Solving the Transit Funding Riddle in Metropolitan Chicago

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Proposition: Making an effective case for heightened public support requires a coordinated multi-agency effort comprised of new strategies to significantly increase ridership, few of which are now being employed.
The strategy will need to encompass:

- **Metrics** to measure progress and cost effectiveness

- Large **intra-agency service collaboration**

- A willingness to experiment with services that may shift traffic between transit operators
Category A programs

Strategies that do not require major investments in new rights of way
Case Study: New York’s Regional Bus System
Incremental Step: Pace Bus-on-Shoulder Service

Source: CMAP
Large-scale fare integration, incl. swipe on & swipe off systems

New branded express bus service not linked to traditional downtown hubs (e.g., Logan Express)

Austria launches nationwide multi-modal ‘swipe on, swipe off’ mobile fare payments

By Tom Phillips - 27 March 2023

Passengers travelling on rail, bus, tram and subway services across the whole of Austria can now make contacts end-to-end fare payments for single or multi-modal journeys with two swipes on their smartphone screen using a ticketing function added to the Austrian Federal Railways ÖBB Tickets app.

Once activated by a public transport user at the start of their journey, the...
Metropolis 2020 Plan

Coordinated express bus service linked to Metra
(High Speed Rail Association)
Category B Programs

Strategies requiring major investments in new facilities and rights of way
Heads up: Regional Connector train testing is underway — and you may see and hear some changes to trains on the A, E and L Lines

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Nighttime pre-revenue testing underway on the Regional Connector!
Grand Central Madison, terminal for MTA's East Side Access, debuts
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