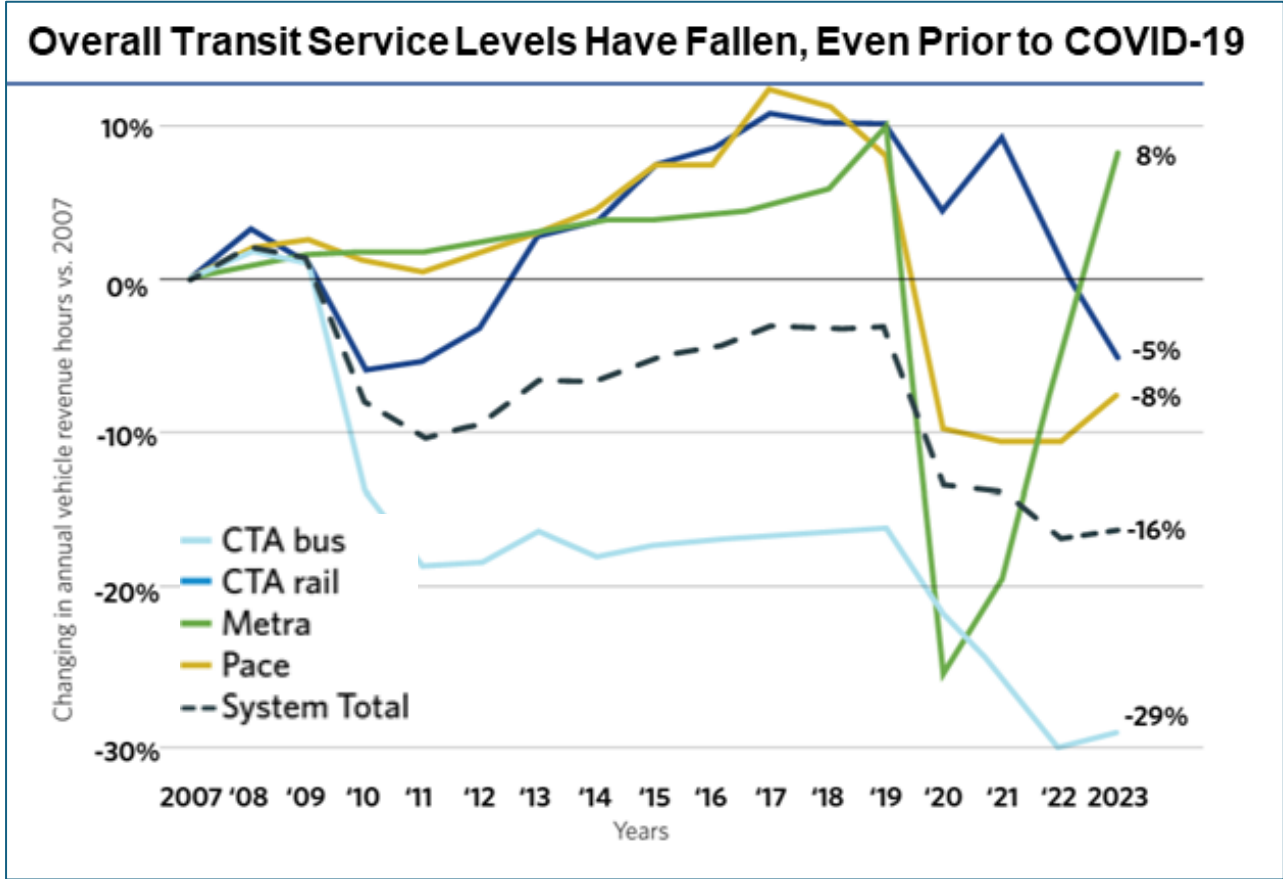


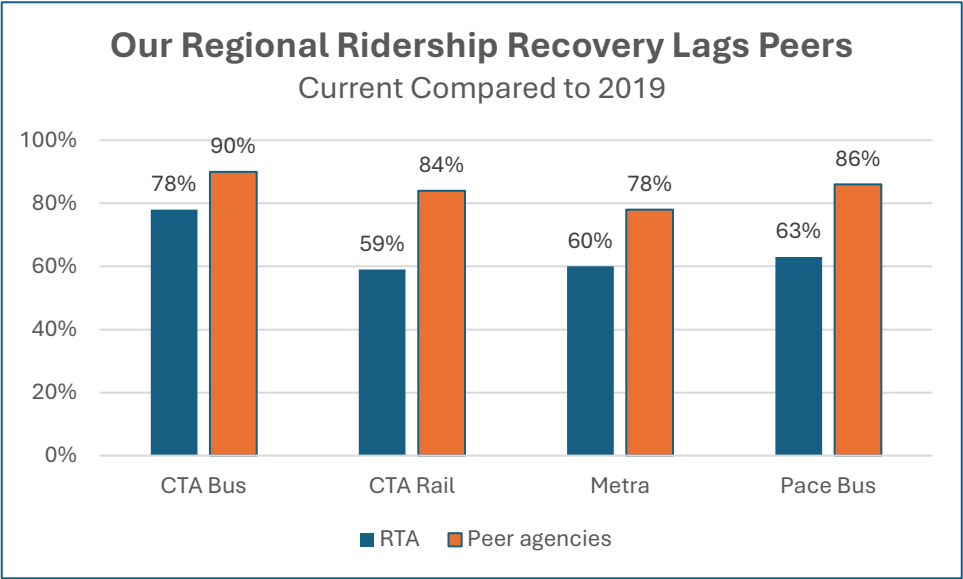
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equitable
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1. Transit Service is Not Meeting Needs and is Falling Behind



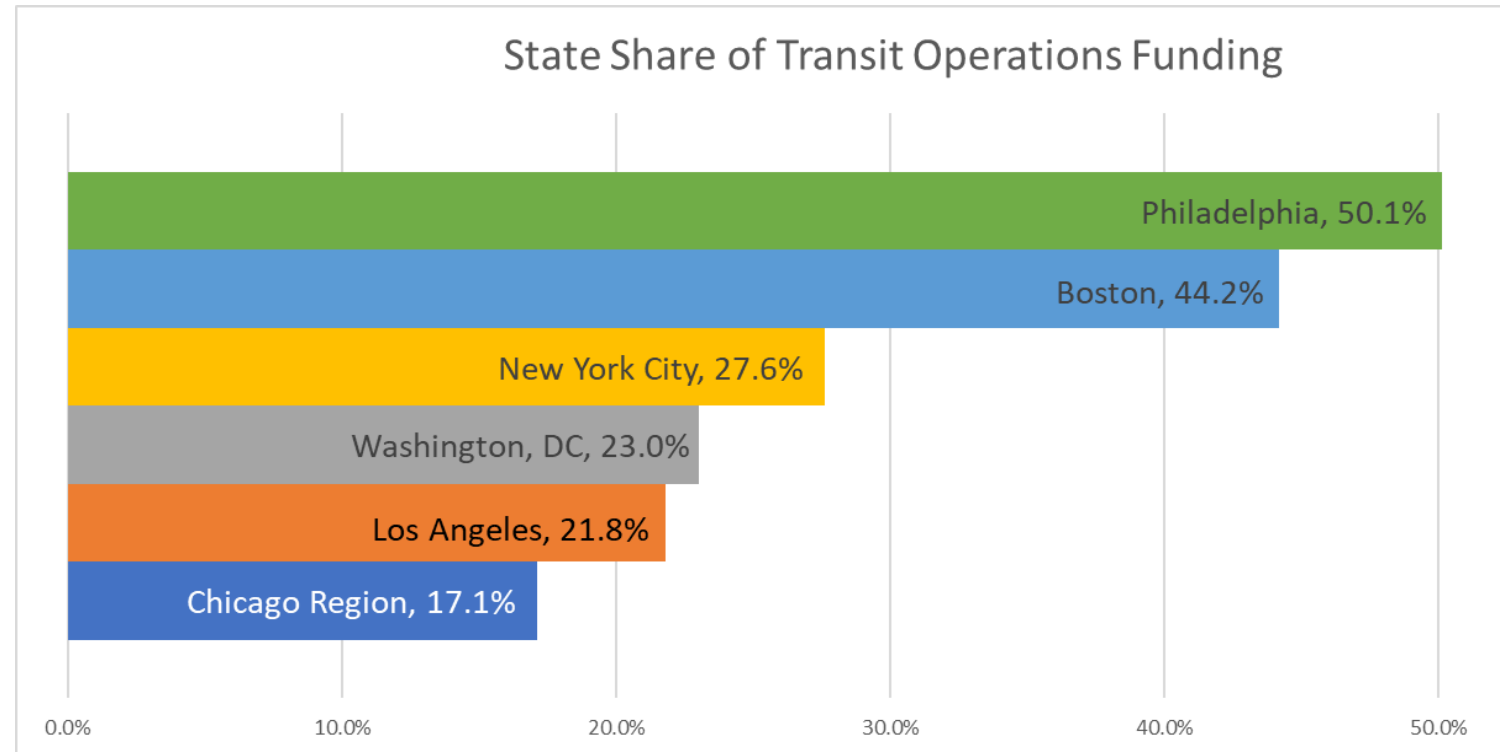
Source: CMAP



Source: RTA

2. Transit Has Been Underfunded for Decades

- The transit operations **budget gap will be over \$700 million in 2026** and continues growing
- The **federal government does not fund transit operations**
- The **state of Illinois is far behind peers in providing state funding** for operations

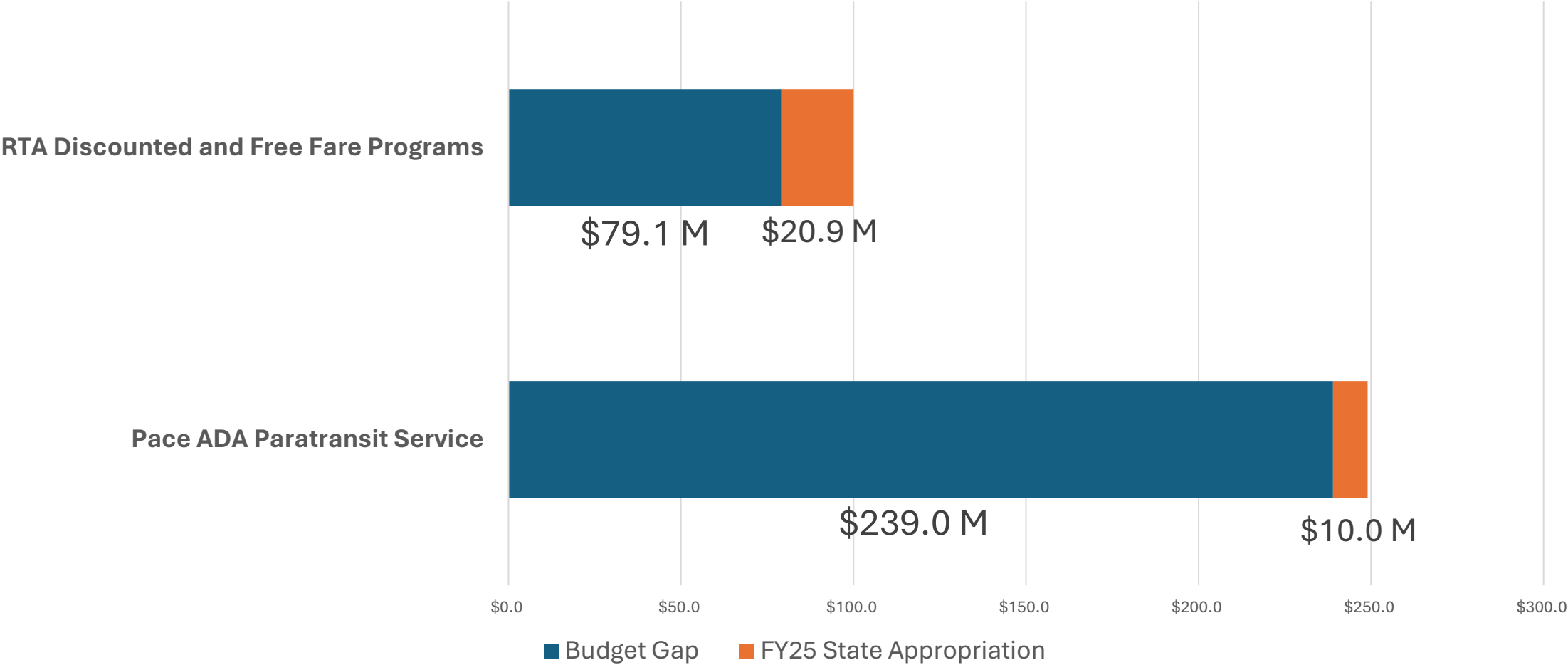


Note: Illinois funds about 65% of transit operations in systems outside NE IL



Drill Down: Dedicated Funding for Mandated Paratransit and Reduced Fare Programs is Necessary as Need Grows

Source: RTA



3. Structure / Governance of System is Not Responsive to Rider Needs

Transit governance system and funding formulas created **>40 years ago** – MANY things have changed since then.

Transit is run by independent agencies that **compete for riders and \$** with limited incentives to collaborate.

No other major metro region in the US has a similar institutional arrangement.

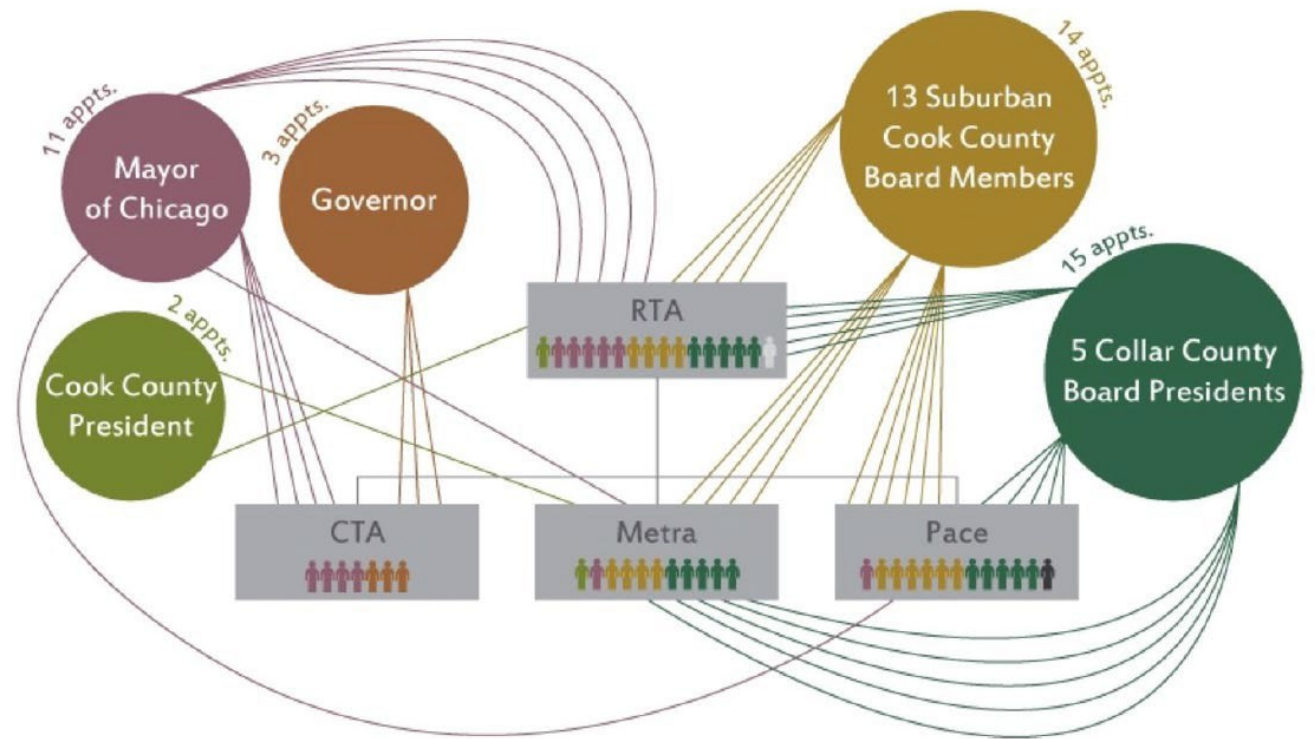
Four studies in last ten years called for **consolidation** and governance reform.

The **funding formulas are complex, out of date** (some rules have been unchanged for forty years), and rigid.

The supermajority requirement for financial plans and other key measures results in relatively small groups exercising veto power over key decisions.

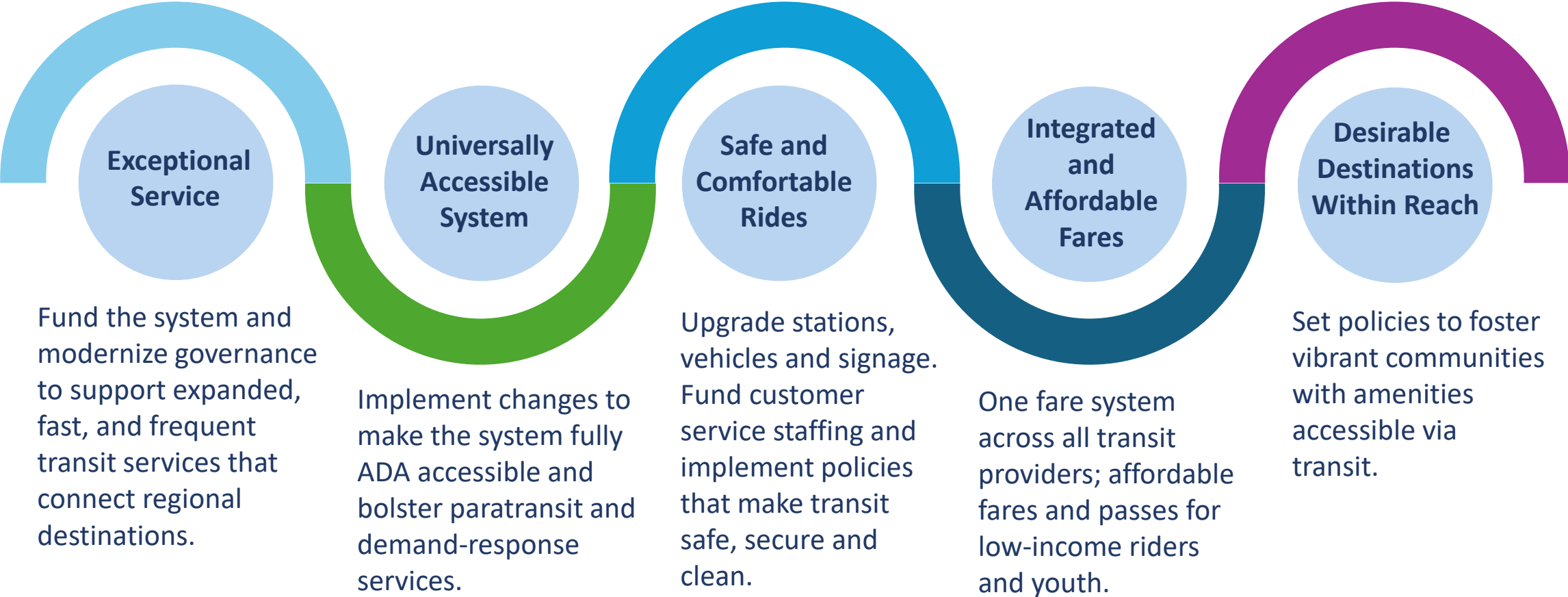
Drill Down: Governance Representation is Antiquated and Lacks True Regional Views

- Current system has 21 elected officials appointing 47 board members for 4 transit agencies creating an accountability challenge
- Leadership is overtly resisting reform despite obvious moment for change
- Chicago has one board appointee for PACE despite roughly 80% of paratransit happening in the city
- Chicago has one board appointee for Metra, despite about 1/3 of stations being in the city





Getting to the System We Want and Need: Invest an additional \$1.5B Annually and Reform System to Improve Transit Service



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