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Newsletter**

Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART): A collaborative effort to reform our transit system

The new PART report includes a broad set of recommendations to address both the immediate budget crisis and the underlying reforms needed for a sustainable, thriving transit system for the Chicago region.

CTA, Metra, and Pace are heading toward a fiscal cliff as emergency federal assistance is expiring and ridership remains below pre-pandemic levels. Without action, a \$730 million (20%) budget shortfall is projected for 2026. This will lead to service cuts of 30 to 40 percent and a vicious cycle of lower ridership and fare revenue, which, in turn, would require further budget cuts.

To address this critical issue, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) was required by law to make recommendations to the State legislature by January 2024 to ensure transit's long-term financial viability. To get started, CMAP enlisted Civic Consulting Alliance to advise on a strategic approach for convening a cross-sector steering committee to develop the final recommendations included in the PART report.

[Read the full story on our blog](#)

Media Recommendations:



"State Health Plan Declares Racism a Public Health Crisis" (via [Crain's Chicago Business](#))

A new state health report pinpoints racism as a public health crisis, while also noting Illinois needs to improve in the areas of maternal and infant health, mental health, and substance use disorders.

The report found these issues consistently overlap and are all exacerbated by a lack of access to health care and wraparound services, the infrastructure of public health systems, and racial inequities.

This builds on the work that Civic Consulting Alliance completed for the healthcare provider working group of the City of Chicago's Racial Equity Rapid Response Team. This culminated in an unprecedented joint statement in June 2020, in which 40 institutions spoke out in a unified voice to declare racism a public health crisis and pledge collective action to improve health equity.

Read about our [2020 work to support the Racial Equity Rapid Response Team](#).



Community Violence Intervention: The Chicago Story

"Community Violence Intervention: The Chicago Story" (via [Justice Today Podcast](#))

A former gang member and a career Chicago cop sit down to discuss their pioneering work in the field of Community Violence Intervention (CVI), an innovative approach to reducing crime and violence.

Civic Consulting Alliance worked with CVI and Chicago Police Department (CPD) leaders to develop a "professional understanding" that is showing promising results by increasing the speed of shooting incident notifications to CVI providers, and enabling them to quickly respond, prevent retaliatory violence, and engage impacted persons in supportive services.

Read more about Civic Consulting Alliance's [work to support the CVI field in our 2023 Impact Report](#).

Client & Fellow Spotlights:

Congratulations to our client, Lanetta Haynes Turner, who was honored with the Motorola Solutions Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award. The award was



presented by the Civic Federation on December 8.

We continue to be inspired by Lanetta's vision and leadership to get big things done for the residents of Cook County. Among her many accomplishments, she is responsible for establishing unprecedented collaboration between the City, County, and State to [strategically align federal funding](#) to reduce gun violence and increase community safety in areas hardest hit by violence.



Hamza Jilani joined us this summer as an Undergraduate Fellow from the University of Chicago. We asked him how his time at Civic Consulting Alliance helped him develop professionally:

"Working on a project with the County opened my eyes to the enormous breadth of work that our local government takes on. As someone who wants to pursue a career in public service at the local level in Chicago, this was a great way to get exposure to the inner workings of local government.

I feel that I have also really developed my client-facing communication skills as I received regular, specific feedback on my presentations and participated in professional development sessions."

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We address systemic problems to achieve lasting change with a unique approach to management consulting that powers projects by utilizing *pro bono* resources from Chicago's top talent. We invest an average of \$15 million in *pro bono* services annually to tackle our region's thorniest challenges.

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