

ORDINANCE NO. 026-75

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ONE
PERMANENT EASEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH BOTH COMCAST
AND ASTOUND AND ONE
PERMANENT EASEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST FOR
THE RED LINE EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority (“Authority”) is undertaking a project to build stations and extend rail infrastructure on the Red Line, also known as the Red Line Extension Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, The Project will extend the Red Line from the existing terminal at 95th/Dan Ryan to 130th Street and include four new stations near 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street, with multimodal connections at each station including pedestrian, bike, bus, and park & ride facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Project will reduce commute times for residents, improve mobility and accessibility, and foster economic development, where stations may serve as catalysts for neighborhood revitalization; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority Act, 70 ILCS 3605/6 (eff. June 1, 2026), permits the Authority to acquire, construct, own, operate, and maintain a public service transportation system in the area; and

WHEREAS, Both Comcast and Astound have existing aerial utilities currently in conflict with the Project’s path in the vicinity of West 111th Street and the Union Pacific Railroad’s Villa Grove Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to accommodate the Project, Comcast and Astound have agreed to relocate the utilities to a joint vertical utility pole on CTA right-of-way in the vicinity of West 111th Street and the Union Pacific Railroad’s Villa Grove Subdivision, as shown on Exhibit A hereto; and

WHEREAS, The Comcast and Astound joint vertical utility pole and aerial lines in the vicinity of West 111th Street and the Union Pacific Railroad’s Villa Grove Subdivision shall be made in, on, over, under, and through the entire width and length of the areas owned by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Comcast has existing aerial utilities currently in conflict with the Project’s path in the vicinity of East 130th Street and South Cottage Grove Avenue; and

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WHEREAS, In an effort to accommodate the Project, Comcast has agreed to relocate the utilities to a duct bank on CTA right-of-way in the vicinity of East 130th Street and South Cottage Grove Avenue, as shown on Exhibit B hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Comcast duct bank in the vicinity of East 130th Street and South Cottage Grove Avenue shall be made in, on, over, under, and through the entire width and length of the areas owned by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Comcast and Astound requires the Authority to agree to permanent easements of the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, There is no cost associated with the Authority granting one permanent easement to both Comcast and Astound and one permanent easement to Comcast and both will indemnify the Authority in the event of specified environmental obligations or violations during the term of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary and in the best interests of the Authority and the public for the Authority to enter into permanent easement agreement with both Comcast and Astound in the vicinity of West 111th Street and the Union Pacific Railroad's Villa Grove Subdivision, attached as Exhibit C;

WHEREAS, It is necessary and in the best interests of the Authority and the public for the Authority to enter into a permanent easement agreement with Comcast in the vicinity of East 130th Street and South Cottage Grove Avenue, attached as Exhibit D; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, or designee, is authorized to execute a permanent easement agreement to allow for both Comcast and Astound to relocate their existing aerial utilities to a joint vertical utility pole on CTA right-of-way in the vicinity of West 111th Street and the Union Pacific Railroad's Villa Grove Subdivision, as shown on Exhibit A hereto, and as outlined substantially in conformance with Exhibit C hereto.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, or designee, is authorized to execute a permanent easement agreement to allow for Comcast to relocate their existing aerial utilities to a duct bank on CTA right-of-way in the vicinity of East 130th

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Street and South Cottage Grove Avenue, as shown on Exhibit B hereto, and as outlined substantially in conformance with Exhibit D hereto.

SECTION 3. The Chairman of the Board, or designee is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

July 8, 2026

Secretary

July 8, 2026