

Speeding up Chicago's Buses: How to get CTA buses moving again



Bus ridership in Chicago has been declining significantly over the last several years. Buses are often slow and unreliable. Many local buses frequently get stuck in traffic (especially during rush hour) while riders face long wait times and delays while boarding.

Active Trans is working to speed up Chicago's buses by partnering with community organizations to advocate for low-cost, near-term improvements to some of the city's busiest routes.

Bus service improvements could include:



1

Faster boarding

Allow riders to pay their fare at the bus stop before boarding and enter the bus through the front or rear doors.



2

Dedicated bus lanes

Give crowded buses priority on Chicago's congested streets with dedicated lanes.



3

Traffic Signal Improvements

Move buses more smoothly through congested intersections with changes to signal timing or using technology to connect the bus to the signal.