



2026 Public Transportation Plan

Plan Overview

Public transportation is an essential way for people to travel throughout the state of Illinois. Next Move Illinois is a successor to the 2018 Illinois Statewide Public Transportation Plan. The goal of this plan is to set a strategic vision, recommend policy and performance updates, and identify specific strategies to improve public transportation outcomes within Illinois. The plan will include identifying broader access to services, promoting long-term ridership growth, enhancing service integration and efficiencies, and other steps necessary to assure system resilience.



Plan History

The 2018 Public Transportation Plan focused on “Downstate” Illinois and developed a vision for an integrated public transportation system that promotes mobility and access for people living, working, or visiting Illinois. The plan identified goals, objectives, and strategies to meet the demand for services. The last four years have resulted in widespread changes to statewide travel patterns and transit use due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Next Move Illinois will help transit providers plan for long-term impacts to their services and address systemic questions regarding coordination, resources, equity, and emerging mobility.

Plan Desired Outcomes



Increase coordination among transit operators to maximize public transit's role in the state's broader transportation system.



Ensure that policy, service and performance recommendations advance social equity and accessibility across the state.



Incorporate emerging mobility and new technologies to extend the reach of transit and provide seamless connections for riders.



Prioritize resources to align with riders' needs.

Project Timeline



Phase 1 Spring-Summer 2024

Conduct internal meetings, shape and inform the strategic vision, gain perspectives on transit provider interests and concerns, and gather information prior to technical work.

Upcoming Activities:

- Transit Region Kickoff Meeting
- Operator Interviews
- Transit Provider Survey
- Public Survey



Phase 2 Fall-Winter 2024

Promote the initial technical findings, validate the existing conditions data, conduct future service assessments, review and coordinate policies, and review capital assets.

Upcoming Activities:

Engagement Touchpoint



Phase 3 Spring-Summer 2025

Support the planning process and focus engagement efforts on the findings of performance measures, future alternatives, and financial work.

Upcoming Activities:

Engagement Touchpoint



Phase 4 Fall-Winter 2025

Launch of the draft plan. Numerous public meetings will be held to record comments throughout the state. This phase will also include a public presentation of the plan.

Upcoming Activities:

Engagement Touchpoint

Stay Involved



Surveys: Two statewide surveys will be conducted during Phase 1 to better understand the public's interests and concerns and the perspective of transit operators. The public survey will be available on the project's webpage. We strongly encourage participation by transit and non-transit users alike.



Meetings: The project team will hold several virtual meetings during Phases 2 and 3 to introduce the project; gather opinions and feedback; provide updates on technical findings and the overall planning process; develop alternatives; and validate existing conditions, proposed strategies, performance measures, and financial performance findings. During Phase 4, the team will organize tabling events and meetings, including virtual options, to promote the plan and gather final feedback from stakeholders. More information on these public meetings will be available on our website.



Website: For more project information and resources, we encourage you to visit our website <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/nextmoveillinois>.



Social Media: To stay up-to-date with the current planning process, we encourage you to follow along with our social media channels.



Contact Us!

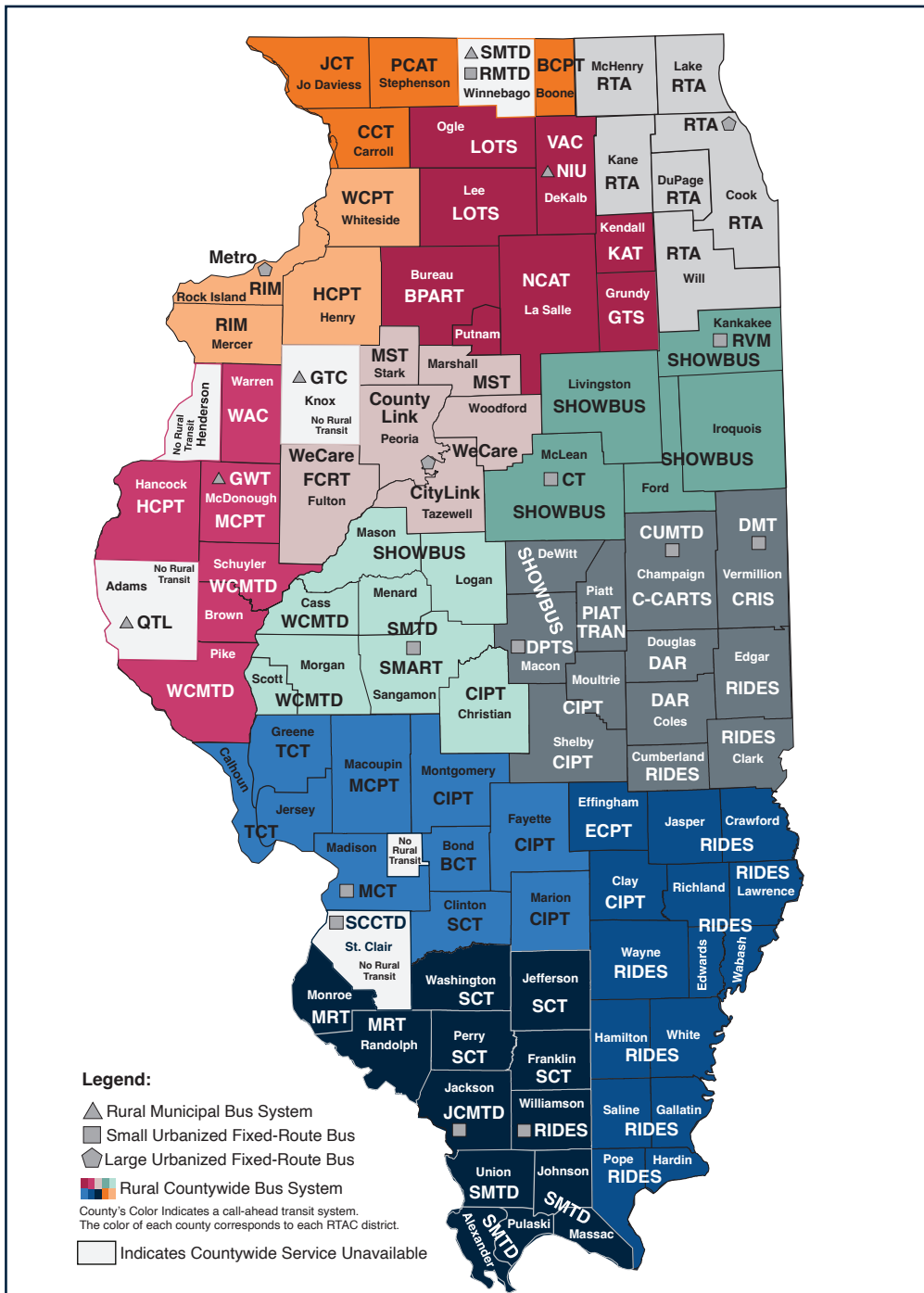
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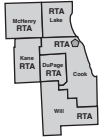


Project Map



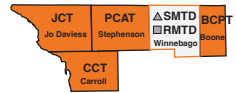
Chicago Areas:

CTA: Chicago Transit Authority
 PACE: Pace Bus
 METRA: Metra Commuter Rail



Region 1

JCT: Jo Daviess Transit
PCAT: Pretzel City Area Transit
SMTD: Stateline Mass Transit
RMTD: Rockford MTD
CCT: Carroll County Transit
BCPT: Boone County Public Transportation



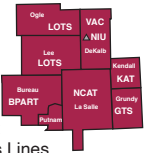
Region 2

WCPT: Whiteside County Public Transit
RIM: Rock Island-Mercer Rural Transit
Metro: Rock Island Metro Mass Transit
HCPT: Henry County Public Transit



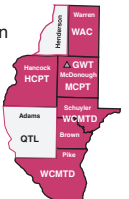
Region 3

GTS: Grundy Transit System
KAT: Kendall Area Transit
LOTS: Lee Ogle Transportation System
NCAT: North Central Area Transit
VAC: Voluntary Action Center
BPART: Bureau-Putnam Area Rural Transit
NIU: Northern Illinois University Huskie Bus Lines



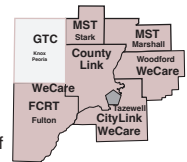
Region 4

HCPT: Hancock County Public Transportation
MCPT: McDonough County Public Transportation
GWT: Go West Transit
QTL: Quincy Transit Lines
WAC: Warren Achievement Center
WCMTD: West Central MTD
***Adams:** ICCT Primer process phase II I - City Operator Identified. No service currently exists.
***Henderson:** Board has no interest in establishing a rural public operator.



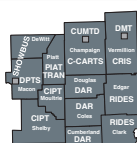
Region 5

FCRT: Fulton County Rural Transit
GTC: Galesburg Transit City Bus
CityLink: Greater Peoria MTD
CountyLink: Peoria County Link
MST: Marshall-Stark Transportation
WeCare: WeCare, Inc.
***Knox:** Stalled in Phase II, no intention of submitting a rural transit grant application.



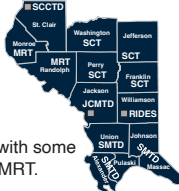
Region 8

SHOWBUS: Show Bus
C-CARTS: Champaign County Area Rural Transit System
CRIS: CRIS Rural Mass Transit District
SMTD: Sangamon MTD
CIPT: Central IL Public Transportation
RIDES: Rides MTD
CUMTD: Champaign Urban MTD
DAR: Dial A Ride



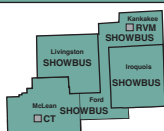
Region 11

JCMTD: Jackson County MTD
MRT: Monroe-Randolph Transit
RIDES: Rides MTD
SMTD: Shawnee MTD
SCT: South Central Transit
SCCTD: St. Clair County Transit District
***St Clair:** ATS paratransit service available with some incidental service being provided by SCT & MRT.



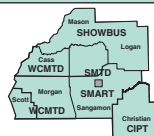
Region 6

CT: Connect Transit
RVM: River Valley Metro
SHOWBUS: Show Bus



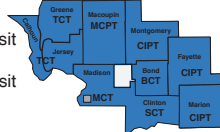
Region 7

SHOWBUS: Show Bus
WCMTD: West Central MTD
SMTD: Sangamon MTD
CIPT: Central IL Public Transportation
SMART: Sangamon-Menard Area Regional Transit



Region 9

TCT: Tri-County Rural Transit
MCPT: Madison County Public Transit
BCT: Bond County Transportation
CIPT: Macoupin County Public Transit
SCT: South Central Transit



Region 10

CIPT: Central Illinois Public Transportation
ECPT: Effingham County Public Transit
RIDES: Rides MTD

