

Support Transit Funding and Reform (SB2111 & HB3438)

Illinois is facing a transit fiscal cliff that, if left unaddressed by the end of 2025, would devastate the economy and transit service across Northeast Illinois. The legislature introduced bills (SB2111 & HB3438) that take bold action to address the fiscal crisis, fix long-standing problems in the transit system, and strengthen regional agencies long-term. Coupled with a \$1.5 billion annual investment, this legislation can transform public transit across the region if passed during the October veto session.

Creating a Transit System That Works for All Illinoisans

Illinoisans deserve a world-class transit system. The reforms in SB2111 and HB3438 will connect Illinoisans to job opportunities, medical appointments, and educational resources, promote the economic and environmental vitality of the entire region, and take significant steps toward building the world-class transit system Illinoisans deserve. The legislation will:

Create a regionally-oriented, transit rider-centered system. The Northern Illinois Transportation Authority (NITA) will streamline operations and reduce overlapping, competing transit services so that riders can easily transfer between modes of transit throughout the six counties of Northeast Illinois.

Improve operator and rider safety and experience through best practice interventions, including but not limited to: the creation of a Transit Ambassador program, use of safety technologies, and improved communications between transit personnel and riders. The legislation also establishes an Office of Transit Safety and Experience to implement and oversee ongoing safety interventions.

Integrate fares and ensure affordability by creating one fare system across all Chicagoland transit providers and providing affordable fares and passes for low-income riders.

Support downstate transit agencies by providing additional funding, ensuring downstate communities are incentivized to participate in Transit Oriented Development projects, and improving coordination across Illinois through the creation of an Interagency Coordinating Committee on Transit Innovation, Integration, and Reform.

Ensure accountability and transparency to better engage the public and ensure all resources are spent in the most efficient way to benefit the most riders.

Implement responsible funding to stabilize and grow our transit system. Illinois needs at least \$1.5 billion per year in annual transit operations.



Support Reform (SB2111 & HB3438) and a \$1.5 Billion Investment in Transit

The Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition urges lawmakers to pass the critical reforms in SB2111 and HB3438 and pair them with a \$1.5 billion investment in the October veto session to take significant steps toward building the world-class transit system Illinoisans deserve.