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4 FINANCE, AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING
5

6 Held

7 on

8 September 22nd, 2023

9 at

10 9:35 a.m.

11 at

12 567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor,
13 Chicago, Illinois 60661
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16 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had in
17 the above-entitled cause held at the Chicago
18 Transit Authority Headquarters, 567 West
19 Lake Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois,
20 Rev. Dr. Bernard Jakes, presiding.
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1 BOARD MEMBERS:

2 MR. LESTER L. BARCLAY, Chairman;
3 REV. DR. BERNARD JAKES, Director;
4 MS. NEEMA JHA, Director;
5 REV. JOHNNY L. MILLER, Director;
6 MS. ROSA Y. ORTIZ, Director;
7 MR. DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President;
8 MR. KENT S. RAY, General Counsel;
9 MS. GEORGETTE L. GREENLEE, Secretary.

10 ABSENT:

11 MS. MICHELE A. LEE, Director.

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13 PRESENTERS:

14 MS. MICHELE CURRAN, Vice President,
Budget & Capital Finance;
15 MR. THOMAS MCKONE,
Chief Administrative Officer;
16 MR. WILLIAM MOONEY,
Chief Infrastructure Officer;
17 MS. MOLLY POPPE, Chief Innovation Officer.

18 ALSO PRESENT:

19 MS. VEDA DUFFIE, Electronic Communications;
MS. APRIL MORGAN,
20 Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman;
MR. HERB NITZ,
21 Director, Technology Engineering.



1 (whereupon, the meeting
2 commenced at 9:35 a.m.
3 as follows:)

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Good morning. My name is
5 Georgette Greenlee. I am the Secretary of the
6 Board for the Chicago Transit Authority and we are
7 going to have our Finance, Audit and Budget
8 Committee Meeting. Today is September 22nd, 2023.
9 Director Jakes?

10 DIRECTOR JAKES: Good morning. I would like to
11 call to order the September 22nd, 2023 meeting of
12 the Committee on Finance, Audit and Budget.
13 Georgette, would you, please, call the roll?

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

15 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

17 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Here.

18 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

19 DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.

20 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

21 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Here.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

23 DIRECTOR JHA: Here.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, you do



1 have a quorum. You can proceed to item
2 number -- agenda item number two.

3 DIRECTOR JAKES: Thank you. Our first order of
4 business is the approval of the committee minutes
5 of August 29th, 2023. May I have a motion to
6 approve?

7 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

8 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been properly moved
10 by Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz.
11 We will call the roll. Director Jha?

12 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

14 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Barclay?

18 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

20 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes. You
22 may proceed to agenda item number three.

23 DIRECTOR JAKES: Our next order of business is
24 the finance report. Michele Curran? Good morning,



1 Michele.

2 MS. CURRAN: Good morning. Thank you. Good
3 morning. I'm Michele Curran, Deputy CFO and
4 comptroller. This morning I'll review the
5 financial results for July and year-to-date. For
6 the month of July fare and pass revenues were
7 positive 800,000 to budget. The reduced fare
8 subsidy is flat to budget and non-farebox revenues
9 are flat -- are also flat. Overall revenues are
10 800,000 favorable to budget. On a year-to-date
11 basis fare and pass revenues are up 8.3 million
12 dollars compared to budget and up 23.7 million
13 dollars compared to 2022. The reduced fare subsidy
14 is flat to budget and non-farebox revenues are up
15 4 million dollars compared to budget. Overall
16 year-to-date revenues are 12.3 million dollars
17 favorable to the budget and up 25.7 million dollars
18 compared to 2022.

19 On the expense side for July, labor is
20 favorable 5 and a half million dollars compared to
21 budget. Material is 84,000 favorable. Fuel and
22 power are favorable 1.3 million and 450,000 dollars
23 respectively for the month. Provision for injuries
24 and damages is flat to budget. Security services



1 is 2.1 million dollars unfavorable to budget due to
2 increased security measures and timing of invoices
3 and other expenses are favorable to budget by
4 4.1 million dollars. Overall July expenses are
5 positive to budget by -- by 9.3 million dollars.
6 Coupled with revenues actuals are favorable
7 10.1 million dollars to budget. On a year-to-date
8 basis labor is favorable 48.3 million dollars
9 compared to budget. Material is down 300,000 due
10 to timing of expenses and inflation. Fuel is
11 positive 8.1 million and power is positive
12 1.7 million to budget. Provision for injuries and
13 damages is flat. Security services are unfavorable
14 6 million dollars to budget. Again due to
15 increased security measures and timing of invoices.
16 And other expenses are favorable 15.2 million.
17 Overall year-to-date expenses through July are
18 positive to budget by 67 million dollars. Revenues
19 coupled with expenses are positive 79.3 million
20 dollars to budget.

21 with regard to our public funding
22 revenues. Sales tax collections for May were
23 1.5 million dollars favorable to budget. The
24 August collection for public transportation funds



1 or PTF was 1.7 million favorable to budget. The
2 real estate transfer tax or RETT revenues for July
3 was unfavorable 3.7 million dollars to budget due
4 to a slow real estate market fueled by higher
5 interest rates. And PTF on RETT was 500,000
6 unfavorable to budget. Overall for the month
7 public funding revenues were unfavorable 1 million
8 dollars compared to budget. 2023 year-to-date
9 collections are 800,000 unfavorable to budget due
10 to the depressed real estate market which is offset
11 some by the favorable sales tax collections. The
12 federal emergency relief funding for the month will
13 draw 34.4 million of CRSSA, ARP formula and ARP
14 discretionary funds. Overall, we've drawn just
15 over 50 percent of our federal relief funding.

16 And, finally, on the commodities side
17 we've locked in pricing on 75 percent of our fuel
18 for 2023, 2024 and 2025. And we've started locking
19 in pricing for 2026 at 10 percent. We'll continue
20 to look for opportunities to lock in pricing for
21 additional fuel levels and we've also locked in
22 pricing through 2024 for power and 2026 for natural
23 gas. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

24 DIRECTOR JAKES: Michele, the -- the



1 unfavorable unsecured can you talk more about that?
2 And how would that look going into the future? So
3 will you and Jeremy make the adjustment for the
4 budget for next year?

5 MS. CURRAN: Absolutely.

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay.

7 MS. CURRAN: Yes. We're working on the 2024
8 budget now and we would expect to see the higher
9 level of security costs carrying through the rest
10 of this year and into 2024 as we've increased our
11 security measures with the police department and
12 Action K-9 Security. So we would expect to see
13 these higher security costs to continue through.

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay. And security with the
15 police I know CTA has its -- its police officers.
16 Does the -- so I can understand, are we also paying
17 into CPD?

18 MS. CURRAN: So we have an intergovernmental
19 agreement with the City of Chicago for up to
20 30 million dollars a year for police services in
21 addition to the mass transit police services that
22 the City provides.

23 DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay. And that's included in
24 that -- in the budget?



1 MS. CURRAN: Yes.

2 PRESIDENT CARTER: Director Jakes?

3 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

4 PRESIDENT CARTER: To clarify a little bit
5 more. The intergovernmental agreement that Michele
6 is referring to is a voluntary special employment
7 program which police officers volunteer in their
8 time off --

9 DIRECTOR JAKES: Uh-huh.

10 PRESIDENT CARTER: -- to supplement our mass
11 transit unit police officers which are dedicated to
12 CTA. So it's a way to supplement the regular CPD
13 officers who work on our system by basically paying
14 for off-duty officers to do additional work on
15 CTA's system.

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay.

17 PRESIDENT CARTER: And you may recall we
18 recently -- we recently renewed that agreement that
19 I believe --

20 DIRECTOR JAKES: Right.

21 PRESIDENT CARTER: -- earlier this year or late
22 last year.

23 MS. CURRAN: I think just about a year ago.

24 Yeah.



1 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yeah. About a year ago. To
2 really increase the wages we pay to induce more of
3 the off-duty police officers to take advantage
4 of -- of this opportunity because it's volunteer.
5 And I can tell you that the -- the level of
6 participation in the program has increased
7 dramatically as a result of that. So
8 we're -- we're paying more money as you heard for
9 security services but we're also getting more
10 police support. And I think as we've discussed
11 before the visibility of uniformed police officers
12 is a key component of addressing the safety
13 concerns of our customers.

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: Good. Okay. All right.
15 Good. Thank you.

16 MS. CURRAN: Thank you.

17 DIRECTOR JAKES: No further questions for me,
18 Georgette.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha, any
20 questions?

21 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

23 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: None. Thank you.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?



1 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: No questions.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

3 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: There are no further
5 questions. Director Jakes, you may proceed to
6 agenda item number four.

7 DIRECTOR JAKES: Our next order of business is
8 an ordinance authorizing a co-promotional agreement
9 with Pace Suburban Bus. Michele?

10 MS. CURRAN: Good morning. I'm Michele Curran,
11 Deputy CFO and Comptroller. Today I present for
12 your consideration a co-promotional advertising
13 agreement with Pace Suburban Bus. The total value
14 of the co-promotional trade is \$38,430. CTA will
15 provide Pace with interior car parts on the Blue
16 Line up to this amount in value. As this is unsold
17 advertising space that CTA is providing and as
18 printing costs are the responsibility of Pace,
19 there is no cost to CTA to enter into this
20 co-promotional agreement. Pace will provide CTA
21 advertising space of the same value on its buses.
22 The partnership will enable Pace to promote its new
23 Pace Connect service which serves customers
24 traveling late night between CTA Rosemont Blue Line



1 Station and the designated deployment zone around
2 O'Hare Airport. The agreement also give CTA's
3 exposure to a larger regional audience through
4 advertising space on Pace buses. This concludes my
5 remarks and I'd be happy to answer any questions
6 you may have.

7 DIRECTOR JAKES: I have no questions.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

9 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

11 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: None.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

13 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: No questions.

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

15 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: There are no further
17 questions. Director Jakes, you may proceed to
18 agenda item number five.

19 DIRECTOR JAKES: Before we do that, may I now
20 have leave to place this item on the omnibus for
21 Board approval?

22 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Absolutely.

24 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.



1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been properly moved
2 by Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz.
3 We'll take the roll call vote. Director Jha?

4 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

6 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

8 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

10 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

12 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes. Now we
14 may proceed to agenda item number five.

15 DIRECTOR JAKES: Thank you. Review -- we're
16 going to review an ordinance authorizing an
17 amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with
18 the Regional Transportation Authority for Ventra
19 cards for RTA's special fare programs. Michele?

20 MS. CURRAN: Thank you. Good morning again.
21 Michele Curran, Deputy CFO and Comptroller. Today
22 for your consideration I present a proposal for an
23 amendment to an intergovernmental agreement with
24 the RTA. On May 9th, 2018, the Chicago Transit



1 Board approved an ordinance that extended the IGA
2 between CTA and RTA for the purpose of Ventra cards
3 to be utilized by RTA for its special fares
4 program. The State of Illinois passed legislation
5 that goes into effect on January 1st, 2024 which
6 creates a new domestic violence and sexual assault
7 regional transit -- transit authority public
8 transportation assistance program. This program
9 requires the RTA to issue monetarily preloaded
10 Ventra cards to the network advocating against
11 domestic violence for survivor and victim use
12 of -- and victims' use of public transportation.
13 And this legislation stipulates that RTA is to
14 provide up to 25,000 Ventra cards preloaded with
15 \$20 value to the network for distribution to
16 program participants. RTA will pay CTA for the
17 value loaded on to each Ventra card plus the
18 associated Ventra card cost charged by Cubic. The
19 amended IGA includes the fare media requirements
20 for this program. The maximum reimbursement
21 to -- from CTA to RTA is -- or excuse me. From RTA
22 to CTA is up to \$530,750 which is the cost of the
23 \$20 fare value loaded on to each Ventra card plus
24 the current per card cost of the Ventra cards. I'd



1 be happy to answer any questions you may have.

2 DIRECTOR JAKES: And the last time this
3 occurred was in 20 --

4 MS. CURRAN: well, this is to include this new
5 program.

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay.

7 MS. CURRAN: Yeah.

8 DIRECTOR JAKES: It's a great program. Yeah.
9 I have no questions.

10 PRESIDENT CARTER: Director, the new program is
11 actually something that was passed by the Illinois
12 legislature --

13 DIRECTOR JAKES: Good.

14 PRESIDENT CARTER: -- in the last session
15 asking us to -- to initiate a program particularly
16 for this particular group of individuals who are
17 facing additional challenges. And this is
18 basically our part of the process is
19 putting -- putting that program into place in
20 response to that legislation.

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: And it's good timing because
22 October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. So
23 that's -- hopefully that information gets out
24 there. So I have no questions. So this is great.



1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?
2 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions. Thank you.
3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?
4 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No. Thank you.
5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?
6 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: No questions.
7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?
8 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.
9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: There are no further
10 questions, Director Jakes.
11 DIRECTOR JAKES: May I now have leave to place
12 this item on the omnibus for Board approval?
13 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.
14 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.
15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
16 Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz.
17 we'll take the roll call vote. Director Jha?
18 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.
19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?
20 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?
22 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?
24 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.



1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

2 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, the motion
4 passes. We may now move to agenda item number six.

5 DIRECTOR JAKES: Moving to agenda item number
6 six but I see Michele went back to her seat. We're
7 going to review an ordinance authorizing an
8 intergovernmental agreement with Pace for free
9 rides for riders. Oh, that's Molly Poppe.
10 Affected by the Forest Park Branch Rebuild Project.
11 Molly Poppe?

12 MS. POPPE: Thank you, Director. Good morning.
13 Molly Poppy, Chief Innovation Officer for CTA.
14 This particular intergovernmental agreement is with
15 Pace Suburban Bus. It is to subsidize rides that
16 they will be offering for free and are offering for
17 free as part of the Forest Park branch rebuild
18 project. When we started the project, we wanted to
19 ensure that there was good access to alternative
20 CTA service. And so one of the programs that we
21 came up with was working with Pace. Pace is
22 providing free service on a host of routes between
23 the Blue, Green and Pink Line to connect people who
24 are impacted on the Congress branch to the Green



1 and Pink Line. So what we have seen to date is
2 about 5,000 weekly riders have taken Pace to
3 connect to the Green or Pink Line as part of
4 this -- this subsidy. So the overall anticipated
5 expense for this is about \$150,000. So with that,
6 I can take any questions.

7 DIRECTOR JAKES: I have no questions, Molly.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

9 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions. Thank you.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

11 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Thank you.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

13 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: No questions.

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

15 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, there are
17 no further questions.

18 PRESIDENT CARTER: Director Jakes?

19 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

20 PRESIDENT CARTER: Before you move on, the
21 Board has just acted on a series of three
22 ordinances that not coincidentally are dealing with
23 ways in which CTA is cooperating with our sister
24 services --



1 DIRECTOR JAKES: Right.

2 PRESIDENT CARTER: -- providing services to the
3 citizens of the city of Chicago and the surrounding
4 suburbs. I want to take a moment to highlight that
5 because there's been a lot of discussion around the
6 fact that there's a lack of coordination and
7 cooperation that occurs between the service boards
8 is one of the reasons for a rethinking of the way
9 in which transit operates in this region. One of
10 the points which I'll be clarifying a little bit
11 more during my remarks is that in many cases the
12 inability to coordinate or corporate is not a -- is
13 not a function of -- lack of desire or intent but
14 many times it's a function of funds -- funding.
15 It's financial support. One of the benefits of
16 being in a position that we're in today
17 particularly as it relates to our emergency relief
18 money is that it's allowed us to pursue a number of
19 strategies that have been in coordination with and
20 in cooperation with our sister agencies that we
21 never were able to do before. Allowing us to
22 be -- to be lead by Molly Poppe and her group as we
23 continue to work through how we continue to
24 increase our ridership or provide more, better,



1 higher quality service to our customers. So I just
2 want to take a moment to acknowledge that you just
3 acted on three of the activities that are -- are
4 evidence of that and that's really important to
5 highlight that we are doing this and we continue to
6 do this in working in cooperation with both Metra
7 and Pace and RTA to improve the services that we're
8 providing to the customers that -- that utilize
9 that system.

10 DIRECTOR JAKES: President Carter, will --
11 is -- and, one, that's great information. Will
12 this information get out to the public?

13 PRESIDENT CARTER: Well, I'm sitting here right
14 now in a public meeting that is being streamed
15 throughout the entire, you know, area and my
16 communications partner who is in the back of the
17 room here will make sure that we're making the
18 media aware of what we did today.

19 DIRECTOR JAKES: Good.

20 PRESIDENT CARTER: And amplifying that message.

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: Good.

22 PRESIDENT CARTER: I'm also not surprising
23 amplifying that message directly in my
24 participation at the CMAP Board meetings and I'll



1 give you some more updates on that during my
2 president's report.

3 DIRECTOR JAKES: Good. Did we approve it being
4 on the omnibus? We did not. Okay. So may I now
5 have leave to place this on the omnibus for Board
6 approval?

7 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

8 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
10 Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz that
11 this matter be -- that this ordinance be placed on
12 the omnibus. We will take the roll call vote.
13 Director Jha?

14 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

16 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

18 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

20 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

22 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes.

24 Director Jakes, you may -- you may proceed to



1 agenda item number seven.

2 DIRECTOR JAKES: All right. Item seven is a
3 review of an ordinance authorizing payment of
4 relocation expenses arising from the acquisitions
5 of property located at 35th West 115th Street,
6 Chicago, for the Red Line Extension project. Bill
7 Mooney?

8 MR. MOONEY: Good morning. Bill Mooney, your
9 Chief Infrastructure Officer. Staff recommends
10 approval of an ordinance approving the payment of
11 additional relocation expenses related to property
12 located at 35 West 115th Street in Chicago which
13 was acquired in support of the Red Line Extension
14 project. In October of 2022, the Board designated
15 multiple properties for acquisition and authorized
16 negotiations for the purchase of the parcels
17 related to the Red Line Extension project. CTA
18 acquired the parcel located at 35 West 115th Street
19 and pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Act has
20 confirmed relocation expenses owed to Mims Donald,
21 owner and operator of the Donald's Auto Repair,
22 which was located at the property in an amount of
23 \$101,618. Pursuant to the ordinance, number
24 022-118, the Chief Infrastructure Officer with the



1 approval of the general counsel has been authorized
2 to pay relocation expenses up to \$100,000 to any
3 owner or tenant of a designated parcel without
4 prior Board approval. A Board approval is required
5 for the payment of the additional \$1,618 in
6 required relocation expenses. I'll be happy to
7 take any questions on this item.

8 DIRECTOR JAKES: What happened that it wasn't
9 all built in? Yeah. So you have the initial
10 101,000 I believe and now the additional 116?

11 MR. MOONEY: So initial enabling ordinance gave
12 the Chief Infrastructure Officer with the approval
13 of general counsel to approve relocation benefits
14 up to a limit of \$100,000. We envisioned that
15 they'll be scenarios that we go above \$100,000 but
16 the Board did not give us the authority to pay that
17 at one fold. And any scenario time we have to go
18 above \$100,000 we have to get additional authority
19 from the Board for the balance of that payment.

20 DIRECTOR JAKES: Sure. Good. Thank you, Bill.

21 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Bill, can you talk a little
22 bit about the process and how this has gone over in
23 the community there?

24 MR. MOONEY: Sure. So when we brought the



1 initial enable -- enabling ordinance to the Board
2 in October 2022, we did a public presentation at
3 the time talking a little bit about our -- our
4 presence in the community that dates back to 2016.
5 When we first started our vision studies and our
6 planning process around the Red Line Extension
7 project, we identified potential parcels impacted
8 by any of the potential alignments. We worked with
9 the community residents and owners, businesses and
10 other affected parcels to talk about them and about
11 the upcoming concept of the project, how it may
12 impact them and where their rights would be. As we
13 refined the preferred alignment, we then narrowed
14 that list down to the -- the truly impacted
15 parcels. The ones that are really in engagement
16 here. And we've had a dedicated relocation team
17 associated with the Red Line Extension project with
18 a lead on property acquisitions in the community
19 working directly with the residents since 2018.
20 The lead of that team is really an astonishing
21 person. She actually did most of her real estate
22 acquisitions for the O'Hare modernization project
23 and a couple other major kind of real estate
24 takings in the region. She can tell you every



1 person in the family's name, the dog's name, the
2 goldfish's name. I mean she -- she
3 is -- is embedded in this community as possibly be
4 there and has -- has really brokered a lot of trust
5 and relationship. Yeah. So overall I would say
6 that the great majority of the community is very
7 excited about the prospect of the project as a
8 whole and supportive of the acquisitions and what's
9 going on. We -- we see a path forward here. We
10 are over 50 percent acquired at this point which is
11 a pretty significant milestone for us as we just
12 started this a year ago. It's been -- and there's
13 a very long, large undertaking with almost 200
14 parcels in play on various entities, religious
15 institutions, commercial railroads and things like
16 that which are very complex takings in and of
17 themselves. So I would say we've -- we've put
18 forward a ton of effort to be able to be available
19 to the community. We actually have a presence at
20 our community office space that we -- which was the
21 first parcel we acquired where we actually do most
22 of the closings on site there. So we are actually
23 in the footprint offering real -- our services with
24 our real estate consultants on site and so that



1 people in the community as they do have questions
2 can come in person and can engage. We have found
3 that a lot of members of the community prefer that
4 touch. That -- that -- that face-to-face contact
5 as -- as we are all aware. A lot of the
6 generational wealth is through real estate. Right?
7 And so being able to build that -- that comfort
8 that this is the right decision and that -- that
9 they'll be treated fairly is really important in
10 person and so I think we've seen a lot of benefit
11 from that as well.

12 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha, any
14 questions?

15 DIRECTOR JHA: No.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

17 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Thank you.

18 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

19 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Nothing further.

20 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

21 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: There are no further
23 questions, Director Jakes.

24 DIRECTOR JAKES: May I now have leave to place



1 this on the omnibus for Board approval?

2 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

3 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
5 Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz.
6 We'll take the roll call vote. Director Jha?

7 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

9 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

11 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

13 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

15 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Jakes -- Director
17 Jakes, the motion passes. You may now move to
18 agenda item number eight.

19 DIRECTOR JAKES: In review of an ordinance
20 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the
21 City of Chicago for the acquisition of various
22 parcels of property for the Red Line Extension
23 project. Bill?

24 MR. MOONEY: Good morning again. Bill Mooney,



1 your Chief Infrastructure Officer once again.
2 staff recommends approval of an ordinance
3 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the
4 City of Chicago for the acquisition of various
5 parcels of property for the Red Line Extension
6 project. The CTA has identified parcels of the
7 property necessary for the RLE project which are
8 owned by the City of Chicago. The City has agreed
9 to transfer the City parcels to the CTA for the
10 project and the parties wish to codify the terms of
11 the conveyance of those parcels in an
12 intergovernmental agreement. The IGA allows the
13 City to convey City parcels to the CTA for \$1 per
14 parcel and it requires the CTA to indemnify the
15 City from environmental claims and pay closing
16 costs and back taxes for any parcels that they
17 have -- that may have those. I am happy to answer
18 any questions on this item.

19 DIRECTOR JAKES: I don't have any questions,
20 Bill.

21 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: I'm -- I'm pleased to see
22 the multiple RLE project matters on the agenda
23 today. Especially in light of the recent news of
24 the FTA's grant award to the CTA. And the FTA's



1 approval to advance the project to the engineering
2 stage. Of course, President Carter, I don't want
3 to steal your thunder but this is a historic
4 milestone and I'm sure you'll report on that in
5 your presidential report. But I'm very pleased to
6 see the significant steps of us moving forward
7 towards the long-awaited promise and the goal of
8 establishing transit in that area. So this
9 agreement is -- is a great intergovernmental effort
10 and really thanks to the City of Chicago as well
11 for its efforts and being a partner with us.

12 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Any further questions?
13 Director Jha?

14 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions. Thank you.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

16 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No. I just appreciate the
17 intergovernmental agreement as well with the City
18 and their partnership in this effort. Obviously
19 it's important. Those parcels are going to be
20 critical to this work. So I also just want to
21 highlight the partnership itself.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

23 DIRECTOR MILLER: Just ditto to what the
24 Chairman said. Long overdue. Thank you.



1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, there are
2 no further questions.

3 DIRECTOR JAKES: May I now have leave to place
4 this item on the omnibus for Board approval?

5 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

6 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
8 Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz.

9 we'll take the roll call vote. Director Jha?

10 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

11 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

12 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

16 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

18 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, the motion
20 passes. We may now move to agenda item number
21 nine.

22 DIRECTOR JAKES: Agenda item number nine is the
23 review of an ordinance authorizing an amendment to
24 the contract with Empower Retirement, LLC for



1 third-party administration for the Authority's
2 401(k) and 457 plans. Tom McKone?

3 MR. MCKONE: Good morning. I'm Tom McKone,
4 Chief -- Chief Administrative Officer. We are
5 recommending updating the provisions of our
6 deferred compensation plans, our 401(k) and a 457
7 plans, to allow participant loans. This will allow
8 employees who participate in these programs to take
9 out loans in accordance with IRS guidelines. The
10 loans are made from our participant's own account
11 with principal and interest paid back directly back
12 into their own account. Essentially they are
13 taking a loan from themselves and paying themselves
14 back the interest and the principal. This offers
15 an affordable source to help employees access
16 funding for homes, tuition, vehicles and other
17 significant expenses. We feel that this feature
18 will enhance our benefits and improve employee
19 retention. CTA's voluntary deferred compensation
20 programs are fully funded by the participants.
21 This -- this has been reviewed and recommended by
22 the CTA's deferred compensation committee. Upon
23 approval the provisions would go into effect on
24 January 1st.



1 PRESIDENT CARTER: That's pretty standard. So
2 I don't have any -- I have no questions.

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Other questions? Director
4 Jha?

5 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.

6 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

7 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: I appreciate the
8 thoughtfulness to our employee team.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

10 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Tom, have you received any
11 feedback from any employees?

12 MR. MCKONE: We have received -- yes. This has
13 been an option employees have asked for in the
14 past. It comes up frequently from employees asking
15 how can they, you know, access their funds without
16 hurting their kind of retirement investments. This
17 is some- -- something that we looked across the
18 industry. We saw it was something that was offered
19 at a number of other private and public employers.
20 And I think employees are really going to be
21 looking forward to this to be able to take
22 advantage of this because I think there's a lot of
23 things that they have to use the hardship process
24 for if they do qualify for that today and that's an



1 onerous process. That also comes with significant
2 penalties when you withdraw the funds. So this is
3 going to be definitely an additional benefit. I
4 expect it will be well used by employees.

5 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: I'm sure it will be well
6 received.

7 MR. MCKONE: Yes.

8 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, there are
11 no further questions.

12 DIRECTOR JAKES: May I now have leave to place
13 this item on the omnibus for Board approval?

14 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

15 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
17 Director Miller. Seconded by Director Ortiz.
18 we'll take the roll call vote. Director Jha?

19 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

20 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

21 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

23 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?



1 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

2 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

3 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

4 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes.

5 Director Jakes, we may now proceed to agenda item
6 number ten.

7 DIRECTOR JAKES: Our next order of business is
8 the review of contracts number B-1 through B-5,
9 infrastructure. I have no questions, Georgette.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Are there any -- are there
11 any further questions? Director Jha?

12 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions. Thank you.

13 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

14 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No.

15 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

16 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: No.

17 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

18 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

19 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, we may now
20 proceed to contract G-1.

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: Our next order of business is
22 the review of contract number G-1, contract award
23 for technology. No questions.

24 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Are there any other



1 questions? Director Jha?

2 DIRECTOR JHA: No questions.

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

4 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No.

5 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

6 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: None.

7 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

8 DIRECTOR MILLER: No.

9 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes, there are
10 no further questions.

11 DIRECTOR JAKES: Since there are no further
12 questions on the contracts, may I have leave to
13 place the six contracts on the omnibus?

14 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

15 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
17 Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz to
18 place the six contracts on the omnibus. we'll take
19 the roll call vote. Director Jha?

20 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

22 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

23 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

24 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.



1 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Miller?

2 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

3 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion passes.

4 Director Jakes, you may proceed to agenda item
5 number eleven.

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: And, finally, may I have a
7 motion to adjourn?

8 DIRECTOR MILLER: So moved.

9 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.

10 SECRETARY GREENLEE: It's been moved by
11 Director Miller. Seconded by Director Ortiz.
12 We'll take the roll call vote. Director Miller?

13 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

14 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Chairman Barclay?

15 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

16 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jakes?

17 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

18 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Ortiz?

19 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

20 SECRETARY GREENLEE: Director Jha?

21 DIRECTOR JHA: Yes.

22 SECRETARY GREENLEE: The motion to adjourn
23 passes. We will take a brief recess. After which
24 we will start the regular Board meeting of the CTA



1 Transit Board.

2 (Whereupon, the meeting
3 adjourned at 10:04 a.m.)

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6 the Court, says that she is a Certified Shorthand
7 Reporter doing business in the State of Illinois;
8 that she reported in shorthand the proceedings of
9 said meeting, and that the foregoing is a true and
10 correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken
11 as aforesaid, and contains the proceedings given at
12 said meeting via videoconference.

13 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I have hereunto set
14 my verified digital signature this 25th day of
15 September , 2023.

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17 *Margaret E. Mecklenborg*
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19 Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporter
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