SHOULD PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BE VIEWED AS A BUSINESS OR A SOCIAL BENEFIT?

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POPULATION DENSITY
CHALLENGES TO PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
URBAN ENVIRONMENT

POPULATION DENSITY OF CHICAGO=11,864/SQUARE MI
RURAL ENVIRONMENT
SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST

POPULATION DENSITY FOR POPE (12.1) AND JOHNSON (36.6) COUNTIES PER SQUARE MI
PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF URBANIZED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

• WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR EVENTS THAT IMPACTED HOW PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WAS FUNDED/VIEWED

• WHAT IS THE CURRENT EVENT THAT MAY CHANGE THIS AGAIN?

• WHERE IS PT HEADED?

• OPEN DISCUSSION ON THIS PRESENTATION OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ISSUE, OR THE CUBS OR BEARS
EVENT 1: MIGRATION FROM RURAL TO URBAN
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<td>1870 POPULATION</td>
<td>298,977</td>
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<td>1900 POPULATION</td>
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<td>2,695,598</td>
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Figure 1-14.
Total Population by Metropolitan Status: 1910 to 2000
(Millions)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census of population, 1910 to 2000.
EARLY DAYS AS A BUSINESS IN CHICAGO

IN 1903 CHICAGO HAD THE LARGEST AND MOST PROFITABLE CABLE CAR SYSTEM IN THE US.
CHICAGO SURFACE LINES

1935-1958 OPERATED
3700 TROLLEY BUSES
OVER 500 SERVICE MILES ON 100 ROUTES
EVENT 2: GROWTH OF AUTOMOBILE OWNERSHIP
EVENT 3: MIGRATION FROM URBAN TO SUBURBAN - HOUSING AND JOBS

Figure 1-15.
Percent of Total Population Living in Metropolitan Areas and in Their Central Cities and Suburbs: 1910 to 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census of population, 1910 to 2000.
EVENT 4: FEDERAL FUNDING/ADA/TITLE VI

• THRU DEMISE OF FOR PROFIT BUS TRANSIT STSTEMS AND A COUPLE OF LARGE PRIVATE RAILRAODS, PRES. JOHNSON IN 1964 PASSES URBAN MASS TRANSIT LEGISLATION

• USDOT-UMTA-FTA
ADA

• SIGNED IN TO LAW IN 1990
• LIFT ON FIXED ROUTE BUSES
• COMPLIMENTARY PARATRANSIT SERVICE
• RURAL PARATRANSIT SERVICE
• FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY
TITLE VI

• PASSED IN 1964

• NON-DISCRIMINATION-(PACE EXAMPLE/MULTI LANGUAGE)

• SERVICE EQUITY (>50 BUSES AND > 200,000 POP)

• ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
EVENT 5: FTA’S PRIVATIZATION INITIATIVE

• IN THE EARLY 1990’S FTA INCENTIVE TO PRIVATIZE PORTIONS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

• THE RESULTS WERE LESS THAN STELLAR
EVENT 6: TECHNOLOGY
MOD Opportunities for Transit

Public Transit vs. Public Transit

- Public Transit
- Taxis & E-hailing
- Carsharing
- Vanpools
- Ridesourcing
- Bikesharing
- Micro Transit
- Ridesharing
- Ridesplitting
- Private shuttles
Food for Thought
WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

- A CHANGING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
- NEW MOBILITY DEMANDS AND SOLUTIONS-WILD WEST (FIRST/LAST MILE, RESERVED SEATING)
- SHARED-USE MOBILITY-RELATIONSHIP/IMPACT OF PT?
- WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT’S ROLE?
- WHAT IS THE ROLE OF PT?
HOW SHOULD PT BE VIEWED AS WE MOVE FORWARD?

• IS IT A BUSINESS?

• IS IT AN AMENITY TO HELP PEOPLE GET AROUND EASIER AND SAFER?

• IS IT MORE OF A SOCIAL NECESSITY LIKE HEAT, ELECTRICITY, SAFE DRINKING WATER AND FOOD?

• OR IS IT ALL OF THE ABOVE?
Dave’s Infamous Advice…

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