# Report Card First Quarter - 2024

# STRATEGIC PLAN MY METRA - OUR FUTURE

In February 2023, the Metra Board of Directors adopted *My Metra, Our Future,* the next five-year strategic plan for the agency. This plan builds upon Metra's first-ever strategic plan, *On Track to Excellence*, sets strategic goals and objectives that address longstanding challenges for the agency and the new obstacles brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and will guide Metra's decision-making over the 2023-2027 time period. The five strategic goals are presented below, and measures of success throughout this report track our progress toward implementation of the plan. The full plan is available at Metra.com/strategic-plan. This report is a companion to it.

# TRACKING PROGRESS TOWARD OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

- Enhance service to grow ridership and provide mobility choices
- Ensure the Metra experience is safe, easy, and enjoyable for all customers
- Attract a diverse workforce and invest in our employees
- Innovate to become more efficient and effective
- Be a socially responsible organization committed to equity and sustainability



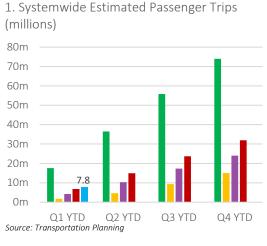
#### ENHANCE SERVICE TO GROW RIDERSHIP & PROVIDE MOBILITY CHOICES

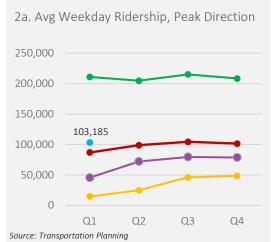
The COVID-19 pandemic brought on new ridership patterns and changing rider behavior. Metra is committed to responding to evolving travel needs by moving toward a regional rail service model. It is our goal to introduce new schedules, explore new service opportunities, and simplify our fare structure to grow ridership and make Metra a mobility choice for all trip types throughout northeastern Illinois.

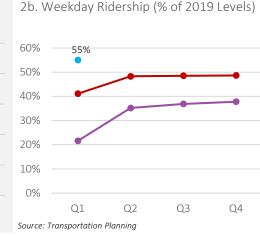
#### A. Grow Ridership

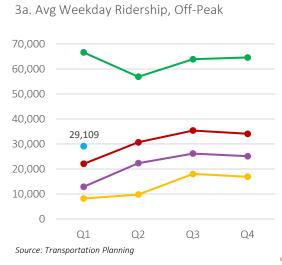
Pre-COVID, Metra provided about 281,000 rides each weekday and over 70 million passenger trips annually. Between 2023-2027, Metra will work to build our ridership and attract new customers to our system.

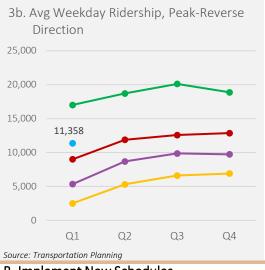


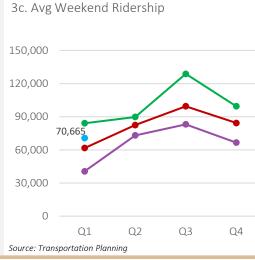






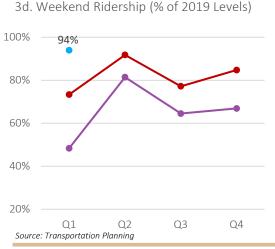


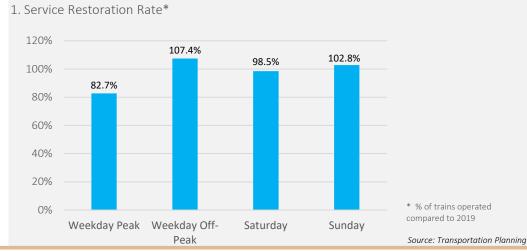




#### **B. Implement New Schedules**

In order to enhance our service, Metra will continue to modify schedules guided by our service principles.

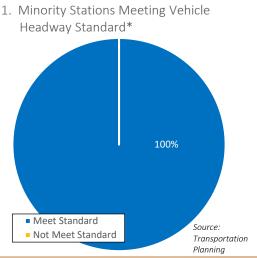


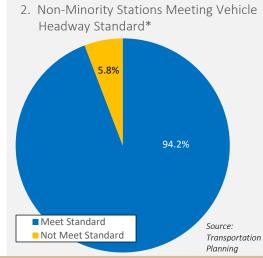


# ENHANCE SERVICE TO GROW RIDERSHIP & PROVIDE MOBILITY CHOICES, continued

#### C. Emphasize Equity

Where feasible, meeting the transportation needs of the region's transit dependent, minority, and low-income residents will be a priority for Metra over the next five years.

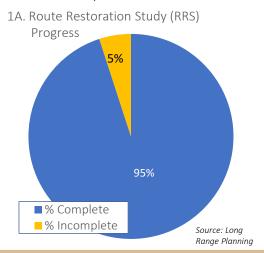


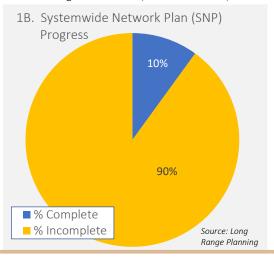


\* Vehicle Headway Standards dictate the minimum number of revenue stops per station in each direction by service period based on the rail line's service level (full/medium/limited). Vehicle Headway Standards and Minority Stations are defined by Metra's Title VI Program.

#### D. New Service Opportunities

Efforts to analyze new destinations that Metra could serve through infill stations, line connections, schedule improvements, and new partnerships.





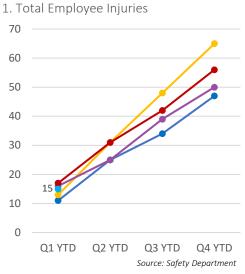
## ENSURE THE METRA EXPERIENCE IS SAFE, EASY, & ENJOYABLE FOR ALL CUSTOMERS

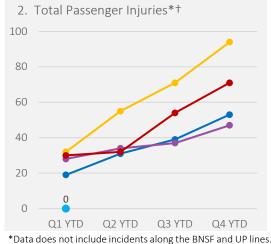
To remain a competitive transportation option and attract new customers, Metra must ensure that our service is as safe as possible, easy and intuitive to use, and enjoyable for everyone.

#### E. Maintain Safety of Metra Employees and Passengers

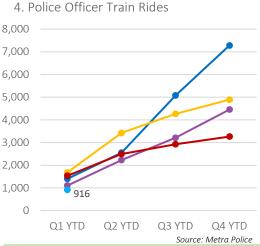
Metra Police will implement programs to improve safety and security for our customers and employees.





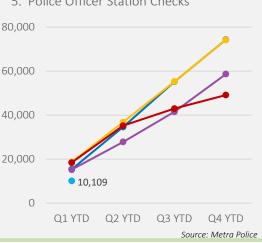








 $^{\dagger}\text{Method}$  for calculating value updated for 2020 and forward

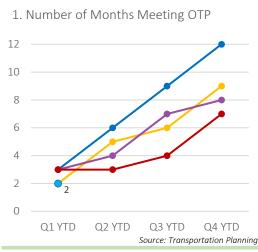


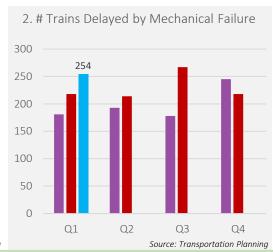


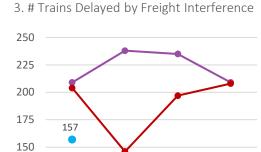


#### F. Operate Service to Meet Schedule Expectations

Reliability is one of the top reasons why people choose and value Metra.







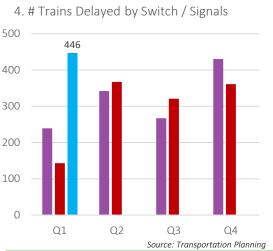
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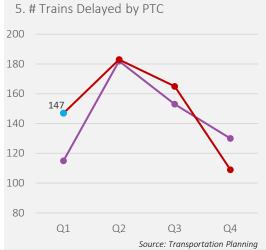
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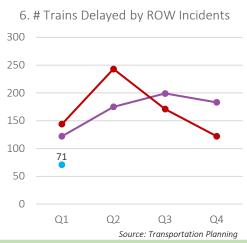
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#### F. Operate Service to Meet Schedule Expectations, Continued



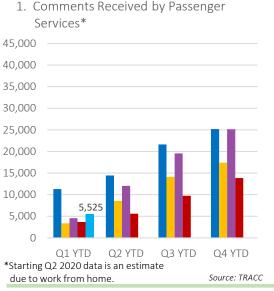


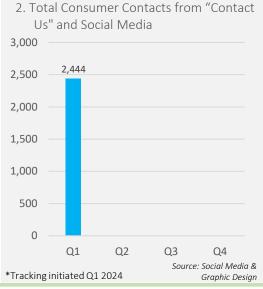


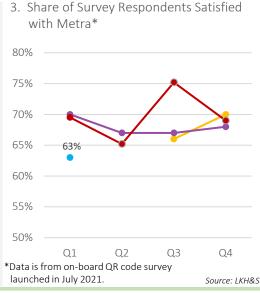


#### G. Improve Customer Communication

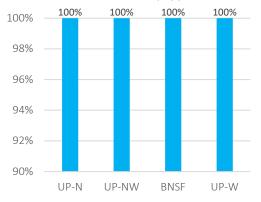
Being responsive to the comments, concerns, & suggestions from our riders is key to providing the safest, most efficient, & reliable service to our customers.











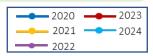
\*ACORN -- Automated Communication
On-Board Reporting Network

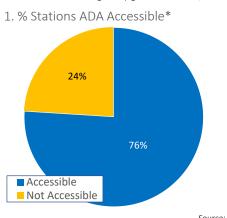
Source: IT

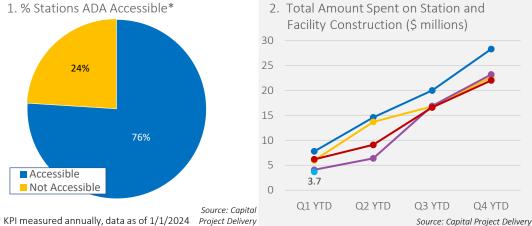
## ENSURE THE METRA EXPERIENCE IS SAFE, EASY, & ENJOYABLE FOR ALL **OUR CUSTOMERS, continued**

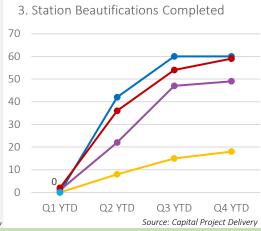
#### H. Rehabilitate Stations and Facilities

Metra is working to upgrade stations, facilities, and rolling stock to improve user experience and attract riders.





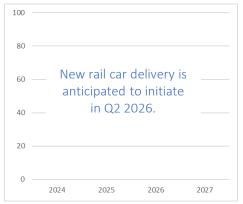




#### I. Improve the Onboard Experience

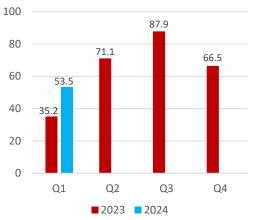
New rail cars will improve the ride, comfort, on-time performance, and amenities for our passengers.

1. New Rail Cars Delivered



Source: Mechanical

2. Bicycles on Metra Trains (in thousands)\*



\*Tracking initiated Q1 2023

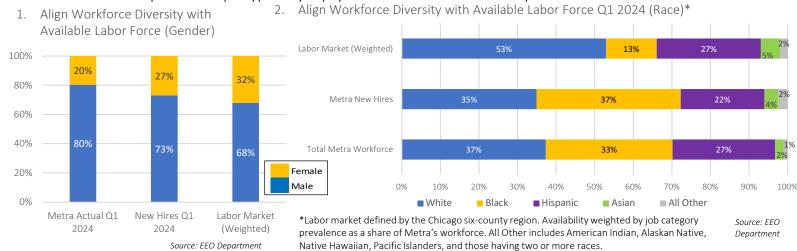
Source: Transportation Planning

#### ATTRACT A DIVERSE WORKFORCE AND INVEST IN OUR EMPLOYEES

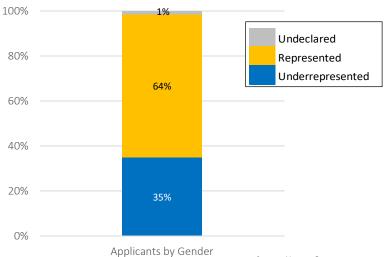
The future of Metra relies on our ability to attract a diverse, skilled workforce, and on the investment in our employees as they continually develop their skills.

#### J. Advance DEI Initiatives in Hiring

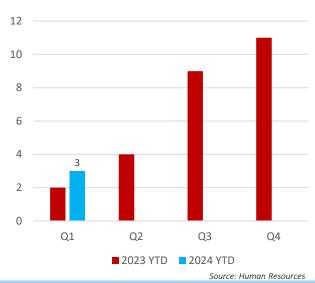
Metra will continue to implement our Equal Opportunity Employer Plan and its affirmative action components.

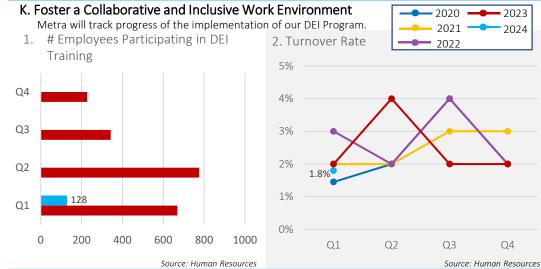




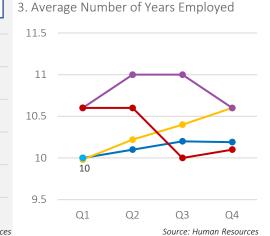








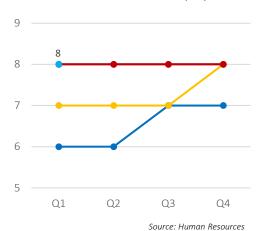
Source: Human Resources



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#### K. Foster a Collaborative and Inclusive Work Environment, Continued

4. Median Number of Years Employed



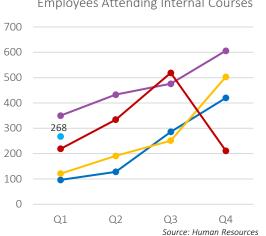
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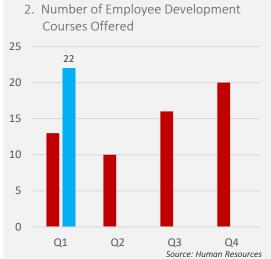
#### L. Encourage Participation in Voluntary Development Programs

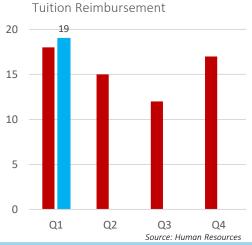
Increasing participation in professional development programs builds our workforce's capacity.











3. Number of Metra Employees Receiving

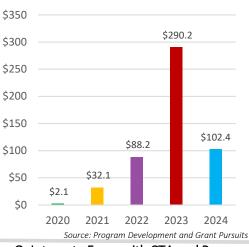
#### INNOVATE TO BECOME MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE

Metra will deploy innovative tools and adopt new, data-driven practices to leverage funding sources and improve our system efficiently and effectively.

#### M. Pursue Alternative Funding Sources

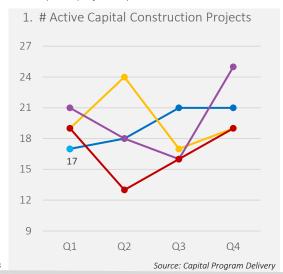
Metra will continue to seek funds from new and current funding partners.

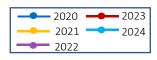
1. Value of Grants Awarded (\$Millions)



#### N. Capital Projects

Metra's new Capital Delivery Office will improve project implementation

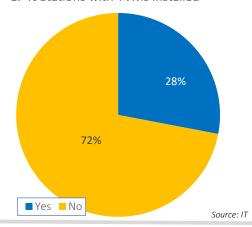




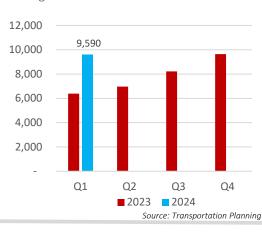
#### O. Integrate Fares with CTA and Pace

Improve regional connectivity by facilitating mode transfers.

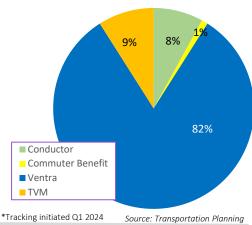
1. % Stations with TVMs Installed



2. Regional Connect Pass Users



3. Ticket Sales Channel\*



#### P. Keep IT Infrastructure Safe

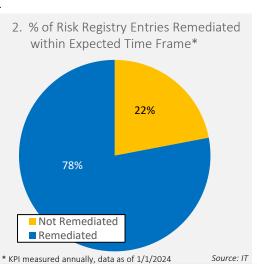
Metra will implement our cybersecurity strategy.

1. % of Critical Tactical Vulnerabilities
Addressed in Agreed Upon Time Frame
in Q1 2024

100%

Addressed
Not Addressed

Source: IT

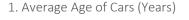


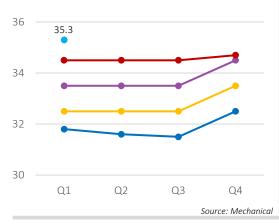
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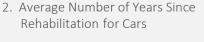
#### Q. Optimize Capital Assets

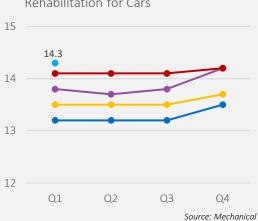
Prioritize replacement of capital assets in accordance with our Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan



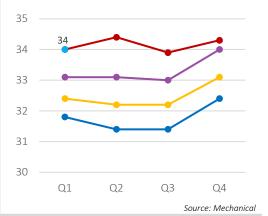








3. Average Age of Locomotives (Years)



6. % Rolling Stock Beyond Useful Life\*

40%

38%

2021

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

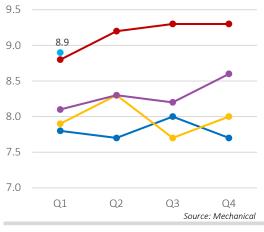
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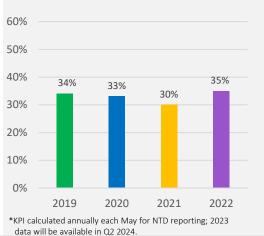
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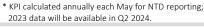
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4. Average Number of Years Since Rehab for Locomotives

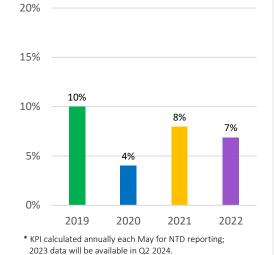


5. % Equipment Beyond Useful Life\*

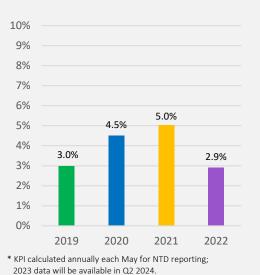








8. % Track with Speed Restrictions\*



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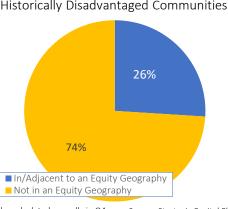
# BE A SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Metra seeks to implement policies and projects that meet the transit needs of historically disadvantaged populations and support the region's mobility needs with the least environmental impact.

### R. Emphasize Equity in Capital Programming Metra will consider an equitable distribution of

Metra will consider an equitable distribution of projects in the Capital Program throughout the region

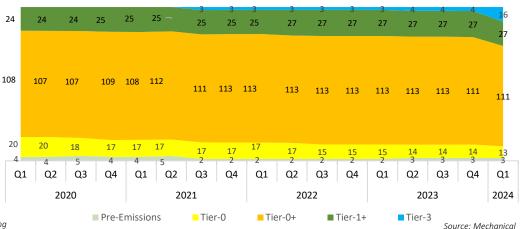
1. % Projects in the 2024 Capital Program in Historically Disadvantaged Communities \*



#### S. Reduce Our Carbon Footprint

Metra is committed to reduce carbon emissions

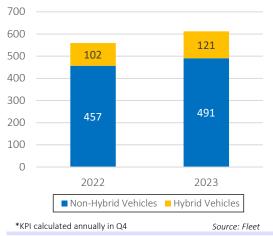
1. Number of Metra Locomotives by EPA Tier



\*KPI to be calculated annually in Q4  $\,$ 

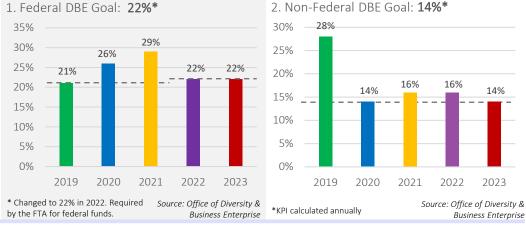
Source: Strategic Capital Planning

2. Rubber-Wheeled Fleet that are Hybrid or Electric\*



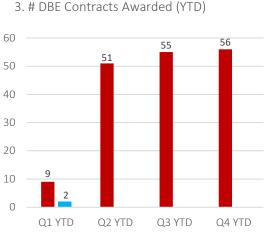
#### T. Achieve DBE Contracting Goals

Metra is committed to ensuring that no one is discriminated against in the provision of public transportation. We also seek to foster diverse teams of contractors whenever we bid out projects.

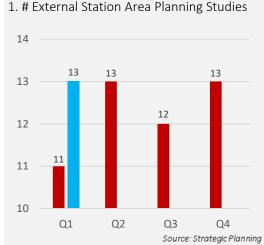


#### U. Contribute to the Development of Sustainable Communities

Metra will participate in local and regional projects that plan for resilient, sustainable communities, combat climate change, and promote transit-supportive developments.



Source: Office of Diversity & Business Enterprise



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