



Northeastern Illinois PUBLIC TRANSIT Task Force

March 11, 2014

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Dear Mr. Meza:

In accordance with Executive Order 13-06, issued by Governor Quinn on August 15, 2013, we are the co-chairs of the Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force.

It is our objective to provide meaningful recommendations to strengthen and revitalize the northeastern Illinois public transit system. These recommendations will address ways to ensure greater efficiency, accountability, coordination, and transparency among the transit agencies of the region. As we work toward this goal, we are planning a public hearing on March 17, 2014. We would like to extend a formal invitation to you to provide testimony at the hearing scheduled for:

March 17, 2014
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Michael A. Bilandic Building
160 North LaSalle Street, Room N-505
Chicago, IL 60601

Given the familiarity of your Office with the agencies operating the northeastern Illinois transit system, specifically the RTA, Metra, CTA, and Pace, we would appreciate your perspective on:

1. Any changes that may be made to ensure greater efficiency, accountability, coordination and transparency among the transit agencies of the region, including changes to the guiding statutes for the transit agencies or your Office;
2. The expectations and experience of your Office investigating matters related to the transit agencies of the region; and
3. The interrelation of the work of your Office and the disclosure of information by agencies under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

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We regret at this late date that we have real limits on time and would appreciate you holding your remarks to 5 – 10 minutes. To the extent that it is convenient for you, we invite you to submit a written statement on the above topics and any additional matters that you consider to be relevant to our inquiry in advance of our public hearing so that we can make good use of our time by distributing them to the Task Force in advance. Further, we recognize that your statement, written or oral, may be limited by confidentiality provisions that bind your Office.

We plan to use this information to help make recommendations that will enhance this vital public service that millions of Illinoisans use each day.

Our work here is critical, as Illinois strives to improve and strengthen connections among all transportation modes – including transit – to provide Illinois and the nation with a seamless transportation system that is accessible, safe, respects the environment, advances quality of life and empowers our economy.

Thank you for your commitment to the northeastern Illinois transit system.

Sincerely,

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