004 replacement buses
- Radios and farebox systems
- Call recorder equipment
- Construction of two garage facilities in the City of Chicago
- Construction of an ADA administration facility
- Lease of three regional call centers and purchase of call center telephone equipment
- Improvements to the Metra office space which houses our Regional ADA administrative employees
- Construct two transfer centers in the City of Chicago

Table 31. 2012–2016 Regional ADA Paratransit—Unconstrained Capital Budget (000's)

Project Description	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	5 YEAR 2012-2016
REGIONAL ADA VEHICLE NEEDS	241	143	245	56	319	1004
ROLLING STOCK						
Paratransit Buses	\$ 19,280	\$ 11,440	\$ 19,600	\$ 4,480	\$ 25,520	\$ 80,320
Associated Capital	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,000
Subtotal - Rolling Stock	\$ 20,280	\$ 12,440	\$ 20,600	\$ 5,480	\$ 26,520	\$ 85,320
ELECTRICAL/SIGNAL/COMMUNICATIONS						
Radio System	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Call Recorder for Contractor Sites	0	0	125	0	0	125
Subtotal - Electrical/Signal/Communications	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 125	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,125
SUPPORT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT						
Construct two Garage Facilities	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 20,000
Construct ADA Administration Facility	0	0	1,100	225	4,275	5,600
Regional Call Centers - three leased facilities	0	250	250	250	0	750
Computers and Systems	950	300	135	1,000	300	2,685
Regional Call Center Telephone Equipment	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	6,000
Farebox System	0	1,000	975	1,200	0	3,175
Improvements to Metra Office Space	75	0	100	0	0	175
Subtotal - Support Facilities & Equipment	\$ 1,025	\$ 4,550	\$ 13,560	\$ 5,675	\$ 13,575	\$ 38,385
STATIONS AND PASSENGER FACILITIES						
Construct two Transfer Facilities	\$ 0	\$ 250	\$ 1,000	\$ 250	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500
Subtotal Stations & Passenger Facilities	\$ 0	\$ 250	\$ 1,000	\$ 250	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500
GRAND TOTAL NEEDS	\$ 21,305	\$ 18,240	\$ 35,285	\$ 11,405	\$ 41,095	\$ 127,330