

How will your Representative vote for Metra?

The Illinois House of Representatives will meet again on Friday, November 2 to vote on bill SB572, a comprehensive solution for Metra, CTA and Pace. Here's a chart with how they voted in the previous referendum.

Your Illinois House Rep according to the district your station is in.

STATIONS	INITIAL VOTE FOR FUNDING ON 9/4/2007**	DISTRICT	HOUSE REP	EMAIL	COST OF MONTHLY IF FUNDING DOES NOT PASS*				
					ZONE	CURRENT	2008	2009	2010
BIG TIMBER RD.	Voted against	49	Timothy L. Schmitz	ilrep49@sbcglobal.net	H	139.05	152.96	168.25	185.08
ELGIN	Voted against	43	Ruth Munson	ruthmunson@ruthmunson.com	H	139.05	152.96	168.25	185.08
National St.	Voted against	43	Ruth Munson	ruthmunson@ruthmunson.com	H	139.05	152.96	168.25	185.08
Bartlett	Voted against	55	Harry R. Ramey, Jr.	staterepramey55@aol.com	F	116.10	127.71	140.48	154.53
<i>Hanover Park</i>	<i>Voted in support</i>	56	Paul D. Froehlich	statereppaul@sbc.global.net	F	116.10	127.71	140.48	154.53
Schaumburg	Voted against	44	Fred Crespo	cityparkxx@yahoo.com	F	116.10	127.71	140.48	154.53
Roselle	Voted against	45	Franco Coladipietro	franco@il45.com	E	105.30	115.83	127.41	140.15
Medinah	Voted against	45	Franco Coladipietro	franco@il45.com	E	105.30	115.83	127.41	140.15
Itasca	Voted against	46	Dennis M. Reboletti	dennisroboletti@sbcglobal.net	D	93.15	102.47	112.71	123.98
Wood Dale	Voted against	46	Dennis M. Reboletti	dennisroboletti@sbcglobal.net	D	93.15	102.47	112.71	123.98
Bensenville	Voted against	77	Angelo Saviano	skip@saviano.com	D	93.15	102.47	112.71	123.98
Mannheim	Voted against	77	Angelo Saviano	skip@saviano.com	C	82.35	90.59	99.64	109.61
Franklin Park	Voted against	77	Angelo Saviano	skip@saviano.com	C	82.35	90.59	99.64	109.61
River Grove	Voted against	77	Angelo Saviano	skip@saviano.com	C	82.35	90.59	99.64	109.61
Elmwood Park	Voted against	77	Angelo Saviano	skip@saviano.com	C	82.35	90.59	99.64	109.61
<i>Mont Clare</i>	<i>Voted in support</i>	78	Deborah L. Graham	st.rep.graham@sbcglobal.net	B	58.05	63.86	70.24	77.26
<i>Mars</i>	<i>Voted in support</i>	2	Edward J. Acevedo	eacevedoed@ilga.gov	B	58.05	63.86	70.24	77.26
<i>Galewood</i>	<i>Voted in support</i>	3	Luis Arroyo	repdelgado@ilga.gov	B	58.05	63.86	70.24	77.26
<i>Hanson Park</i>	<i>Voted in support</i>	3	Luis Arroyo	repdelgado@aol.com	B	58.05	63.86	70.24	77.26
<i>Grand/Cicero</i>	<i>Voted in support</i>	3	Luis Arroyo	repdelgado@aol.com	B	58.05	63.86	70.24	77.26
<i>Western Ave.</i>	<i>Voted in support</i>	10	Annazette Collins	collinsar@ilga.gov	A	52.65	57.92	63.71	70.08
<i>Union Station</i>	<i>Voted in support</i>	9	Arthur L. Turner	turneral@ilga.gov					

With CTA, Metra, and Pace facing budget shortfalls we face a regional transportation disaster. There will be fare increases, service cuts, breakdowns, dilapidated infrastructure, more slow zones, and even worse road congestion—unless something is done. Increased transit funding would do far more than satisfy abstract economic and planning goals. It would save the Chicago region from a meltdown that would inconvenience millions and put hundreds of thousands of additional cars on our already gridlocked roadways.

Better transit makes for a better Chicagoland. Ask your legislators and other leaders in Springfield to support improved funding for transit throughout the region.

Here's a suggestion for what to write to your representative:

Please pass SB572 for a permanent solution to the transit funding crisis in northeastern Illinois. It's been over two decades since transit funding has been expanded, and Chicagoland can't afford to wait any longer.

I urge you to pass a plan that will both maintain and improve transit throughout the region. A good transit system benefits everyone! We need a real solution, and we need it now.

*“The fare hikes could either come in annual 10 percent increases over the next three years [as illustrated above] or as an initial 5 percent hike in 2008 with two subsequent 10 percent increases in 2009 and 2010. Sunday service would be cut only under the 5-10-10 percent option.”
—Chicago Tribune, October 25, 2007

** The House met on 9/4/2007 and did not manage to pass bill SB572, the above chart is a report on the initial voting. The House will meet again to vote on 11/2/2007.

“Chicago is a completely infeasible entity without Metra, the “L”, and bus system. Take these away, and watch our downtown density plummet. The CTA and Metra are what separate us from places like Atlanta and Phoenix, and are perhaps the single most important thing to invest in, along with education.”
—YoChicago.com