

Fares & Passes

Payment Methods

Tickets and passes on CTA, Metra, and Pace can be purchased via the Ventra app for iPhone, Apple Watch, or an Android device using Google Wallet. Contactless credit/debit cards are accepted on CTA and Pace. Cash is only accepted on buses. No transfers are issued when paying cash.

Ventra cards can be purchased for \$5 at any Ventra vending machine located at most "L" stations, via the Ventra app, or online. Ventra cards can be used only on CTA and Pace. To add account value to your Ventra card with a credit or debit card, use the Ventra app, Ventra vending machine, pay online, or pay by phone. To add value with cash, coins, or bankcard, you must use a Ventra vending machine.

Metra tickets can be purchased at Metra ticket vending machines located at all downtown terminals or at many outlying stations. One-way tickets can also be purchased on the train (\$5 surcharge if Metra ticket vending machine is available).

Fares

Fare Type	Fares	Ventra or Contactless	Transfer*
CTA Full	\$2.50	\$2.25 (bus), \$2.50 (rail)**	Free
CTA Reduced	\$1.25	\$1.10 (bus), 1.25 (rail)	Free
Pace Full	\$2.25	\$2.00	Free
Pace Reduced	\$1.10	\$1.00	Free
Metra Full/Reduced	Visit metra	a.com/fares or Ventra app fo	r fare details

Reduced Fare age 7-11; Children under 7 ride free with a fare-paying customer. $^{\star}2$ transfers within 2 hours

** \$5 fare charged when boarding Blue Line at O'Hare Airport

Passes

Pass Type	Fares	Note
CTA/Pace 1-Day	\$5	Unlimited rides for 24 hours from first use
CTA/Pace 3-Day	\$15	Unlimited rides for 3 days from first use
CTA/Pace 7-Day	\$20	Unlimited rides for 7 days from first use
Metra Day	Varies	See Ventra app for details
Metra Sat & Sun/Holiday	\$7	Purchase through Ventra app, ticket vending machines, or conductors
Metra Weekend	\$10	Purchase through Ventra app, ticket vending machines, or conductors

Additional pass options are available. CTA 3-day ticket available at O'Hare Airport and Midway Airport Ventra Vending Machines. Visit transitchicago com/fares for further information.

Regional Connect Pass

Holders of the Monthly Pass can also purchase the Regional Connect Pass, offering unlimited rides on CTA and Pace (Pace Premium routes require additional fare), with no time or day restrictions, for an entire month. Cost to Monthly pass holders is \$30. Visit transitchicago.com and pacebus.com for details.

Regional Day Pass

Ride CTA, Metra* and Pace** services across the six-county RTA region with a new Regional Day Pass (RDP). Starting June 2025, the Regional Day Pass can be purchased only in the Ventra app. Riders can purchase a Metra Day Pass with their zone of choice and add on a CTA/Pace Day Pass.

The combined price of a Metra Day Pass and the RDP add-on is listed below.

Metra Zones	Full Fare/Reduced Fare Weekdays	Full Fare Satruday/Sunday/Holidays
1-1, 1-2, 2-3-4	\$10/\$6	\$9.50
1-3	\$13.50/\$8	\$9.50
1-4	\$16/\$9	\$9.50

*On Metra, Day Passes are good for unlimited rides all day between selected zones. Passes expire at 3 a m. the next day

** On CTA and Pace, Day passes are good for unlimited rides for 24 hours after activation. Pace premium route fare surcharge is not included in the RDP price.



NICTD (South Shore Line) Fares

South Shore Line fares are based on distance traveled. There are four basic ticket types; one-way, 10-ride, 25-rides, and monthly tickets. Reduced fares are available for senior citizens and customers with disabilities. Please note that Metra tickets and passes are not valid on South Shore Line trains. Visit mysouthshoreline.com for NICTD fare options and details.

Fares are subject to change. Effective through December 31, 2025.

General Information

CTA, Metra and Pace

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) runs bus and elevated/subway trains in Chicago and nearby suburbs. For current fare and schedule information, visit transitchicago.com. Metra provides commuter rail services throughout the region serving Chicago and its suburbs. For complete fare and schedule information, visit metra.com. Pace moves people throughout the Chicago region with fixed bus routes,

Dial-a-Ride, On Demand, and other community transit programs. Most Pace bus routes connect with Metra and CTA service. For schedules and fares, visit <u>PaceBus.com</u>

Transit Partners

South Shore Line runs trains on the Metra Electric line from downtown Chicago to South Bend, Indiana, serving the Southeast Side of Chicago and Northwest Indiana. For schedules and fares visit mysouthshoreline.com. Amtrak provides rail service from Chicago's Union Station to cities throughout Illinois and United States. Many of these routes, combined with Thruway buses, connect 35 Illinois cities. For more information, visit amtrak.com. Chicago Water Taxi offers a direct link from the Metra and Amtrak train stations at Madison Street to Michigan Avenue, North Avenue and Chinatown. For more information visit chicagowatertaxi.com

Accessibility

Metra has 243 commuter rail stations, of which 190 are fully accessible and 11 are partially accessible. The CTA "L" train system includes 145 stations, of which 103 are fully accessible. All CTA and Pace buses are ramp-equipped and make automated stop announcements. For more information on how to use the region's accessible bus and rail system, visit rtachicago.org/riders.

Dial-a-Ride and Paratransit

Most services require registration of eligible riders before trip reservations can be made.

City of Chicago Mobility Direct

800-606-1282

Ride Lake County

Reservations: 800-201-6446

Additional Transportation Options

Many local governments provide additional transportation options. Please contact them for more information.

630-530-8161	847-437-0300	708-453-0800	888-213-7827
Bloomingdale Twp	Evanston Twp 847-448-4311	Northfield Twp 847-724-8300	Vernon Hills 224-735-8678
630-529-9993 Deerfield Twp 847-432-3240	Leyden Twp 847-455-8616 Maine Twp	Norwood Park Twp 708-453-0861	Vernon Twp 847-634-606 West Deerfiel
Ela Twp 847-540-8380	847-297-2510 New Trier Twp	Palatine Twp 847-358-6700	Twp 847-945-0614
Elk Grove Village 847-299-6212	847-446-8202 Niles Twp 847-673-9300	Schaumburg Twp 847-884-0030	Wheeling Tw 847-259-7730

Access Pilot Program

The RTA, Metra, and Cook County are partnering to extend reduced fares to Metra riders experiencing low incomes regionwide through the Access Pilot Program. All recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, living in the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will are eligible to apply for more affordable transit at <u>GetAccess.org</u>. The pilot program is scheduled to run through January 31, 2026.

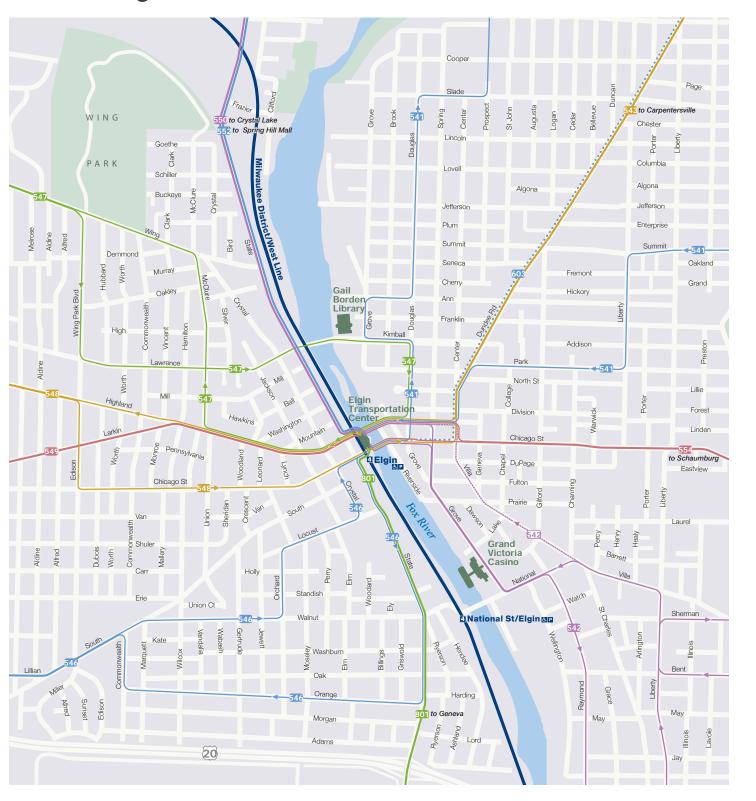
Pace Bus Routes

	e Route	Operates	
208	Golf Road	daily	morning-mid evening
223	Elk Grove-Rosemont CTA Station	daily	morning-late evening
541	Northeast Elgin	Mon-Sat	morning-mid evening
542	Bluff City	Mon-Sat	morning-mid evening
543	Dundee - Carpentersville	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
546	Orange - Walnut	Mon-Fri	morning-early evening
547	Wing Park	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
548	Highland	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
549	South Randall	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
550	Elgin Transportation Center - Crystal Lake	Mon-Fri	morning-early evening
552	North State - Spring Hill Mall	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
554	Elgin - Woodfield	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
600	Rosemont - Schaumburg Express	Mon-Sat	morning-late evening
603	Elgin Transportation Center - Rosemont Express	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
604	Wheeling - Schaumburg	Mon-Sat	morning-late evening
605	I-90/Randall Rd. Station - Rosemont Express	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
606	Rosemont - Schaumburg Limited	daily	morning-late evening
607	I-90/Randall Rd. Station - Schaumburg Express	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
697	Northwest Transportation Center - Harper College	Mon-Fri	morning-early evening
711	Wheaton - Addison	Mon-Fri	morning-early evening
715	Central DuPage	Mon-Fri	morning-early evening
801	Elgin - Geneva	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
803	Carpentersville Local	Mon-Sat	morning-early evening
806	Crystal Lake - Fox Lake	Mon-Fri	rush periods only
905	Schaumburg Trolley	weekend only/(Fri-Sun) service is available during other times of year.	Daily service is available from Memorial Day through Labor Day and from the day after Thanksgiving through January 1.

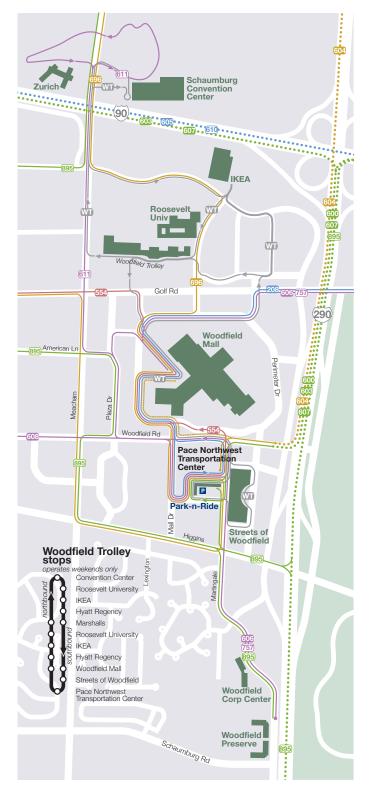
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Downtown Elgin



Woodfield Area



Regional Transportation Authority

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The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) provides financial oversight, funding, and regional transit planning for the three public transit operations in Northeastern Illinois: The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace Suburban Bus. The RTA provides customer services including travel training for people with disabilities. For more information, visit rtachicago.org

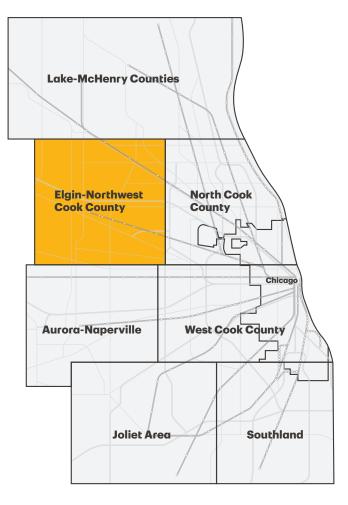
RTA Travel Information Center & Customer Service

312-836-7000 • <u>rtachicago.org</u> Call 312-913-3110 for locations and hours.

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RTA Local Transit Maps



Metra to Pace Connections

UP-NW

Crystal Lake 550, 806, 808 south of station in bus loading area

MD-W

Hanover Park
554 north of station on Lake St
National St/Elgin
546, 801 west of station on State St

542 across Fox River on National St

All bus stops at Elgin Transportation Center, just north of the station. 541 at Bus Stop B 542 at Bus Stop D 543 at Bus Stop B 546 at Bus Stop C 547 at Bus Stop C 548 at Bus Stop C 549 at Bus Stop C 550 at Bus Stop A 552 at Bus Stop A

603 at Bus Stop D

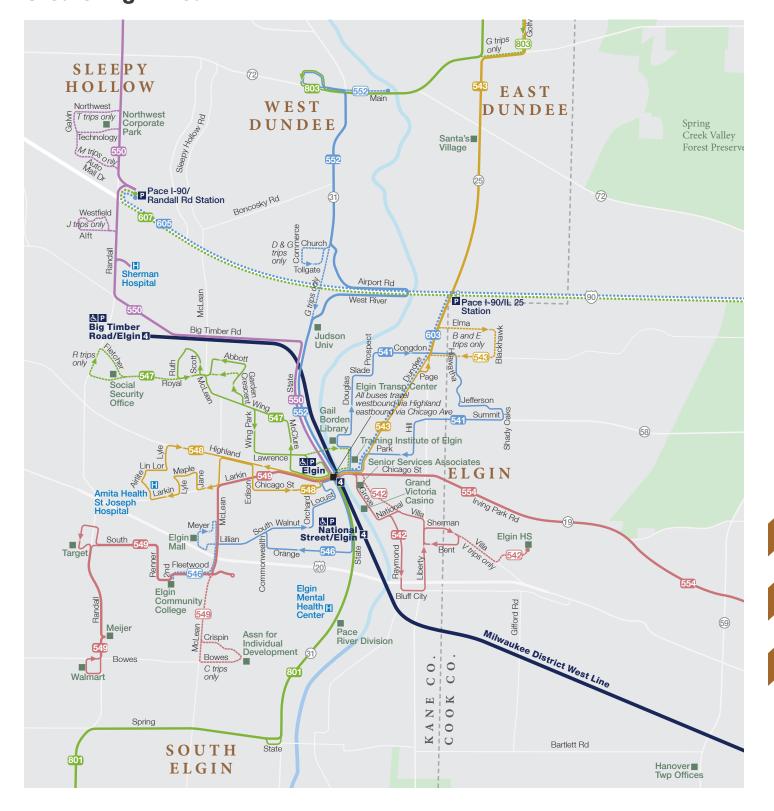
801 at Bus Stop A

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Greater Elgin Area









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