Suburban Service and Regional ADA Budget Results

May 2026

Budget Department

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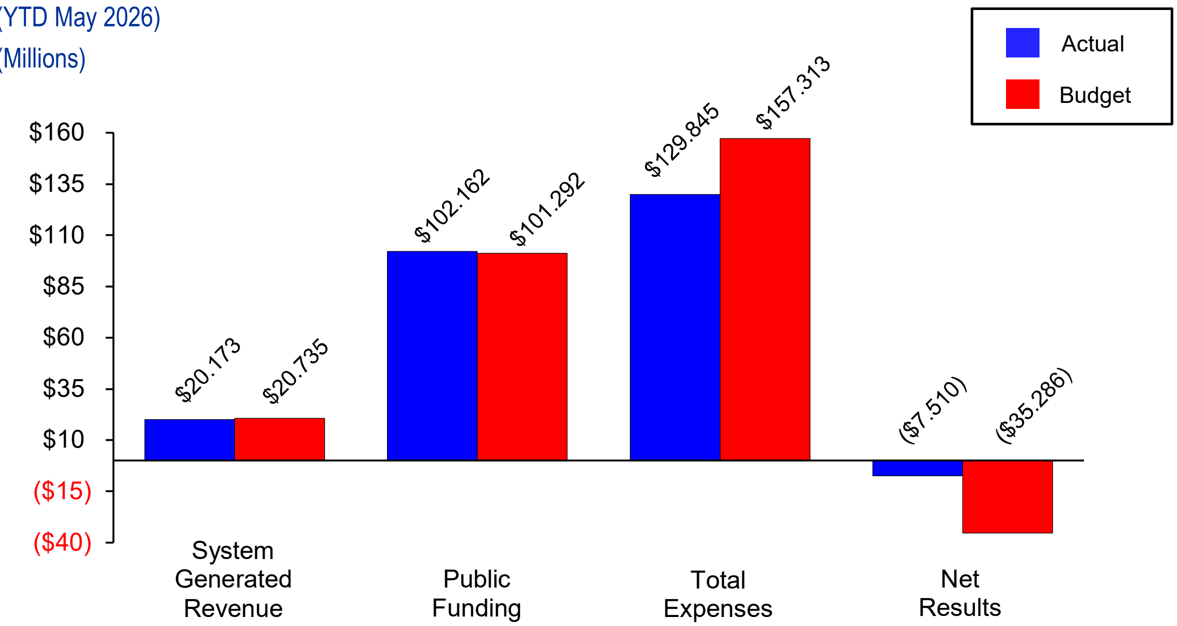
Actual Performance At-A-Glance
May 2026

Suburban Service

(YTD May 2026)

(Millions)

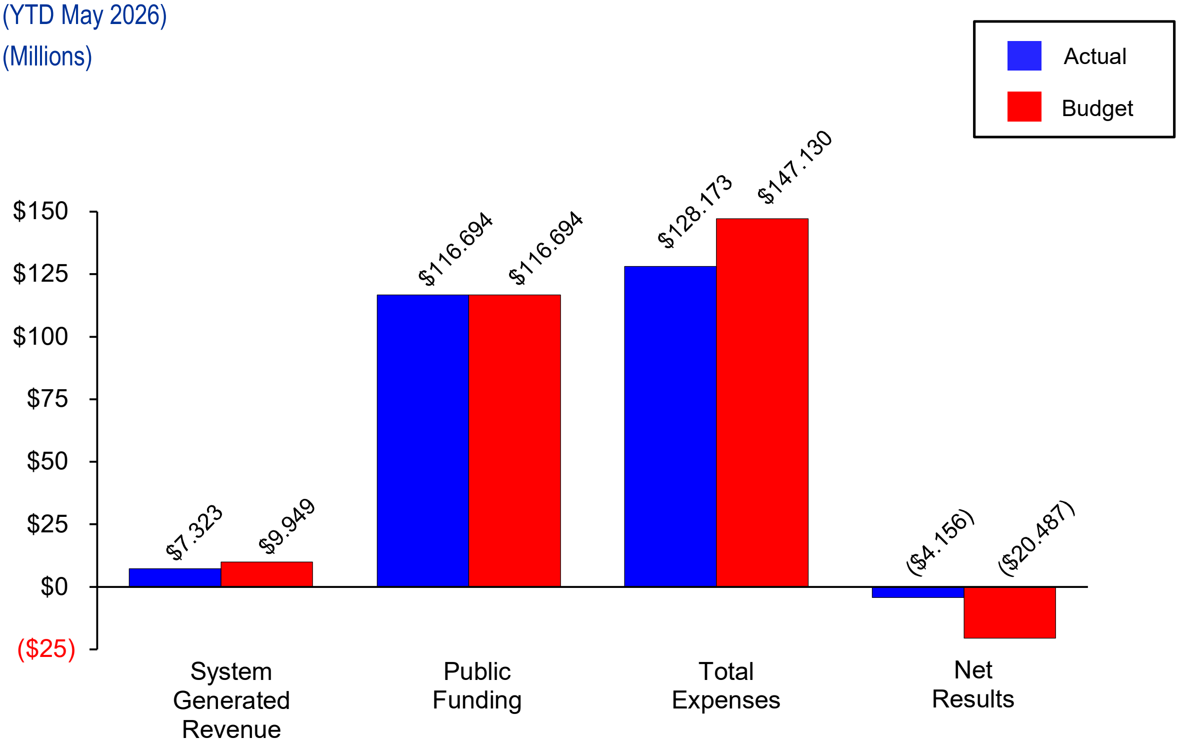


Suburban Service results reflect a negative variance of $7.5 million through May 2026.

ADA Service

(YTD May 2026)

(Millions)



ADA Service results reflect a negative variance of $4.2 million through May 2026.

Suburban Service Budget Review

Suburban Service revenues are 2.7% below budget through May.

Total expenses are $27.5 million or 17.5% below budget through May. Positive variances are noted for most line items.

Fuel expenses are 10.5% above budget through May due to increased prices. The YTD average price for diesel is $3.18/gallon, $0.51 above the budgeted price of $2.67/gallon.

The Suburban Service funding requirement is $26.9 million below budget due to favorable expense results.

Public funding revenues are 0.9% above budget through May due to overperformance of sales tax and despite delays in receipt of Other Public Funding.

The Suburban Service recovery ratio is 15.54% compared to a budget of 13.18% for May.

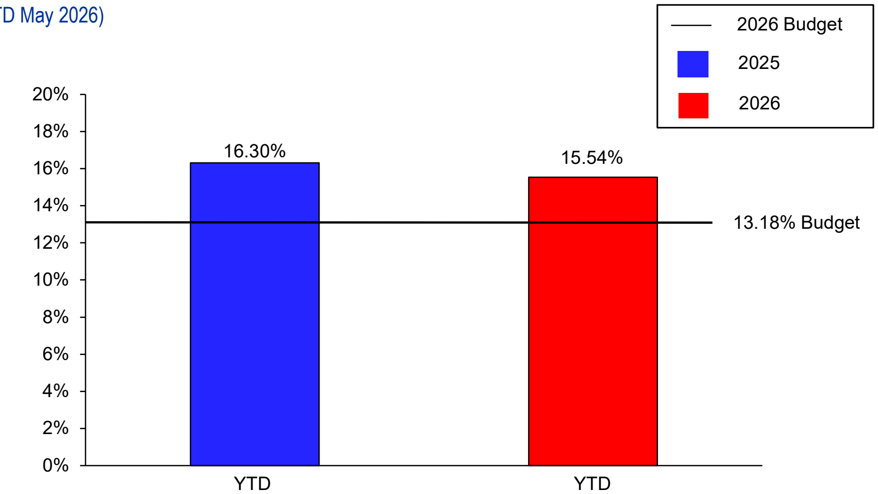
Suburban Service Detailed Budget Results

(YTD May 2026)

	Actual	Budget	Variance	% of Budget Remaining
REVENUE				
Farebox	$ 8,287,764	$ 9,424,743	$ (1,136,979)	65.06%
Half-Fare Reimbursement	736,215	735,455	760	58.90%
Advertising Revenue	287,500	387,500	(100,000)	69.09%
Other	10,861,108	10,186,987	674,121	55.40%
Total Suburban Revenue	$ 20,172,587	$ 20,734,685	$ (562,098)	60.26%
EXPENSES				
Fox Valley	$ 3,227,965	$ 3,741,096	$ 513,131	64.74%
Heritage	4,386,030	5,229,268	843,238	65.71%
North	3,886,379	4,286,138	399,759	62.94%
North Shore	3,318,647	3,836,517	517,870	64.53%
Northwest	10,054,376	12,583,710	2,484,334	67.25%
River	5,335,828	6,695,692	1,359,864	67.48%
South	11,526,692	13,350,161	1,823,469	64.66%
Southwest	5,259,208	6,244,938	985,730	65.53%
West	14,803,170	15,773,214	970,044	61.68%
Total Pace Operating Divisions	$ 61,798,294	$ 71,695,734	$ 9,897,440	64.77%
Highland Park	778,993	820,174	41,181	56.73%
Niles	262,535	697,452	434,917	84.79%
Schaumburg Trolley	179,584	173,220	(6,364)	70.78%
Total Public Contract Carriers	$ 1,221,112	$ 1,690,846	$ 469,734	70.51%
Other Expenses				
Private Contract Carriers	$ 1,434,286	$ 1,552,210	$ 117,924	61.95%
Demand Response Services	10,957,401	14,020,775	3,063,374	67.44%
Van Pool Program	647,171	751,801	104,630	67.39%
Grant-funded Service	2,680,977	2,653,700	(27,277)	15.81%
Administration	18,295,262	28,492,703	10,197,441	73.12%
Centralized Support	12,632,100	13,806,709	1,174,609	65.01%
Fuel	6,645,879	6,013,701	(632,178)	54.80%
Insurance	5,285,841	6,508,611	1,222,770	66.16%
Health Care	12,803,637	15,682,409	2,878,772	65.98%
Indirect Overhead Allocation	(4,557,379)	(5,556,345)	(998,966)	65.82%
Total Suburban Expenses	$ 129,844,582	$ 157,312,854	$ 27,468,272	65.91%
FUNDING REQUIREMENT	$ 109,671,995	$ 136,578,169	$ 26,906,174	73.19%
FUNDING				
RTA Funding	$ 99,675,301	$ 97,803,638	$ 1,871,663	64.27%
Other Public Funding	2,486,519	3,488,350	(1,001,831)	95.14%
Total Funding	$ 102,161,820	$ 101,291,988	$ 869,832	69.06%
Net Results	$ (7,510,175)	$ (35,286,181)	$ 27,776,006	
Recovery Ratio	15.54%	13.18%		

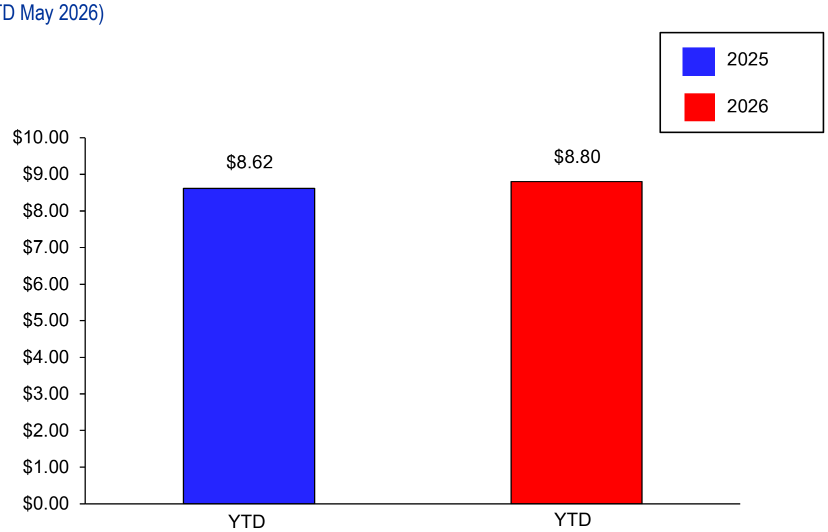
Suburban Service Indicators

Suburban Service Recovery Ratio
(YTD May 2026)



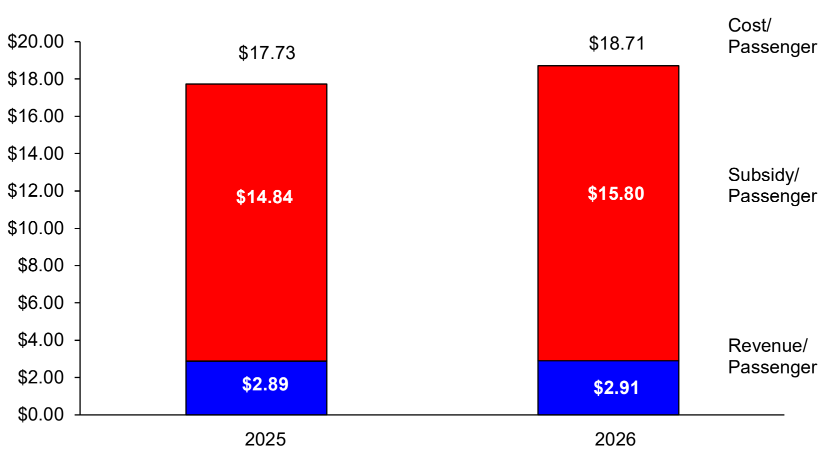
The Suburban Service recovery ratio of 15.54% is above the May phased budget of 13.13%. For comparison purposes, 2025 results do not include credits authorized by RTA which have been removed in 2026 per the NITA legislation.

Suburban Service Cost Per Mile
(YTD May 2026)



The Suburban Service cost per mile is 2.1% above prior year levels. Expenses are up 3.0% from prior year while total mileage is up 1.0%.

Suburban Service Cost Per Passenger
(YTD May 2026)



The YTD total cost per passenger is up 5.5% from May 2025 - expenses are up 3.0% and ridership is down 2.4%.

Compared to prior year levels, the average revenue per passenger is up $0.02 and the subsidy per passenger is up $0.52.

Regional ADA Budget Review

Total Regional ADA revenue is 26.4% below the May budget due to lower than expected ridership which impacts passenger fares.

Per RTA direction, budgeted ridership assumes an increased TAP/RAP monthly ride limit from the 30 ride cap set in October 2025. The RTA has recently approved an increase to 40 rides per month for qualifying riders, the impact of which should be seen in future months.

Total expenses are 12.9% favorable to budget for May. Below budget ridership is contributing to below budget Purchased Transportation expense.

The total Regional ADA funding requirement is $16.3 million favorable to budget due to favorable expense results.

Regional ADA recovery performance of 5.71% is below the phased budgeted rate.

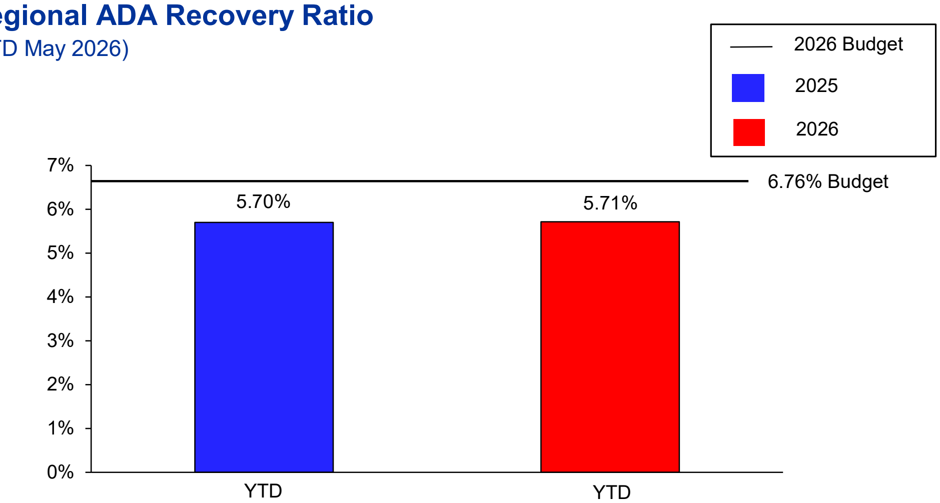
Regional ADA Detailed Budget Results

(YTD May 2026)

	Suburban ADA	Chicago ADA	Regional ADA	Regional Budget	Variance
REVENUE					
Farebox	$ 1,123,563	$ 4,773,152	$ 5,896,716	$ 8,843,020	$ (2,946,305)
Other	127,028	1,299,855	1,426,883	1,105,677	321,206
Total Revenue	$ 1,250,591	$ 6,073,007	$ 7,323,599	$ 9,948,697	$ (2,625,098)
EXPENSES					
Purchased Transportation	$ 19,479,633	$ 96,757,799	$ 116,237,432	$ 132,702,360	$ 16,464,928
Fuel	867,189	1,984,657	2,851,846	3,225,939	374,093
Administration	386,631	3,014,464	3,401,094	4,212,771	811,677
Insurance	62,177	378,238	440,415	626,770	186,355
RTA Certification	102,173	583,066	685,239	806,049	120,810
Indirect Overhead Allocation	0	0	4,557,379	5,556,345	998,966
Total Expenses	$ 20,897,802	$ 102,718,224	$ 128,173,405	$ 147,130,234	$ 18,956,829
Funding Requirement	$ 19,647,211	$ 96,645,216	$ 120,849,806	$ 137,181,537	$ 16,331,731
FUNDING					
ADA Regional Paratransit			$ 111,902,222	$ 111,901,717	$ 505
Other Public Funding			$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
ADA Reserve Funding			$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
ADA State Funding			$ 4,791,665	$ 4,791,665	$ 0
Total Funding			$ 116,693,887	$ 116,693,382	$ 505
Funding Surplus/(Shortfall)			$ (4,155,920)	$ (20,488,155)	$ 16,332,235
Recovery Ratio w/Credits			5.71%	6.76%	

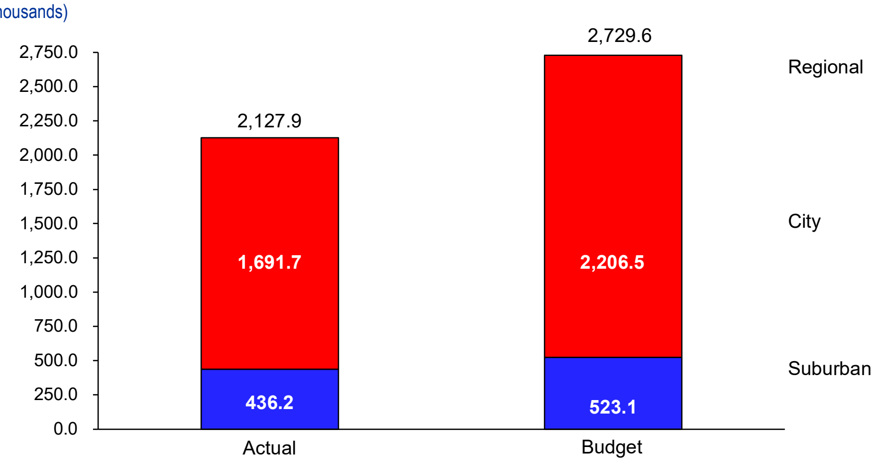
Regional ADA Indicators

Regional ADA Recovery Ratio
(YTD May 2026)



The Regional ADA recovery ratio is below the May 2026 phased budgeted rate of 6.76%. For comparison purposes, 2025 results do not include credits authorized by RTA which have been removed in 2026 per the NITA legislation.

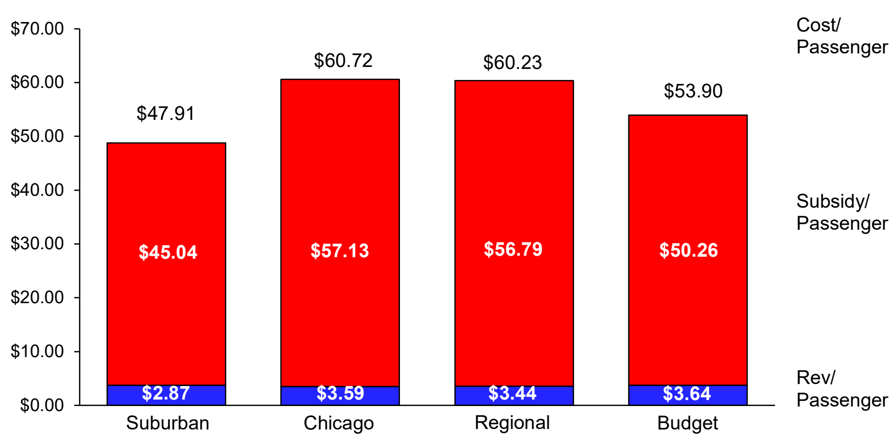
Regional ADA Ridership
(YTD May 2026)
(Thousands)



Ridership excludes Personal Care Attendants (PCAs).

Regional ADA ridership is 22.0% below budget through May 2026 and is down 11.8% from May 2025. Per RTA direction, budgeted ridership assumes an increased TAP/RAP monthly ride limit from the 30 ride cap set in October 2025. RTA has recently approved an increase to 40 rides per month for qualifying riders, the impact of which should be seen in future months.

Regional ADA Performance Per Passenger
(YTD May 2026)



Ridership excludes Personal Care Attendants (PCAs).

The Regional ADA cost per passenger is $6.33 above budget through May.

Revenue per rider is $0.20 below budget and the total subsidy per passenger is $6.53 above budget.

Budget Results by Program

(YTD May 2026)

	Pace Divisions w/ Grant-funded Service	Public Carriers	Private Carriers	Demand Response Services	Vanpool	Administration	Central Support	Total Suburban Srv Actual	Total Suburban Srv Budget	Total Suburban Srv Variance
REVENUE										
Farebox	$ 6,906,755	$ 38,171	$ 50,359	$ 864,358	$ 428,120	$ 0	$ 0	$ 8,287,764	$ 9,424,743	$ (1,136,979)
Half-Fare Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0	736,215	0	736,215	735,455	760
Advertising Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	287,500	0	287,500	387,500	(100,000)
Other	479,371	248,636	267,890	4,822,327	0	5,042,885	0	10,861,108	10,186,987	674,121
Total Revenue	$ 7,386,126	$ 286,807	$ 318,249	$ 5,686,684	$ 428,120	$ 6,066,600	$ 0	$ 20,172,587	$ 20,734,685	$ (562,098)
EXPENSES										
Operations										
Labor/Fringes	$ 43,833,358	$ 401,075	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 2,279,599	$ 46,514,032	$ 53,286,955	$ 6,772,923
Parts/Supplies	729	0	0	0	0	0	923,425	924,155	1,005,259	81,104
Purchased Transportation	0	179,584	1,434,286	10,876,000	0	0	0	12,489,870	15,720,350	3,230,480
Fuel	0	0	0	0	278,885	0	6,645,879	6,924,765	6,293,020	(631,745)
Other	141,663	6,987	0	4,386	368,286	0	0	521,322	616,491	95,169
Subtotal	$ 43,975,750	$ 587,646	$ 1,434,286	$ 10,880,386	$ 647,171	$ 0	$ 9,848,903	$ 67,374,144	$ 76,922,075	$ 9,547,931
Vehicle Maintenance										
Labor/Fringes	$ 10,210,993	$ 167,399	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 1,402,020	$ 11,780,411	$ 14,789,437	$ 3,009,026
Parts/Supplies	5,747,018	12,121	0	0	0	0	37,584	5,796,723	5,979,238	182,515
Other	199,448	32,547	0	69,393	0	0	918,391	1,219,780	1,558,078	338,298
Subtotal	$ 16,157,460	$ 212,067	$ 0	$ 69,393	$ 0	$ 0	$ 2,357,995	$ 18,796,915	$ 22,326,753	$ 1,933,383
Non-Vehicle Maintenance										
Labor/Fringes	$ 360,233	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 1,086,203	$ 1,446,436	$ 1,345,786	$ (100,650)
Parts/Supplies	329,042	0	0	0	0	0	0	329,042	380,527	51,485
Other	613,613	0	0	7,621	0	76,102	560,020	1,257,355	2,740,970	1,483,615
Subtotal	$ 1,302,887	$ 0	$ 0	$ 7,621	$ 0	$ 76,102	$ 1,646,223	$ 3,032,833	$ 4,467,283	$ 1,434,450
General Administration										
Labor/Fringes	$ 1,826,317	$ 105,787	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 10,788,023	$ 0	$ 12,720,128	$ 13,651,603	$ 931,475
Parts/Supplies	29,614	300	0	0	0	46,663	0	76,577	116,555	39,978
Utilities	1,020,592	401	0	0	0	613,307	405,242	2,039,543	2,716,227	676,684
Health Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,803,637	12,803,637	15,682,409	2,878,772
Liability Insurance	0	314,865	0	0	0	0	5,285,841	5,600,706	6,877,704	1,276,998
Other	166,650	46	0	0	0	6,771,167	5,019,616	11,957,479	20,108,590	8,151,111
Indirect Overhead Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(4,557,379)	(5,556,345)	(998,966)
Subtotal	$ 3,043,173	$ 421,399	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 18,219,161	$ 23,514,337	$ 40,640,691	$ 53,596,743	$ 12,956,052
Total Expenses	$ 64,479,271	$ 1,221,112	$ 1,434,286	$ 10,957,401	$ 647,171	$ 18,295,262	$ 37,367,458	$ 129,844,582	$ 157,312,854	$ 27,468,272
Funding Requirement	$ 57,093,144	$ 934,305	$ 1,116,037	$ 5,270,716	$ 219,051	$ 12,228,663	$ 37,367,458	$ 109,671,995	$ 136,578,169	$ 26,906,174
RTA Funding								$ 99,675,301	$ 97,803,638	$ 1,871,663
Other Public Funding								$ 2,486,519	$ 3,488,350	$ (1,001,831)
State Funding								$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Transfer Capital								$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Total Funding								$ 102,161,820	$ 101,291,988	$ 869,832
Funding Surplus/(Shortfall)								$ (7,510,175)	$ (35,286,181)	$ 27,776,006
Recovery Ratio	11.46%	23.49%	22.19%	51.90%	66.15%	33.16%		15.54%	13.18%	

Budget Results by Program

(YTD May 2026)

	Suburban ADA Actual	Chicago ADA Actual	Total ADA Actual	ADA Budget	ADA Variance	Combined System Actual	Combined System Budget	Combined System Variance
REVENUE								
Farebox	$ 1,123,563	$ 4,773,152	$ 5,896,716	$ 8,843,020	$ (2,946,305)	$ 14,184,479	$ 18,267,763	$ (4,083,284)
Half-Fare Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0	736,215	735,455	760
Advertising Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	287,500	387,500	(100,000)
Other	127,028	1,299,855	1,426,883	1,105,677	321,206	12,287,991	11,292,664	995,327
Total Revenue	$ 1,250,591	$ 6,073,007	$ 7,323,599	$ 9,948,697	$ (2,625,098)	$ 27,496,186	$ 30,683,382	$ (3,187,196)
EXPENSES								
Operations								
Labor/Fringes	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 46,514,032	$ 53,286,955	$ 6,772,923
Parts/Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	924,155	1,005,259	81,104
Purchased Transportation	19,479,633	96,757,799	116,237,432	132,702,360	16,464,928	128,727,302	148,422,710	19,695,408
Fuel	867,189	1,984,657	2,851,846	3,225,939	374,093	9,776,610	9,518,959	(257,651)
Other	0	0	0	0	0	521,322	616,491	95,169
Subtotal	$ 20,346,822	$ 98,742,456	$ 119,089,277	$ 135,928,299	$ 16,839,022	$ 186,463,421	$ 212,850,374	$ 26,386,953
Vehicle Maintenance								
Labor/Fringes	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 11,780,411	$ 14,789,437	$ 3,009,026
Parts/Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	5,796,723	5,979,238	182,515
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1,219,780	1,558,078	338,298
Subtotal	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 18,796,915	$ 22,326,753	$ 3,529,838
Non-Vehicle Maintenance								
Labor/Fringes	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 1,446,436	$ 1,345,786	$ (100,650)
Parts/Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	329,042	380,527	51,485
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1,257,355	2,740,970	1,483,615
Subtotal	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 3,032,833	$ 4,467,283	$ 1,434,450
General Administration								
Labor/Fringes	$ 342,649	$ 1,917,069	$ 2,259,718	$ 2,567,699	$ 307,981	$ 14,979,845	$ 16,219,302	$ 1,239,457
Parts/Supplies	0	7	7	812	805	76,584	117,367	40,783
Utilities	0	184,747	184,747	182,952	(1,795)	2,224,290	2,899,179	674,889
Health Insurance	62,177	388,238	450,415	597,608	147,193	13,254,052	16,280,017	3,025,965
Liability Insurance	0	(10,000)	(10,000)	29,162	39,162	5,590,706	6,906,866	1,316,160
Other	146,155	1,495,706	1,641,861	2,267,357	625,496	13,599,340	22,375,947	8,776,607
Indirect Overhead Allocation	0	0	4,557,379	5,556,345	998,966	0	0	0
Subtotal	$ 550,981	$ 3,975,768	$ 9,084,128	$ 11,201,935	$ 2,117,807	$ 49,724,818	$ 64,798,678	$ 15,073,860
Total Expenses	$ 20,897,802	$ 102,718,224	$ 128,173,405	$ 147,130,234	$ 18,956,829	$ 258,017,987	$ 304,443,088	$ 46,425,101
Funding Requirement	$ 19,647,211	$ 96,645,216	$ 120,849,806	$ 137,181,537	$ 16,331,731	$ 230,521,802	$ 273,759,706	$ 43,237,904
RTA Funding			$ 111,902,222	$ 111,901,717	$ 505	$ 211,577,523	$ 209,705,355	$ 1,872,168
Other Public Funding			$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 2,486,519	$ 3,488,350	$ (1,001,831)
State Funding			$ 4,791,665	$ 4,791,665	$ 0	$ 4,791,665	$ 4,791,665	$ 0
Transfer Capital			$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Total Funding			$ 116,693,887	$ 116,693,382	$ 505	$ 218,855,707	$ 217,985,370	$ 870,337
Funding Surplus/(Shortfall)			$ (4,155,920)	$ (20,488,155)	$ 16,332,235	$ (11,666,095)	$ (55,774,336)	$ 44,108,241
Recovery Ratio			5.71%	6.76%				