

RTA Board of Directors

Jim Reilly

Chairman
Regional Transportation Authority



Jim Reilly was elected chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board of Directors in June 2005, receiving the unanimous support of city and suburban members of the RTA Board. Chairman Reilly is responsible for overseeing the nation's second-largest public transportation system.

Currently, the President of the Reilly Consultant Group, Chairman Reilly has 27 years of experience in management and large real estate project development as Chief of Staff and Deputy Governor under Governor James R. Thompson and Chief of Staff under Governor Jim Edgar. He has also served as C.E.O. of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) and as head of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau.

During his tenure at the MPEA, Navy Pier was redeveloped and the new South Building was built at McCormick Place.

The Reilly Consultant Group works with clients in Chicago and around the country in the areas of hospitality, labor relations, government affairs and project management utilizing Chairman Reilly's experience and ability to bring together diverse interests, often in partnership with the numerous contacts he has developed over the years.

Chairman Reilly served as a member of the Illinois General Assembly from 1977-1983 representing the 49th/97th House District. During his time as a legislator, he chaired the House Appropriations, Education and State Government Reorganization Committee and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. He was chief sponsor of the Illinois Human Rights Act, Emergency Medical Services Act and the 1983 legislation that restructured the RTA.

Chairman Reilly and his wife, Veronica Lynch, reside in the City of Chicago.



**Regional
Transportation
Authority**