

RTA Report
McHenry Council
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RTA budget

A number of items in the 2018 State budget will impact the RTA and the distribution of funds to the service boards.

1) The RTA sales tax collected in northeastern Illinois will be subject to 2% deduction collected by and referred to as a Department Of Revenue sales tax surcharge. This will result in reduced RTA sales tax receipts by about \$12 million in 2017 and by about \$24 million in subsequent years.

2) Although the 30% state match for the RTA tax did not get reduced it is subject to a 10% reduction for 2018. This temporary reduction is expected to lower RTA PTF receipts by about \$10 million for RTA fiscal year 2017 and by about \$30 million for RTA fiscal year 2018

3) A provision that mandates a direct deposit into the Public Transportation Fund on a monthly basis in the amount of money necessary to match the RTA's sales tax at 30%. This new provision would mandate that the Illinois Department of Revenue bypass the General Revenue Fund and send the money directly to the Public Transportation Fund upon collection of the revenue. This new transfer of funds should result in timely PTF payments being made to the RTA.

4) Similarly, a portion of the RTA's other state funding will now be paid out of the Road Fund (previously nearly all of the RTA's state funding came from the General Revenue Fund). This should also help to alleviate some cash flow concerns since the money transferred from the Road Fund should be sent on a timely basis.

RTA Community Planning Program

In the spring the RTA and CMAP jointly held a call for Community Planning Program projects. Thirteen projects were submitted to the RTA by the June 29 deadline. They included TOD related, corridor and station feasibility studies. There were no proposals for this program from McHenry County.