

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

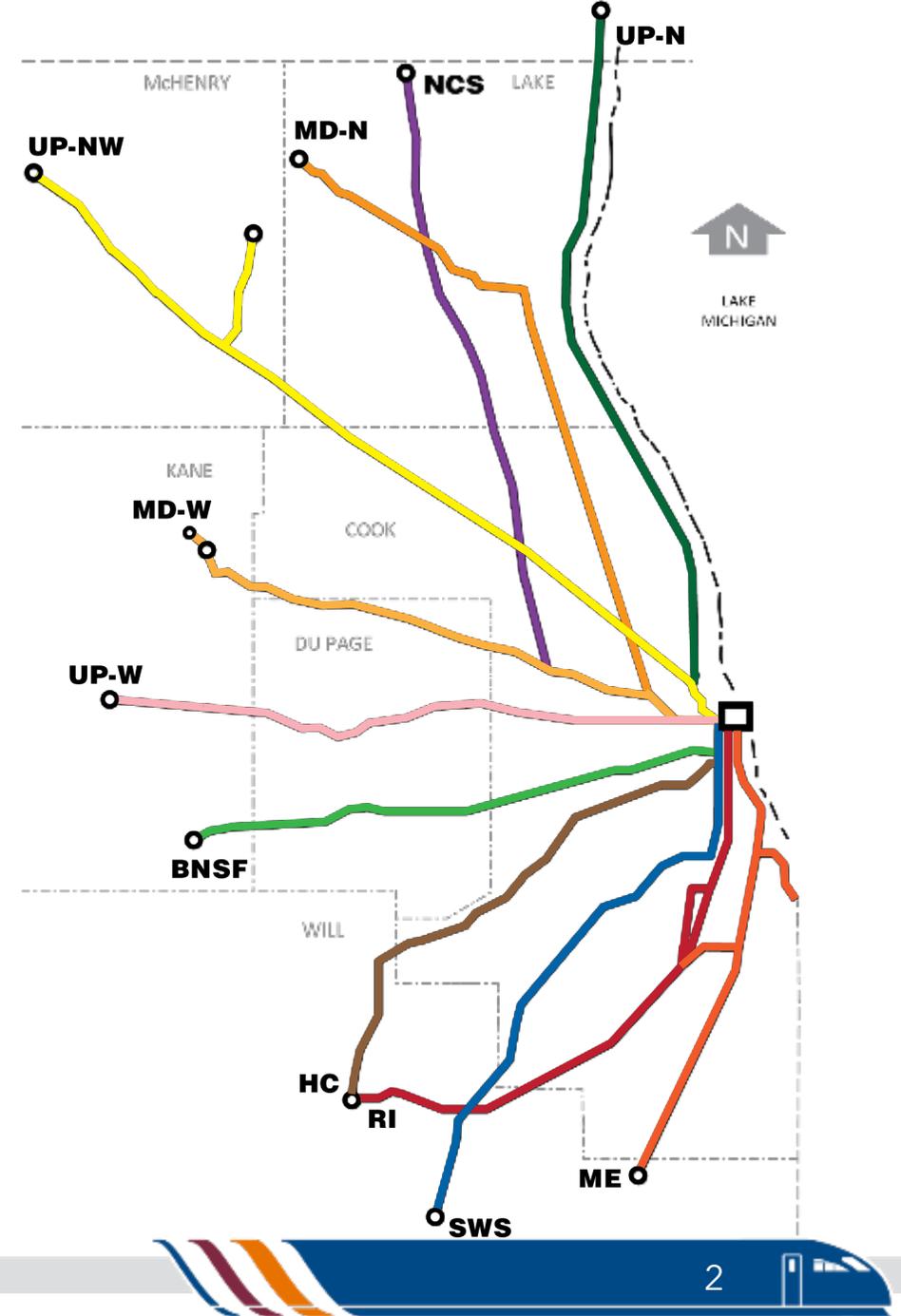
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Metra



THE METRA SYSTEM

- Two lines are owned, operated, and dispatched by Metra
- Two lines are owned and operated by Metra but dispatched by CPKCS
- Six lines are owned and dispatched by various freight railroads but operated by Metra
- One line is owned, operated, and dispatched by a freight railroad (BNSF) under a purchase-of-service agreement with Metra.

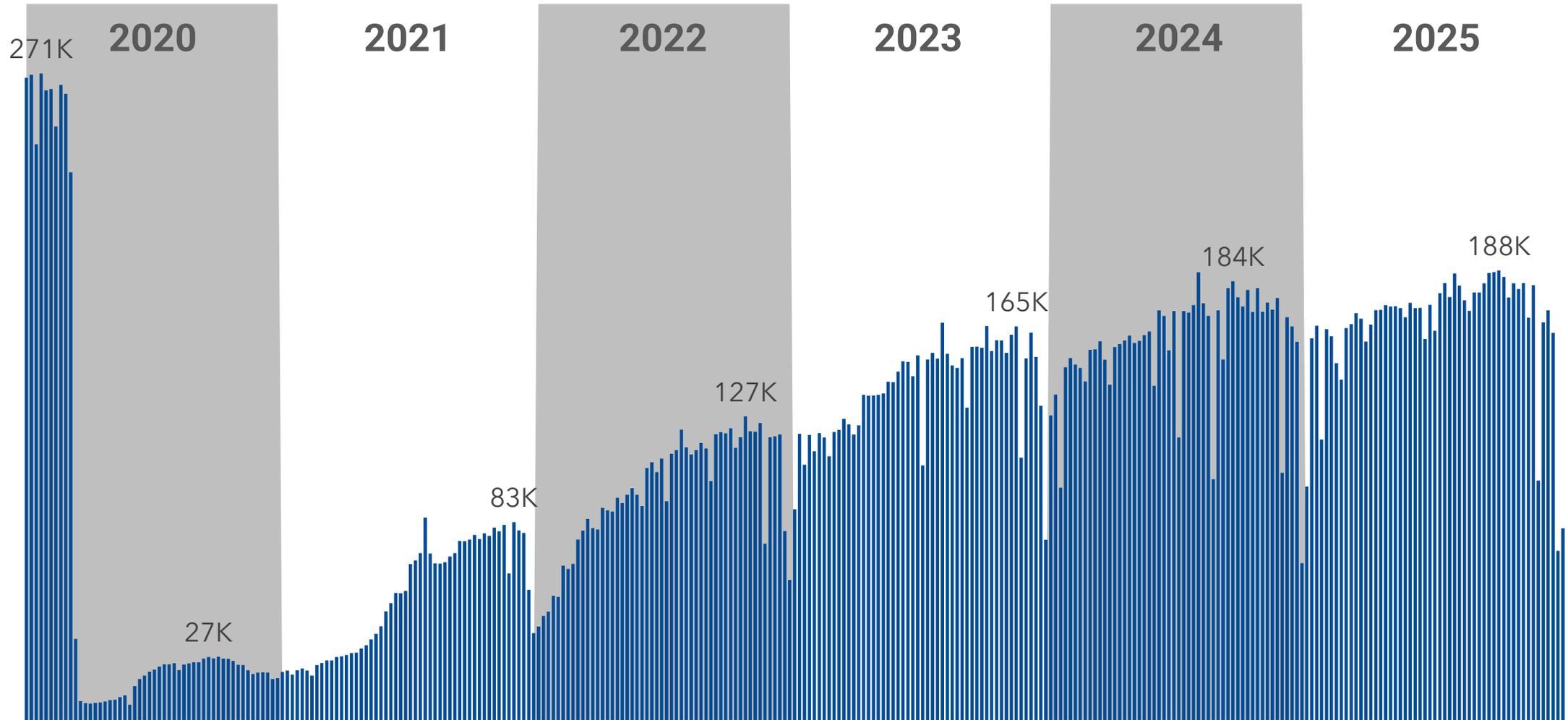


CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS

	PRE-COVID			CURRENT SCHEDULE			SERVICE RECOVERY		
	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
BNSF	97	30	20	97	40	40	100%	133%	200%
HC	7	-	-	6	-	-	86%	-	-
MDN	63	20	18	54	20	18	86%	100%	100%
MDW	58	24	18	52	24	18	90%	100%	100%
ME	155	80	40	131	82	44	85%	103%	110%
NCS	20	-	-	14	-	-	70%	-	-
RI	68	33	28	80	33	29	118%	100%	104%
SWS	30	6	-	30	-	-	100%	0%	-
UPN	70	26	18	71	30	30	101%	115%	167%
UPNW	65	34	21	78	34	21	120%	100%	100%
UPW	59	20	18	58	20	18	98%	100%	100%
TOTAL	692	273	181	671	283	218	97%	104%	120%

RIDERSHIP

Average Weekday Ridership by Week

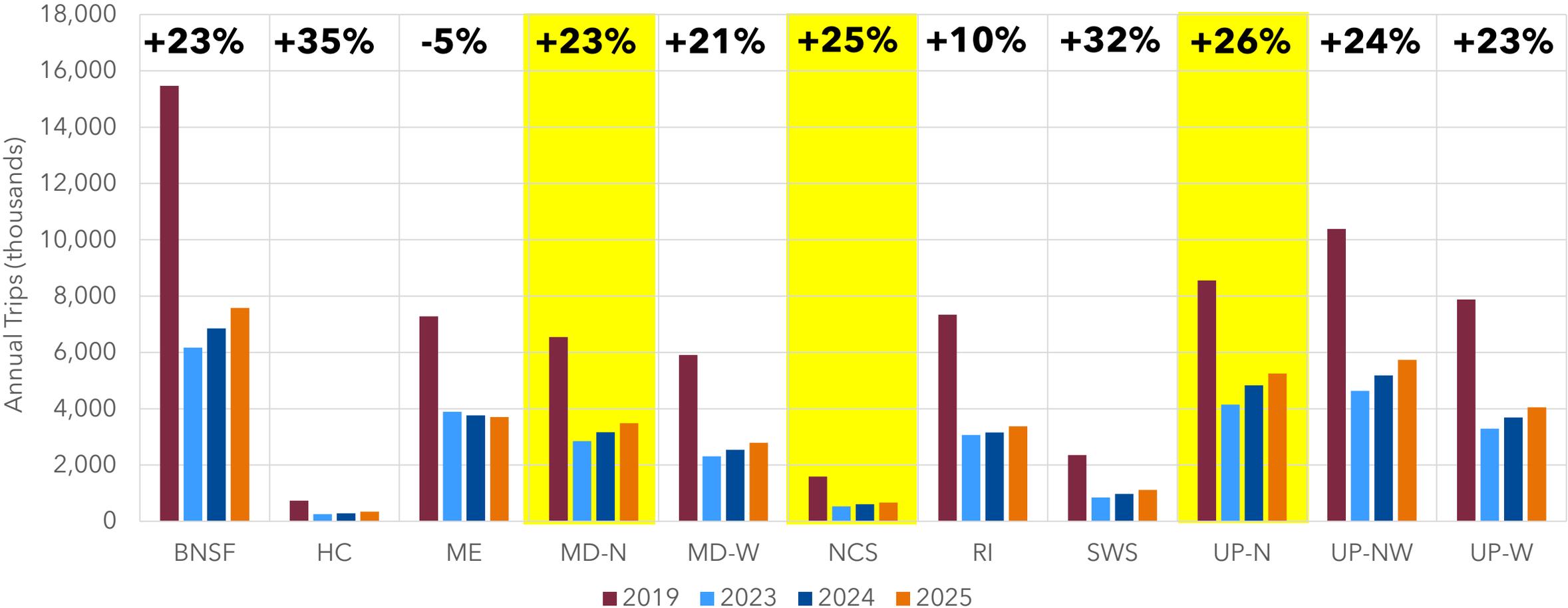


Source: Conductor Passenger Load Counts



METRA RIDERSHIP CHANGE BY LINE – 2019 TO 2025

System Ridership Change 2023 to 2025: **+19%**



COMMUTER RAIL VS. REGIONAL RAIL

Commuter Rail Characteristics

Operates at a higher frequency during peak periods and a significantly lower frequency off-peak

Schedules are more oriented to twice-a-day commuters

Midday and weekend service is relatively infrequent

Trains operate at specific times rather than at regular intervals



Regional Rail Characteristics

Whenever possible, includes service at regular intervals with consistent stopping patterns throughout the day

Service is not just oriented around bringing commuters to the urban center

Provides an all-day transportation option for all trip types throughout the region

Significant service during rush-hour to meet travel demand, but less frequent peak service than traditional commuter rail

NEW ROLLING STOCK



SD70-MACH locomotives

In service now; final unit to be delivered by yearend 2027



First car expected in January 2027

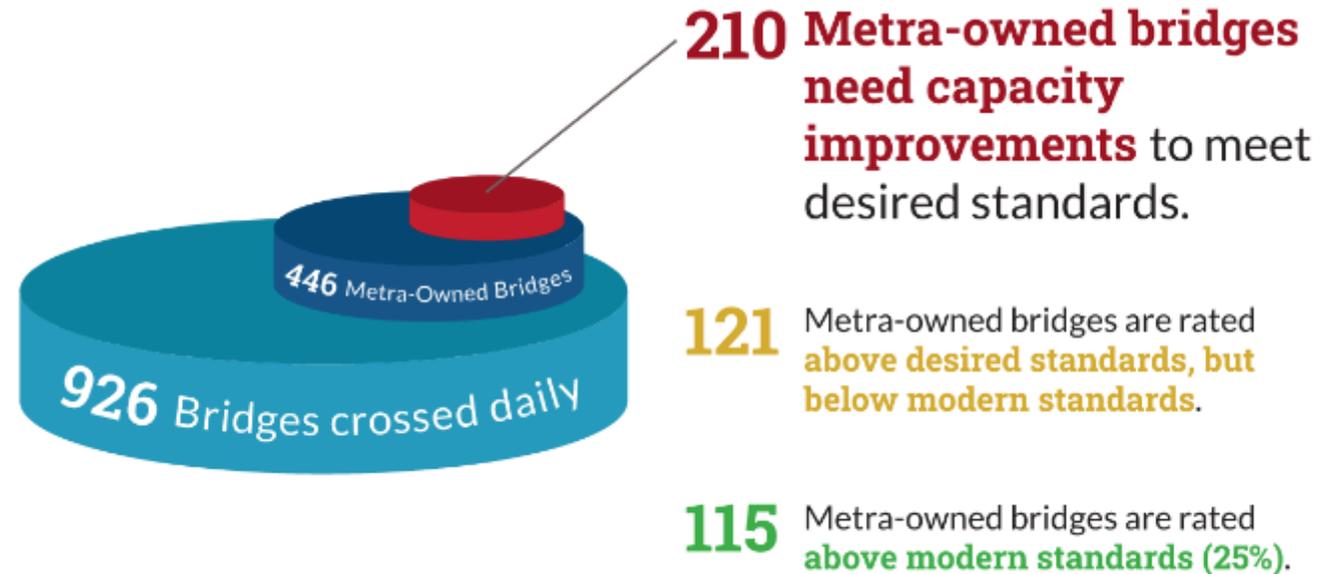


New Stadler trainsets

First trainsets to enter service in January 2028

METRA BRIDGES

- Bridge Inventory
 - Operating over 926 bridges
- Metra owns 446 bridges
 - 227 bridges more than 100 years old and many are more than 140 years old
 - Service life for steel bridges is 75 years
 - 80% are more than 75 years old
- 210 bridges exceed normal load rating
 - Increases bridge degradation
 - Decreases remaining life
 - Can reduce speed to extend life
- **Urgent need for attention to bridges**



BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PRE-PROGRAM AND PROGRAM

Pre-Program

- Metra has 19 bridge projects currently in planning stages that are not yet fully funded (including major UP North Bridge Project)
- Cost of fully funding these 19 bridges is **\$230 million** (which is our immediate funding need)

Program

- Looking forward, Metra proposes a **20-year Bridge Improvement Program** (BIP) that would include 5 bridge rehabilitations and 5 bridge reconstructions per year
- **200 total bridges** over the 20-year period (in addition to the bridges in the Pre-Program)
- **Annual cost of approximately \$160 million**, including all phases of each bridge
 - Approximately \$10 million of each of the first three years is funded, which will cover PE/NEPA
 - There is **no funding** for Final Design and Construction for these groups
 - There is **no funding** for Groups 4-20

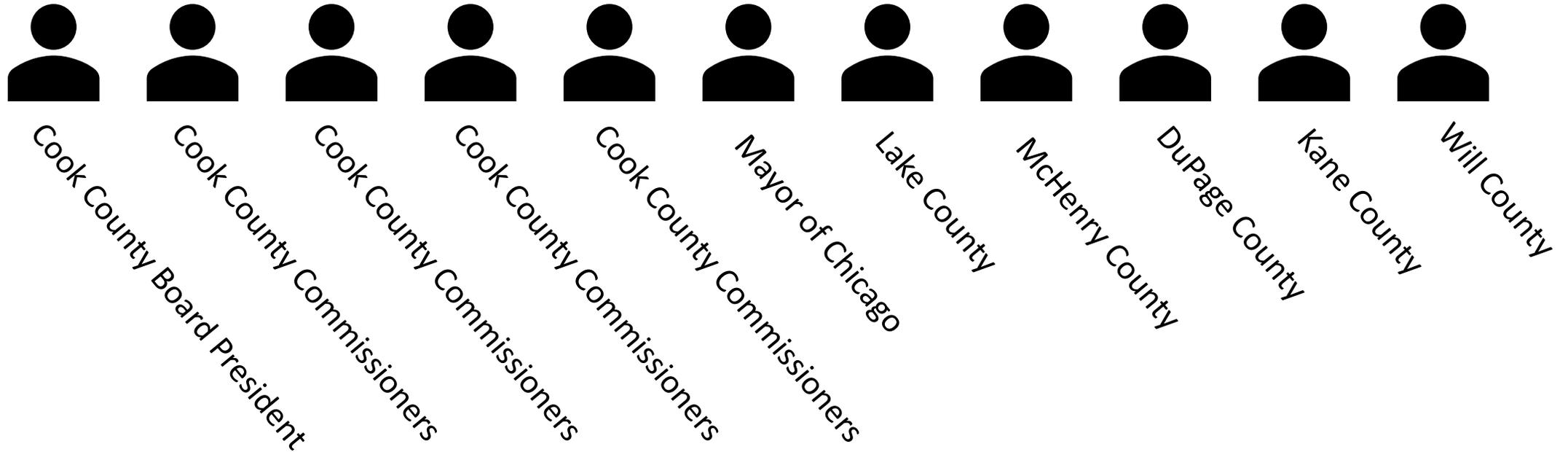
PREFERRED LOAN OPTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Metra is proposing a **\$230 million RRIF loan** to complete funding for the 19 bridges in the Pre-Program, and additional future loans for 200 bridges in the **Bridge Improvement Program**



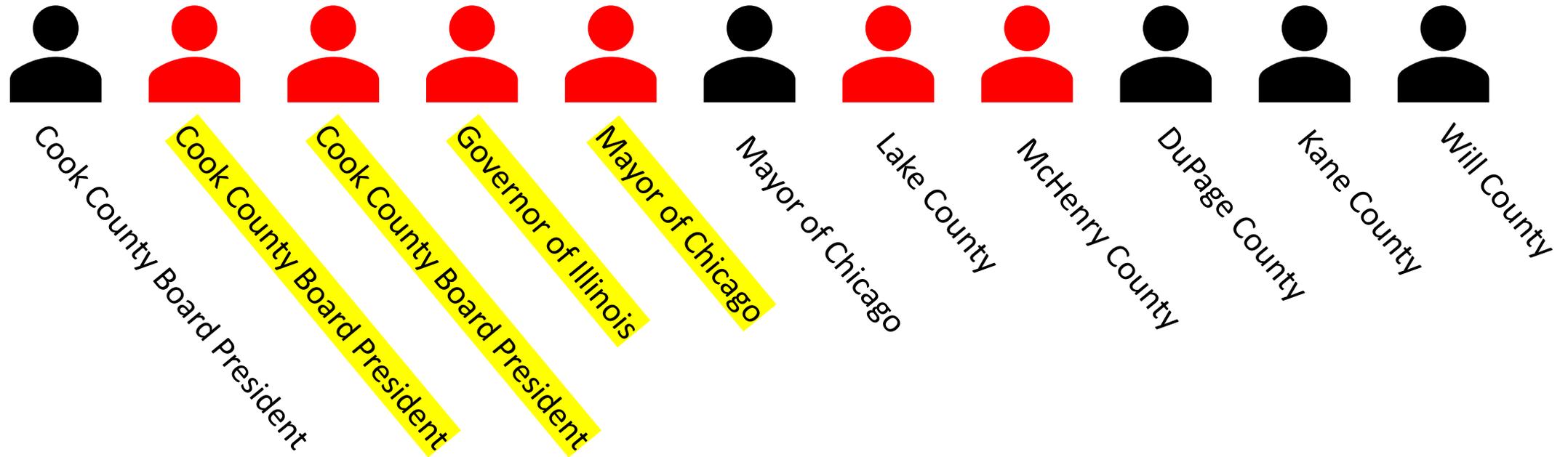
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- Current Board of Directors appointing authorities



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- New Board of Directors appointing authorities (changes are highlighted)

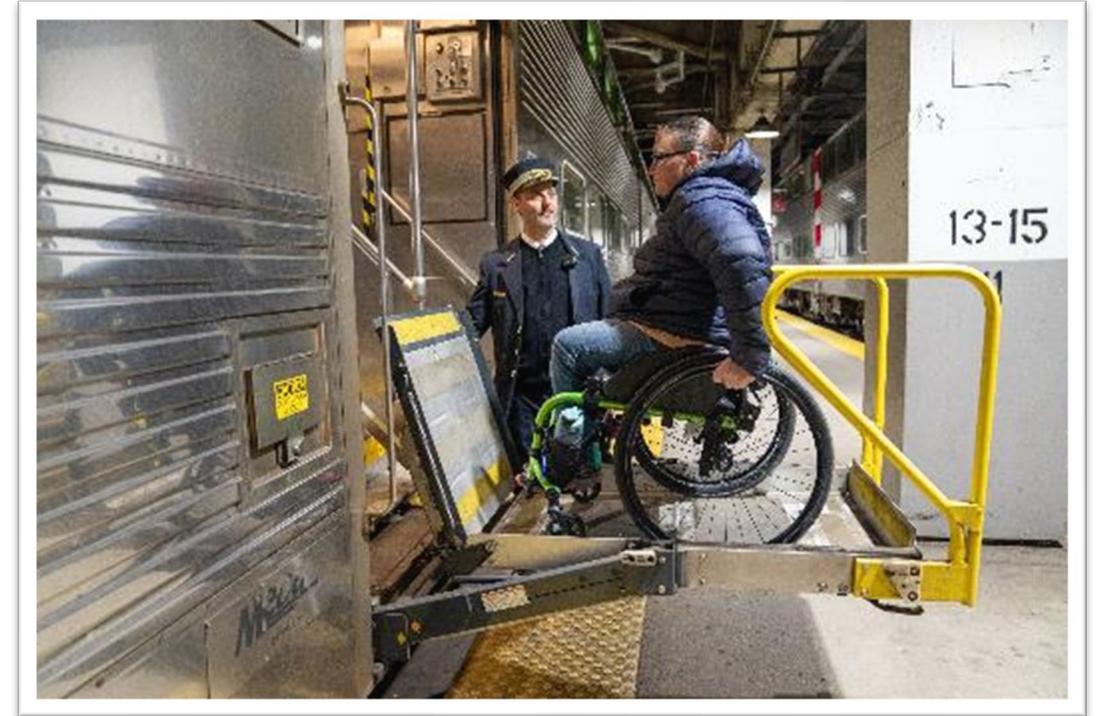


Also serves on NITA Board

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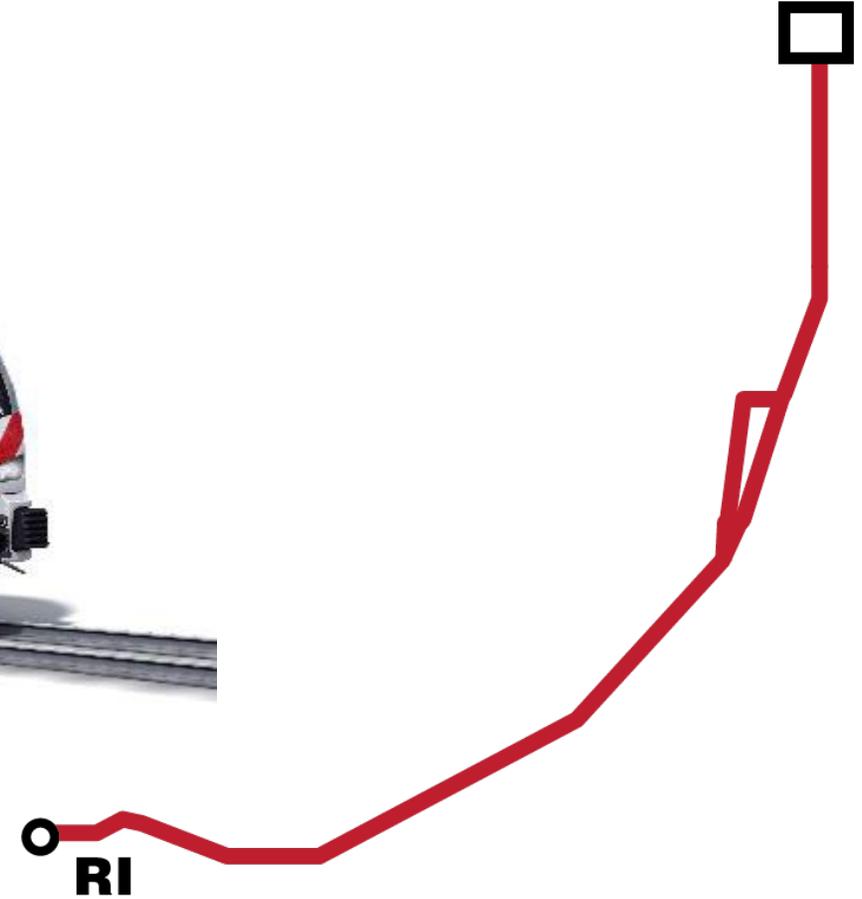
New and revised advisory councils:

- ADA Advisory Council
- Dail-a-Ride Service Coordination Council
- Office of Disability of Policy and Planning
- Riders Advisory Council
- Coordinated Safety Response Council
- Safety Subcommittee



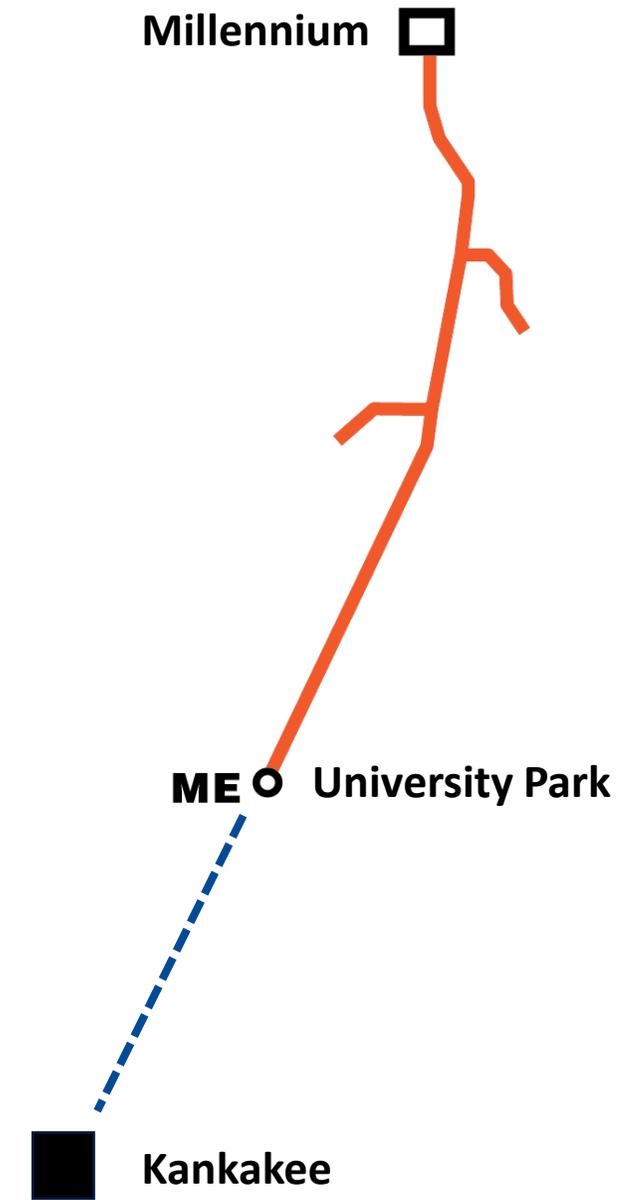
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- **“Regional Rail” pilot** schedule on Rock Island Line



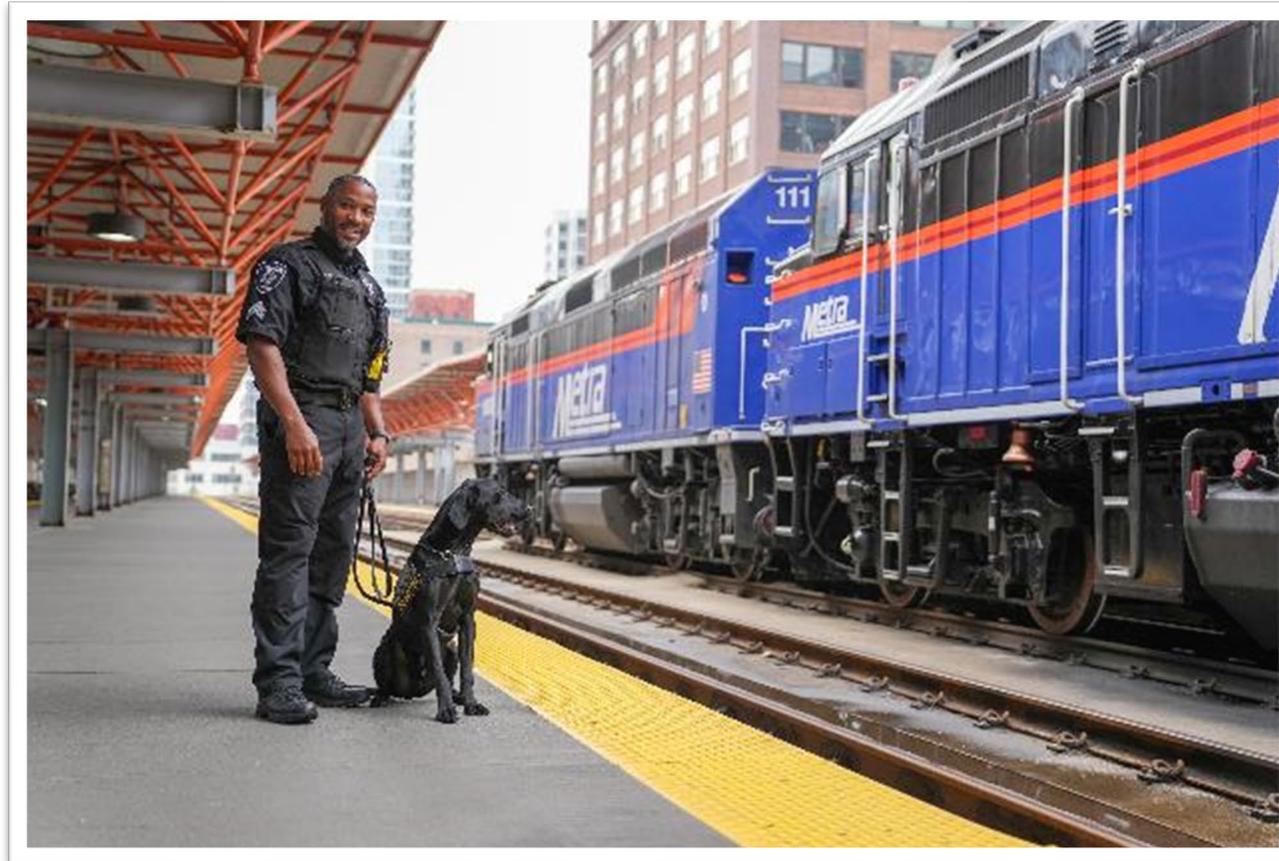
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- Study regarding the **extension of Metra Electric Line to Kankakee**



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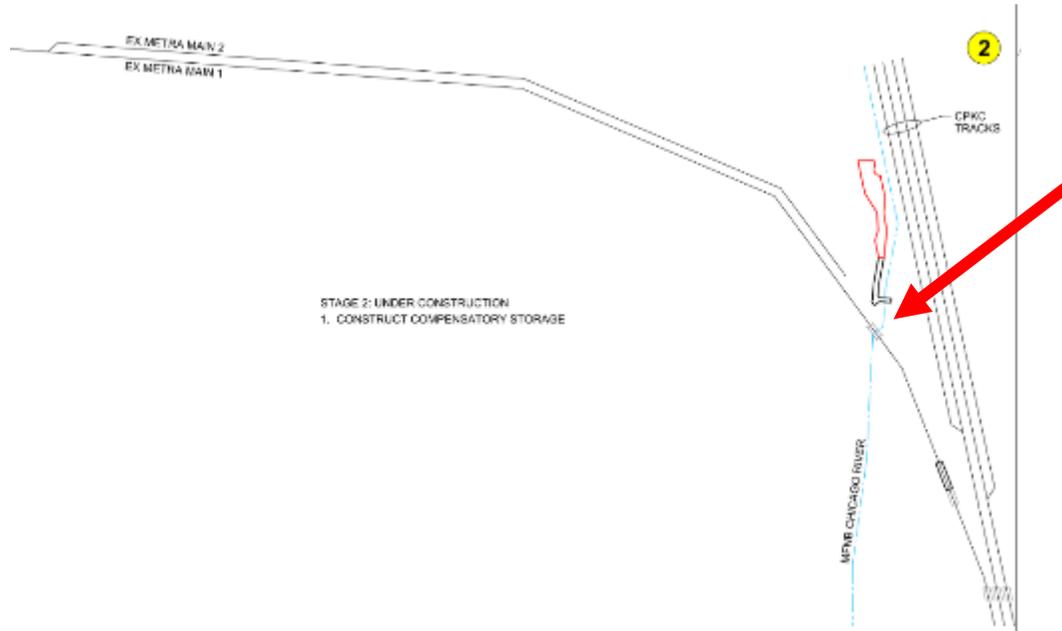
- **Creation of NITA Law Enforcement Task Force** (including Metra police), **Office of Transit Safety and Experience**, and **Transit Ambassador Program** to increase safety for passengers



BRIDGE A318



INCREASE FLUIDITY - MD-N AT RONDOUT



- Fox Lake Sub - Single Track
- Allows trains to stage
- Saves 5-8 minutes

UNION PACIFIC TRANSITION



QUESTIONS?

