

ORDINANCE NO. 026-77

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
WITH RTA FOR CONSOLIDATING A
COMMUTER BENEFITS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority (“Authority”) and the Regional Transportation Authority (“RTA”) currently operate two separate transit benefit fare programs, which allow commuters to pay transit fares using per-tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, Each program has different product offerings, administrative fees, and ordering platforms; and

WHEREAS, The Parties agreed that it is in the best interest of their respective customers and the public that the programs be combined; and

WHEREAS, Combining the programs into a single and consolidated regional commuter benefit fare program will offer a one-stop shop, streamlined ordering process, minimized confusion for companies, and expanded commuter benefits offerings to more riders; and

WHEREAS, The Parties wish to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to work together to combine the programs into a single and consolidated regional commuter benefit fare program, and understand that a collaborative approach to maximize the benefits and success thereof; and

WHEREAS, The consolidation of these programs will be at no cost to the CTA, and the RTA agrees to maintain a no cost commuter benefit option for companies seeking to participate in a commuter benefit program; and

WHEREAS, RTA agrees to administer and fund the commuter benefits program for the entire region going forward; and

WHEREAS, The Authority will indemnify RTA against any transitional operation negligence in the transfer of Ventra Transit Benefit Program PII information to the RTA and RTA will indemnify the Authority against any misuse of PII data and the administration of the new consolidated regional commuter benefit program; and

WHEREAS, This Intergovernmental Agreement holds an initial five (5) year term from execution and will automatically renew for a period of an additional five (5) year period unless formal written notice of termination is submitted 90 days prior to expiration; and

WHEREAS, Either party may terminate for any reason with six (6) months' written notice; and

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WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et. seq., encourages cooperation between and among governmental agencies and entities; 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 his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with RTA to authorize the parties to combine their respective programs into a consolidated regional commuter benefit program, authorize the RTA's third-party administrator to securely transfer Ventra Transit Benefit Program PII information to the RTA for the successful execution of a consolidated regional commuter benefit program, permit RTA to operate and fund the administrative costs, vendor expenses, and migration costs, allow Authority to provide in-kind resources and advertise the new consolidated regional commuter benefit program at no cost to RTA, consent to the Authority indemnifying RTA against any transitionary operation negligence, require RTA to indemnify the Authority against any misuse of PII data and the administration of the new consolidated regional commuter benefit program, and such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the RTA and the Authority for Consolidating a Commuter Benefits Program, attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 2. The Chairman, 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 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

July 8, 2026

Secretary

July 8, 2026