



Going Places

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CTA Ridership in 2005 Showing Strong Growth

Ridership on CTA's bus and rail system has increased in each of the first four months of 2005 despite the uncertainty regarding public transit funding. For the period of January through April 2005, ridership was up 3.7 percent over 2004, the highest year-to-date ridership since 2001.

As announced mid-May 2005, ridership figures for April 2005 showed a system-wide increase in ridership of 6.7 percent (38.7 million rides) compared to April 2004. Weekdays increased 6.5 percent, Saturdays were up 5.8 percent and Sundays were up 10.1 percent. While weekend ridership has been strong the past two years, the resurgence in the weekday rush-hours is a promising trend.

On weekdays, CTA provided over 1.5 million rides, an increase of over 93,000 rides compared to 2004. This growth is a sign that CTA is attracting new and returning customers. These gains are particularly important given CTA's recent efforts in Springfield to increase funding for regional transit operations.

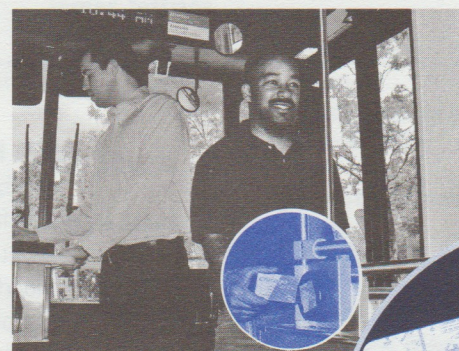


Get in the Go Lane

On June 6, 2005, the CTA launched the "Go Lane" Pilot Program created for express customer boarding on buses and express entry at rail stations, and to promote the use of the Chicago Card® and Chicago Card Plus™.

"Go Lane" Bus

"Go Lane" is being tested on select buses operating out of North Park, Kedzie and 77th Street garages. The round target card reader (Chicago Card, Chicago Card Plus touchpad) has been moved from the farebox machine to the left of the front door on ten low-floor, wide-door buses (Nabi and Nova). Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus customers simply board the bus on the left side of the entrance, proceed to the touchpad located



immediately to the left along the aisle and, touch their Chicago Card to the touchpad.

This change allows faster boarding at crowded bus stops by creating two lines for customers. Customers paying with a transit card or cash will enter on the right and use the farebox or farecard machine.



"Go Lane" Rail

One turnstile at each of the rail stations below was converted to a "Go Lane" that only accepts Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus.

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Taking the Heat

During extremely hot weather conditions, a common sense approach can make a world of difference for everybody, whether you are at work, at home, or at play. Prolonged exposure to heat and sun may cause serious health problems and in extreme cases, heat exposure may even lead to death. By taking several simple precautions, you can control and/or reduce exposure to conditions that may cause heat stress.

- Be aware of the prevailing weather conditions.
- Always drink plenty of fluids such as water and sports drinks. Avoid caffeinated drinks.
- Wear a hat made with a brim and wear loose fitting, light-colored, and lightweight fabric such as cotton (especially if required to wear a safety vest).
- Schedule vigorous activities during the coolest portions of the day and take frequent breaks on hot days.



People on the Move

Congratulations to the following employees on their new assignments and promotions.

Kelley Brookins has been assigned to the Control Center as General Manager. Most recently she served as General Manager of Forest Glen Garage. Prior to her promotion to General Manager, Kelley served as Special Assistant to the CTA President.

Mary Beth Cobleigh-Beal is now the General Manager of Forest Glen Garage. Prior to this new assignment, she had been General Manager of 103rd Street Garage since 2001. Before managing 103rd Street Garage, Mary Beth was General Manager of Archer Garage.

Patti Hoyle-Heavens is now the General Manager of 103rd Street Garage. Prior to this new assignment, she had been promoted to General Manager of 74th Street Garage in 2001. Before her promotion, Patti worked in Rail Operations as a Transportation Manager and Administrative Manager-At-Large.

Judith Kelley will be the General Manager of Recruitment and Staffing in the Human Resources Department. Judith joined the CTA in 2002 as a Chief Attorney in the Labor

Division of the Law Department and has represented CTA in a variety of employment and labor matters.

Jeanette Martin was promoted to General Manager of 74th Street Garage. Since joining the CTA in 1981, Jeanette advanced from Bus Operator to Bus Supervisor, Bus Controller, Transportation Manager and most recently held the position of Manager II of the Communication/Power Control Center.

John Paquet was promoted to General Manager of Planning. John joined the CTA in 2001, where he served as the Manager of Bus and Rail Service Planning. Prior to coming to CTA, John worked in the planning department at Pace.

Richard Swanson was promoted to General Manager of Archer Garage. Since joining CTA in 1978 as a bus repairer, Richard has worked in the maintenance area at several CTA locations. Most recently, Richard was a Maintenance Manager II at Forest Glen Garage.

Hot Fun in the Summertime

White Sox Government Employee Night

The White Sox organization is offering reduced priced tickets to all government employees, and their families and friends for a game on Wednesday, August 3, 2005, 7:05 p.m. at U.S. Cellular Field &— White Sox vs. Blue Jays.

For this special night, tickets regularly priced at \$30, \$26, and \$18 are available at \$15, \$13 and \$9. For information on how to purchase discounted tickets, call Rita Richardson at 312-681-2244.

CTA Family Days at Six Flags Great America

CTA family days will be held at Six Flags Great America Thursday, August 11 through Monday, August 15, 2005. CTA employees can purchase general admission tickets, which usually sell for \$44.99 (plus tax) for only \$24. That's a savings of \$20.99 per ticket. For information on how to purchase discounted tickets, contact Rita Richardson at 312-681-2244.

Wisconsin Dells Passport to Savings

Discount vouchers add up to savings for a variety of Wisconsin Dells attractions. Contact Rita Richardson at 312-681-2244 for more information.

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June 2005 Rolling through the Years

Please join us in congratulating the following CTA employees who are celebrating special anniversaries.

46 Years

Hugh Hegarty
June 15
Red Line,
Rapid Transit Operator

42 Years

James Kolstad
June 20
Archer Garage,
Bus Operator

40 Years

Thomas Alfred
June 24
Bus Shop Support,
VMS Clerk

Fred Petrozz
June 29
Machinists,
Building Machinist

39 Years

Daniel Costley
June 13
Bus Engineering &
Technical Service,
Maintenance Manager II

38 Years

Walter Felckowski
June 5
Carpenters,
Carpenter

George White
June 6
74th Street Garage,
Buildings & Grounds
Janitor

37 Years

Freddie Knight
June 18
Archer Garage,
Bus Operator

36 Years

Kenneth Johnson
June 3
Green Line,
Yardmaster

Charles Townsend
June 2
Maintenance
Training & Development,
Training Specialist II

35 Years

Rowland Arnette
June 1
Kedzie Garage,
Bus Operator

Thomas Bethany
June 4
Blue Line,
Rapid Transit Operator

George Davis, Jr.
June 15
Communications Center,
Bus Controller

James Jeffries
June 3
103rd Street Garage,
Bus Operator

30 Years

Jagjit Arora
June 2
Plant Engineering,
Electrical Engineering
Coordinator

Joseph Bongiovanni
June 18
Midway Maintenance,
Rail Truck Shop
Repairer

Frank Brown
June 18
103rd Street Garage,
Bus Maintenance
Office Clerk

William Dorsey
June 23
77th Street Garage,
Bus Operator

David Evans
June 30
Forest Glen Garage,
Bus Operator

Juan Gaytan
June 20
Blue Line,
Rapid Transit Operator

Joseph Glista
June 30
Construction Contract
Compliance,
Field Operations
Facilities Manager

James Holmes
June 13
Rail Instruction,
Rail Instructor II

Henry Johnson
June 30
Bus Service Management,
Bus Service Supervisor II

Lon Jones
June 12
74th Street Garage,
Bus Operator

Robert Krzemienski
June 9
Revenue Equipment
Technology,
Manager
William Mooney
June 2

Bus Operations,
Vice President

David Muhammed
June 18
Bus Service
Management,
Repairer

Darrell Nelson
June 9
Power & Way
Maintenance,
Roadmaster II

Sam Pasquale
June 16
Forest Glen Garage,
Bus Operator

Victor Ramirez
June 13
Brown Line,
Rapid Transit Operator

James Robinson
June 12
Chicago Avenue Garage,
Transportation Manager II

Milton Roman
June 13
Red Line,
Switchman

Leo Vasquez
June 4
Archer Garage,
Bus Repairer

De Witt Williams
June 5
Forest Glen Garage,
Bus Operator

25 Years

Melvin Ellis
June 4
103rd Street Garage,
Bus Repairer

Allen Hamilton
June 30
Rail Car Apperance,
Maintenance Manager

Ronald Heard
June 3
Rail Instruction,
Transportation Instruction
Manager II

Louis Hill, Jr.
June 12
Red/Yellow/Purple Lines,
Transportation Manager

Lawrence Janasek
June 18
Paratransit Operations,
Paratransit MIS
Administrator

Ray Kidd
June 11
Chicago Avenue Garage,
Bus Repairer

Thomas Kohler
June 9
Bus Engineering &
Technical Service,
General Manager

Clarence Lewis
June 4
Exempt Light Duty,
Compensation
File Clerk

James Mabry
June 23
Customer Facilities
Maintenance,
Rail Janitor Coordinator

Anthony Myslinski
June 11
74th Street Garage,
Bus Servicer

Roderick Phillips
June 23
South Section Rail
Customer Facilities
Maintenance,
Rapid Transit Janitor

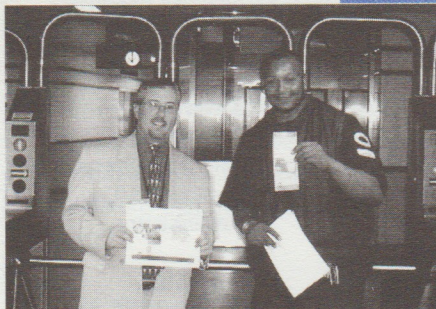
Kenneth Pooran
June 11
103rd Street Garage,
Bus Repairer

William Pugh
June 2
Howard Maintenance,
Car Repairer 'A'



Go Lane

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On June 6, (l.) Customer Assistant Phillip Robinson and (r.) Communication Engineering Manager Herb Nitz stood ready to spread the word about "Go Lane" at the Chicago (Red Line) subway station.

Red Line

- 95th/Dan Ryan &
- 79th &
- Washington &
- Chicago &
- Howard

Elevated Lines

- Clark/Lake & (Thompson Center)

Blue Line

- Washington
- Jefferson Park &

Signs identifying the turnstile as a "Go Lane" are located on the floor in front of the turnstile, on the front of the turnstile below the target reader and above the turnstile (see picture on page 1, right).

Currently, 99,239 Chicago Card Plus farecards are in circulation with 21,270 of those issued in 2005. To date, 72,029 Chicago Cards are in circulation, with 8,831 of those issued in 2005. A grand total of 171,268 Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus farecards are currently in circulation.

During the pilot, a team of CTA employees will observe and evaluate the "Go Lane" system on board the buses and at the rail stations. A survey will be conducted to obtain feedback from our customers.

Changing Gears

Summer Weekend Bus Service to the Beach

Let CTA be your way to and from the beach this summer!

#63 63rd & Bus

Take the bus to the 63rd Street Beach. You can connect to this bus at the 63rd (Red Line) rail station and at any Green Line rail station along 63rd Street.

- 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 p.m.
- Weekends: Now through September 5, 2005
- Weekdays: June 20 through August 31, 2005
- During the hours the beach is closed, buses will end their trips at 63rd/Stony Island.

#72 North Avenue & Bus

Take the bus to the North Avenue Beach. You can connect to this bus at the North Clybourn (Red Line) rail station and at the Sedgwick (Brown Line) rail station.

- 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 p.m.
- Weekends: Now through September 5, 2005
- Weekdays: June 20 through August 31, 2005
- During the hours the beach is closed, buses will end their trips at North/Clark.

#78 Montrose & Bus

Take the bus to the Montrose Harbor Beach. You can connect to this bus at the Montrose (Blue Line) rail station and at the Montrose (Brown Line) rail station.

- WEEKENDS ONLY: Now through September 5, 2005
- Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 p.m.
- Sundays and Labor Day: 6:55 a.m.- 9:50 p.m.
- During weekdays and the hours the beach is closed, buses will end their trips at Montrose/Marine.

Rolling...

25 Years

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Leon Rainey

June 11

Chicago Avenue Garage,
Bus Repairer

Raymond Ramirez, Jr.

June 16

Racine Maintenance,
Car Repairer 'A'

Larry Sampson

June 11

77th Street Garage,
Bus Repairer

Raymond Schriks

June 30

Power & Way Engineering,
General Manager

Oskar Tansky

June 2

Electric Unit Assembly,
Electrical Worker

Sergio Valdez

June 30

Truck Shop,
Final Assembler

Willi Weiszhar

June 30

Electric Unit Assembly,
Electrical Worker

Louis Young

June 16

Electric Unit Rebuild,
Electrical Maintenance Man