CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
IN RE THE MATTER:
REGULAR MEETING)
MARCH 9TH, 2022)
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Report of proceedings at the meeting of
the above-entitled cause, before Tabitha Watson, an
Illinois Shorthand Reporter, on the 9th day of
March, 2022, at the hour of 11:28 a.m., via
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1	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
2	LESTER BARCLAY, Chairperson
3	BERNARD JAKES, Vice Chairperson
4	KEVIN IRVINE
5	BERNARD JAKES
6	JOHNNY MILLER
7	ROSA ORTIZ
8	ALEJANDRO SILVA
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11	STAFF PRESENT:
12	DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President
13	GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary
14	BRAD JANSEN, General Counsel
15	CHRIS BUSHELL
16	BILL MOONEY
17	JUAN PABLO PRIETO
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1	(Whereupon, the following
2	proceedings were had via
3	videoconference.)
4	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning. We're about
5	to start the regular scheduled meeting for
6	March 9th, 2022 of the Chicago Transit Board.
7	Chairman Barclay, we may begin whenever
8	you're ready.
9	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Good morning. I would
10	like to call to order the regularly scheduled
11	meeting of the Chicago Transit Board for March 9th,
12	2022.
13	Would the secretary please call the roll?
14	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.
15	Ms. Ortiz.
16	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Present.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
18	DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
20	DIRECTOR SILVA: Here.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay.
22	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Here.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine I'm
24	sorry.



1 DIRECTOR INVINE: Here. 2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: I'm sorry. Let me start 3 all over again. Director Ortiz. 4 5 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Here. 6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 7 DIRECTOR JAKES: Here. 8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. 9 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Here. Director Irvine. 10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 11 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Right here. 12 Chairman Barclay. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 13 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Here. 14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Let the record show 15 Director Miller has stepped away for a few minutes, 16 sir. CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our first order of 17 18 business is public comment. Any public comment? 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. we do. We have one 20 speaker and one written comment. We'll start with 21 the speaker. 22 Mr. John Mitchell, you may address the 23 Board. 24 JOHN MITCHELL: Yes. Can you all hear me?

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.

JOHN MITCHELL: Wonderful. Thank you.

Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you all today. My name is John Mitchell and I regularly ride the CTA train for work and leisure.

I come before the Board today simply to beg you to take bolder actions to address the state of lawlessness that has overtaken many CTA trains, lines -- train lines and stations. As I'm sure you all are aware, to ride the CTA now often requires to endure public smoking, drinking, urinating, and much else.

To take one recent sad example, about two weeks ago I entered the Red Line platform around 6:30 in the evening where I was greeted by a group of young men and women openly smoking cigarettes and marijuana, drinking hard liquor very openly, and listening to loud music. When the train arrived, the first car I stepped on reeked of marijuana smoke. When I abandoned that car for the adjacent one, I was confronted by loud music and a man smoking cigarettes across from me.

I've been riding the L for many years and



these sorts of experiences used to occur once or twice a year and now they occur almost every day.

Just yesterday on the Green Line home, for example,

I rode on a smoke-filled car.

I'm sure the Board has heard plenty of these stories or perhaps experienced them directly. Anyone who rides the trains or reads the local news knows that the L and many of its stations are in a state of anarchy where some do anything they want and the rest of us lose hope that anyone is in control.

My view as a daily rider is that CTA's current efforts to address this anarchy are simply not enough. I know that CTA has taken some steps and I greet these investments as a positive step in the right direction. For example, I regularly see the vested security guards CTA recently contracted with. However, much more needs to be done.

Just the other day, I passed a group of guards on the first level of the Clark and Lake station talking among themselves with their backs turned to surrounding passengers while on the second level multiple men openly drank alcohol and others smoked on the platform.



I implore you, this board must push the organization to take stronger, bolder, more visible action to address this crisis. I fear the long-term viability of transit, which I love and take every day, in this city is at stake.

As workers return to the Loop and tourist and business travelers return to Chicago, this is the worst possible time for CTA trains to be dirty, smelly, smokey, embarrassing, and unsafe.

This epidemic of unruly antisocial behavior on CTA trains must be your top priority as a board and I believe demands greater investment, diligence, and accountability.

Unless the environment of CTA trains dramatically and quickly improves, I fear that all your future investments are at risk. What, I ask, is the point of modernizing the Blue Line, extending the Red Line, investing in clean buses if there are no riders left to serve? Please, please, please do more and please do so quickly and visibly. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, sir. We do appreciate your comments. They are not falling on deaf ears. I can tell you that. We are working to



improve the quality of the safety and security and to address those issues and we've engaged staff and staff is working with us to address many of those concerns that you raised, but we take them very seriously and we're working on that as we speak. Thank you very much.

JOHN MITCHELL: Thank you and good luck to you all. The better work you all do, the better it will be for all of us. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you.

Greg, any further public comment?

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. I have one more written statement, sir, from John Paul Jones, president and founder of the Sustainable Englewood Initiative.

Good morning, Chicago Transit Authority,
Chairman Lester Barclay, Vice Chairman Arabel Alva
Rosales, and fellow board members, President Dorval
Carter and fellow CTA staff.

Sustainable Englewood Initiative is most excited about the CTA staff decision to advance its go-green strategy. For years, CTA rustled with how best to approach green strategies as one of the nation's largest transit agencies. This year, CTA



moves boldly to the future. Therefore, we support today's ordinance to purchase electric buses and to install battery charging stations across Chicago as part of the agency's amended 2022 financial budget and 2022-2026 capital improvement budget.

SEI alongside community partners from greater Englewood are excited with the possibility this budget plan offers and its potential good for greater Englewood transit users and station anchors.

Furthermore, we thank the CTA Board and staff for the decision to advance resources to ensure public safety along the Red and Blue Lines. For too long transit riders hesitated to utilize various rail stations. The recent announcement to increase rail station security brings added comfort to daily riders and visitors. To this end, we thank the CTA Board and staff for its continued (audio feedback) delivery to the greater Chicago area.

Thank you for your civic leadership. John Paul Jones, President and Founder.

Chairman, that concludes the public comment session.



1 Thank you, Greg. CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of business is the approval 2 3 of two sets of minutes. I will now entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board 4 5 meeting of February 9th, 2022. 6 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved. 7 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Jakes, 8 seconded by Director Ortiz. 9 Director Ortiz. 10 11 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller -- I'm 12 13 sorry. Director Jakes. 14 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 16 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva? Director 18 Silva, the motion --19 DIRECTOR SILVA: Sorry. Yes. 20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes? 21 Chairman Barclay. 22 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved 24 with five yes votes, sir.



1 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I will now entertain a 2 motion to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of February 18th, 2022. 3 4 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved. 5 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Jakes, 6 7 seconded by Director Ortiz. 8 Director Ortiz. 9 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller -- I'm 10 11 Director Jakes. sorry. 12 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 13 Director Irvine. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 14 DIRECTOR INVINE: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. 15 16 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay. 18 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. Chairman, that motion is 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 20 approved as well. 21 DIRECTOR MILLER: I'm here. I'm here. I'm 22 here, Greg. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller --23 24 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: -- we've had two motions 2 on the two sets of minutes, regular and special of 3 the Board. How would you vote on both of those? 4 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. Yes. 5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Then each one 6 passes with six yes votes. We can now move on to 7 the next item, Chairman Barclay. 8 Next order of business is CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: 9 Executive Session. It is my understanding, Brad, that there is an Executive Session today. 10 11 COUNSEL SEIMETZ: Yes, Chairman. There will be 12 a closed meeting of Executive Session pursuant to 13 Section 2, paragraph C, subparagraph 1 of the Open 14 Meetings Act. 15 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I will now entertain a 16 motion to recess into Executive Session for the 17 reasons so stated by counsel. 18 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved. 19 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second. 20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Jakes 21 and seconded by Director Ortiz. I'll take the 22 vote. 23 Director Ortiz. 24 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.



1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
2	Director Miller? He was back. Director
3	Miller?
4	Director Jakes.
5	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
6	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
7	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.
8	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
9	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
10	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
11	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.
12	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller, you're
13	muted I guess. Well, we do have five votes, so
14	that motion passes, sir. So we are now in
15	Executive will be moving into Executive Session
16	shortly.
17	(A break was had for
18	Executive Session.)
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Returning to the open
20	session of the Chicago Transit Board regular
21	meeting. Chairman Barclay, we may begin.
22	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I will now entertain a
23	motion to return to open session.
24	DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.



1 Second. DIRECTOR ORTIZ: 2 Moved by Director Jakes, SECRETARY LONGHINI: 3 seconded by Director Ortiz. I'll take the vote. 4 Director Ortiz. 5 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes. 6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Miller. 7 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. 8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 9 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 10 11 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes. 12 Director Silva. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 13 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes. 14 Chairman Barclay. **SECRETARY LONGHINI:** 15 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. 16 That motion passes with SECRETARY LONGHINI: 17 six yes votes, sir. 18 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: We will now take up 19 Executive Session Item Number 4A. Brad. 20 COUNSEL JANSEN: Chairman, Item 4A concerns the 21 Board's review of a Section 28 hearing committee's recommendation regarding the CTA's discharge of 22 23 Mr. Jonathan Tam. Mr. Tam requested a hearing to 24 contest his discharge pursuant to Section 28 of the



- 1 | Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. A hearing was
- 2 held before the committee and after considering the
- 3 | evidence presented in the hearing, the committee
- 4 recommended that this board sustain Mr. Tam's
- 5 discharge.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I will now entertain a
- 7 | motion to approve a ordinance sustaining the
- 8 discharge of Jonathan Tam.
- 9 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.
- 10 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second.
- 11 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz --
- 12 | moved by Director Jakes, seconded by Director
- 13 Ortiz. I'll take the vote.
- 14 Director Ortiz.
- 15 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
- 16 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
- 17 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
- 18 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
- 19 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
- 20 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
- 21 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
- 22 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
- 23 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.
- 24 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.



1	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.
2	SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
3	with six yes votes.
4	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
5	business today is board matters. Are there any
6	board matters today, Greg?
7	SECRETARY LONGHINI: No, sir, there are not.
8	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of
9	business today is a report of the Committee on
10	Strategic Planning and Service Delivery.
11	Chairman Irvine.
12	DIRECTOR IRVINE: The Committee on Strategic
13	Planning and Service met earlier this morning. The
14	Committee approved the Committee's February 9th,
15	2022 minutes. The Committee next reviewed a
16	presentation on the Authority's electric bus
17	program. Finally, the Committee reviewed a
18	presentation on a Ventra app.
19	That concludes my report, Chairman
20	Barclay. Thank you.
21	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Chairman
22	Irvine.
23	Our next order of business is a report
24	from the Committee of Finance, Audit and Budget.



Chairman Silva.

DIRECTOR SILVA: The Committee on Audit,

Finance and Budget met earlier this morning. The

Committee approved the February 9th, 2022 committee

minutes. The committee also reviewed the following

four ordinances.

An ordinance authorizing the execution of delivery of one or more supplemental indentures under which the Chicago Transit Authority may issue one or more series corporate purpose debt obligations payable from the sales tax receipt fund; authorizing the issuances of sales -- the issuance of sales tax receipt revenue bonds, series 2022; authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more supplemental indentures under which the Chicago Transit Authority may issue second lien obligations payable from the sales tax receipts funds; authorizing the interest of second lien sales tax receipt revenues bonds, series 22.

An ordinance amending Ordinance 021-119 approving the fiscal years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program and authorizing related agreements.

An ordinance authorizing a ground lease of



Authority property located at 429 North Franklin 1 2 Street, Chicago, Illinois Brown Line. 3 An ordinance authorizing a right of entry 4 agreement with Rebuild Foundation for Authority 5 property at 95 [sic] Street Dan Ryan station north terminal, Chicago, Illinois Red Line. 6 7 The Committee also reviewed 11 contracts. The Committee placed the four ordinances and the 11 8 contracts on the omnibus and recommended board 9 approval of the omnibus. 10 11 That concludes my report, Chairman 12 Barclay. 13 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, 14 Chairman Silva. May I now have a motion to approve the 15 omnibus as stated by Director Silva? 16 DIRECTOR JAKES: 17 So moved. 18 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Jakes. 20 seconded by Director Ortiz. Vote on the omnibus. 21 Director Ortiz. 22 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes. 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller. 24 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.



1 Director Jakes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 3 4 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. 5 6 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes. 7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay. 8 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. 9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman. that motion 10 passes with six yes votes. 11 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of 12 business is the construction report. 13 Bill Mooney. 14 BILL MOONEY: Good morning. Bill Mooney, your 15 Chief Infrastructure Officer with your monthly construction project update. 16 17 we'll move to our first project, where we 18 normally start, our Jefferson Park O'Hare signal upgrade. The project remains tight to schedule and 19 20 Since we last talked, the most on budget. 21 significant kind of activity has been around the 22 cutover of O'Hare east interlocking and O'Hare 23 terminal interlockings and the associated relay



rooms.

Move to the photos. This is the new local control panel that ultimately operates all the major interlocking components for that interlocking. It was delivered a couple weekends ago and it's loaded into the tower room where we actually have a tower man that sits during normal operations and tells the trains which track they're entering and exiting on, provides that kind of -- that routing through this panel. It's kind of a modern version of a system we used many, many years now. It's a very hardened kind of panel because it does get a lot of touch and use and it was kind of a big point to get this down there.

Next slide. This is equipment being brought in. As we've been doing kind of weekend train shuttle operations to provide more access, part of what happens there is they load out these little shuttle trains -- these work trains they have and load back equipment here. These are all the signals and route selectors and various pieces of the wayside equipment that they're bringing into the tunnel to start installing along the tracks to use by train operators.

Next slide. Then the other really



important piece is the equipment for the relay rooms started showing up and this is a big sigh of relief for many of us to have that equipment on-site and on-hand as it was being shipped from Harrisburg and here it is -- you know, one of those challenges is getting stuff into the subway, so this is a vent shaft actually for our emergency ventilation system we've opened up and are craning the equipment down and it got loaded onto carts and then was carried and directed to the rooms where it's been installed.

And the next slide, here is some of that equipment actually being installed. So those racks I just showed you in that last photo on the cranes are actually now in the rooms and being wired up. So this is kind of a big milestone in the project and we're moving forward really well actually out of the terminal operations.

Our next project is Jackson Park. Work along 61st interlocking is coming near completion. We've been focused really on that -- kind of that interlocking allows access to what we call lower yard as well as kind of the movements on the -- there's an upper yard there at 61st Street as well



as the mainline tracks for the Jackson Park branch.

And then we've continued structural renewal on the 63rd Street leg of that Jackson Park branch and these have been big kind of line cut weekends where we've gone and completely disassembled the structure and rebuilt it over a weekend kind of with a full closure with the street below us.

We can move to those photos. So this is part of the special track work that has been a hundred percent renewed with the ties. You can see kind of the newer ties there darker black and have kind of the silver screw spikes in them. They're fresh spikes. These tend to be really long ties, about 16 or 18 feet wide, take a little more effort to get in or out.

Here's some of that structure work I was referencing. So here, they're rebuilding the cross girder, the perpendicular piece of structure in the air there, and while we're doing that, we actually have to shore the rest of the structure and those are those big yellow posts in the front. They're temporary shoring that are carrying kind of the load of that structure while we take apart those



elements below it and you can see how all this activity goes across 63rd Street and we take it -- what happens is we set up early in the morning on Saturday. We take everything apart. We put in the new components. We end up detailing it out, finishing it all off and then re-clearing the street by Sunday evening.

Next slide, please. This is our Irving

Park station escalator canopy replacement. We can

move forward really to the Irving Park station

work.

So the contractor has been focused on demoing out the old escalator and to be able to get the large components, really the truss system that's the structural elements that hold the elevator in place. They actually build a series of rigging systems, so as they cut it out, they can lower it down and ultimately feed it out through the ground-level entrance here. So there's actually a series of kind of hoist chain elements, they cut it into pieces, they lower down the next section, they cut it into pieces, they lower down the next section and they do the same and the same thing will be happening as it comes back in.



Next slide, please. Here's that same hoisting system at the top.

Next slide. This is the new escalator truss. So this is the new component that will be going in in the upcoming months. This is a galvanized truss, so this is something different we have not historically done with elevators. So galvanization adds zinc to the steel making it more rust proof ultimately. So as this is kind of an open-weather station that does get a lot of exposure in the elements and customer use, it helps the longevity of the unit itself. These are expensive units, so spending a little extra to make sure that steel lasts is really important.

Next slide. So this is a new project this month. This is our traction power upgrades for Kendall, Edmunds, and Sacramento. This is part of our Blue Line capacity expansion efforts. So we've had a demand increase in the Blue Line over many, many years and we don't have current power capacity to be able to support a lot of that and we have a couple projects on the plate that are around, you know, increasing that support of those facilities. This is about adding new equipment at Kedvale,



which is right near Irving Park on the Blue Line; Edmunds, which is up near Jefferson Park and Sacramento, which is close to California. By putting in new equipment allows us to actually be able to increase new capacity output from those substations as well as -- you know, this equipment is well aged and has a lot of intense use of the many years now and so it helps with the longevity of those substations. It's a \$7 million construction project with \$12 million overall budgets and the work is being done by John Burns Construction Company.

we can move to some slides here. So the work is just getting going. They've been doing field-based measurements to verify kind of the equipment that they've ordered and the installation process around this. So here they are within Sacramento taking some of those measurements for -- this is inside the building and the piece of equipment you're looking (indiscernible) that's actually what converts the power from AC to DC and it connects to transformers, which are on the other side of the wall.

Next slide, please. And ultimately we get



a new duct bank, which connects kind of between through the wall from that first piece of equipment, the rectifier to that transformer outside and this is in the factory. The equipment has been in fabrication for a bunch of months now.

Next slide. The other component over the last month is all this equipment has gone through its Hema (phonetic) testing. So this is a safety verification performance test it has to go through where they actually mimic it in use and push it to its failure mode limits to make sure it fails in a safe manner as designed.

So as kind of a lot of things we've done during the pandemic where travel has been tougher at times, we did a remote testing here kind of over Zoom where somebody in the factory was physically walking around allowing us to witness the test in this remote section.

Next slide, please. So this is our non-revenue vehicle maintenance facility at 63rd and Calumet. Work continues on schedule and on budget. Next slide, please.

So one of the interesting points we had when we were in the plan development phase for this



project was the project itself is directly across the street from Dulles Elementary School and one of the community feedback points was they asked that we think really creatively how we could engage the students to talk about STEM education and the work that would be going on outside their windows.

So we've worked with the school and the principal to come up with kind of a series of interactions with the student body and this is the first of them.

So the gentleman in the foreground here is Charles Freeman, he's our project manager on the project. Charles and the project team went out to Dulles Elementary and put on a presentation explaining kind of what the project is about and how it's being executed and what type of opportunities are in this type of industry and construction and engineering backgrounds and the type of schooling you would pursue for those things and as we get more into the ground on that project and we start having more heavy equipment and more interactions and the building goes up, we're expecting to have more sessions like this, but some of them — you know, not necessarily on—site, but



right in the footprint of the site where we can do things outside the construction fencing and talk about the equipment being used and some of the, you know, physics behind the engineering that's going into it and a lot of the roles that are going on in those jobs, not only from the trade level -- you know, we're in an industry really dying for trade labor at this point and they're great career paths as well as the finish work on the engineering construction side.

Next slide. Last month I showed you preparatory work to create kind of the footprint of the actual construction site. So here is kind of the last bit. We've been ripping out a bunch of track and we actually had to reposition a grade crossing from separating out kind of where the storage portion of the yard is versus the new shop is going. So this is the refinished grade crossing.

Next slide. With that, I will be happy to take any questions at this time.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay, any questions for, Bill?

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: No questions, Bill.



1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva, any
2	questions?
3	DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions.
4	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
5	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No questions.
6	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
7	DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.
8	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
9	DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions, Greg. Thank
10	you.
11	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
12	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: There are no questions for
14	Bill, sir.
15	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Bill. We will
16	now call on Chris Bushell and Juan Pablo Prieto to
17	make their RPM and diversity presentations.
18	CHRIS BUSHELL: Thank you.
19	The RPM project continues tight to
20	schedule and on budget. If we can go to the next
21	slide.
22	So there's a lot of work going on. There
23	always is at RPM. We stay busy. One particular
24	things that's happening, we're starting the



demolition of the -- of the western side of the tracks in the area of the Red Purple Bypass. So we're sort of arcing away from working on the bypass itself and arcing towards sort of building the bridge underneath that. So we've done a lot of demolition on the track side in that area, on the western side -- the two tracks on the western side. We're providing service on the eastern side of that four-track corridor.

So on the working side, we've been demolishing tracks, systems, and the start of the demolition of the structure. Additionally, we're doing completion work on the bypass kind of connecting or signalizing doing work at the -- at the western or the railroad northern end of the bypass to put an interlocking in place. That work continues running trains on it, but we're just continuing with the signalization and completion of that interlocking. We continue with various renovations on the Ravenswood connector tracks as well as the north main -- Red Line tracks in that area where we're putting in new foundations for those tracks as part of the overall modernization of the effort.



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Then on Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segment, we continue to work on the segment -- segmental box girder bridge. That's progressing nicely. The contractor is falling into a production mode.

You'll see a couple of photographs and then after

You'll see a couple of photographs and then after Juan Pablo presents, we'll have a short video that will put those photographs into a little bit of a context for you.

If we can go to the first photographs. So this is the segmental box girder installation. You can see here the gantry above, that structure that's sort of looming above the segments. That's really the gantry that holds the segments in place as they're positioned. You can kind of see one of the segments being positioned here in this photograph.

Then if we go to the next one and here you can see that as those segments are in position, then we have tendons that go through the bottom, large cables that are post tensioned after those segment are in place and that provides the final strength needed for that span of the bridge and at that point, the box girder sort of moves on and does it at the next set of columns or piers and



we'll see that a little bit more dynamically in the video to follow Juan Pablo's presentation.

Next. And of course outreach continues.

All sorts of outreach. We've been in parades,
we've provided information to our constituents, we
have supported the various Open For Business
efforts that are out there to minimize the impacts
not only of our project, but also because the
pandemic has created so many impacts across our
city.

So we have done weekly updates with the various wards that are impacted. We've had some virtual office hours. As I mentioned, we were in a parade. The Lunar New Year parade up in Argyle. And then the -- we had the announcement of the Elevating Futures Scholarship program accepting CPS student applications. We're putting out a newsletter or information related to the communities, both about impacts of the construction as well as impacts of service -- various service of reroutes and other things that may be occurring and then we continue to provide updates to all the neighborhoods, but a couple in particular that have a lot of impacts, for example, Roscoe Newport



Neighbors.

So with that, I will turn it over to Juan Pablo for his update.

J.P. PRIETO: Thank you, Chris.

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, directors.

Juan Pablo Prieto, Director of Diversity Programs.

The diversity programs team continues to meet monthly with the contractor to discuss the DBE and workforce outreach and compliance. These meetings serve as a great tool to assure that our units are aligned as we conduct separate meetings throughout the month related to individual trade packages and workforce opportunities. The contractor right now is busy engaging their subcontractors, making sure they're connecting with the workforce partners to identify any and all opportunities for the upcoming construction season so that the workforce partners can present candidates for the subs to interview.

We also meet regularly with workforce partners and the contractors to coordinate opportunities in recruitment and training efforts.

As Chris did mention, we're really excited to announce the Elevating Futures Scholarship



program applications. We did end up receiving 52 applications. So we're excited to see as they go through the review with Chicago Scholars who ends up being selected. This year we anticipate awarding two scholarships.

As of February 28th, 2022, 71 unique DBEs have been awarded over \$185 million on the design-build contract. 27 of those DBEs are new to CTA. The design-build contract has also produced over 638,000 labor hours and the 1,362 individuals that have worked on the project have earned over \$36 million. While we're proud of our efforts and attainment to date, we continue to strive to achieve more, so we'll continue to host outreach events where appropriate to present opportunities to the community.

That concludes my portion of the report.

I'll turn it back over to Chris for our video.

CHRIS BUSHELL: All right. Thank you, Juan

Herb, if you could play the video, I will endeavor to narrate and provide some more information as we go through.

So you can see the gantry here getting



Pablo.

ready to move. It has completed the span to the right of the gantry. It is extending itself to the next two piers. That leg goes over, sits on the new pier.

Get an idea for the dynamic of this process. So there it's spanning between two new piers. The segments coming into place. They are being stored on the pier that was the segment -- the span rather that was just completed. They're set into place incrementally. After they're set into place, they get sealed between the segments.

Then we put post tensioning in as you saw in the last photograph. We pull those tendons, those cables tight and then the segment is set and we move to the next segment. Takes about four to five days per segment. That will probably get reduced to four days as the crew gains efficiencies throughout the process.

Any questions?

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Chris and Juan Pablo.

Our next order of business is new business. Is there any new business today, Greg?

DIRECTOR JAKES: We can't hear you, Greg.



No, sir. There is no new 1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2 business, sir. CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Since there is no further 3 4 business to come before the Board, may I have a 5 motion to adjourn? 6 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved. 7 **DIRECTOR SILVA:** Moved. 8 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second. 9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Sorry. Moved by Director 10 Ortiz -- I'm sorry. Moved by Director Jakes, 11 Director Ortiz second? 12 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Second. 13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: I'll take the vote. 14 Director Ortiz. 15 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller. 16 17 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. 18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That was a yes, sir? 19 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. Yes. 20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 21 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes from Director Jakes. 23 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. Mm-hmm.

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SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.

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     stepped away. Chairman Barclay.
         DIRECTOR IRVINE: Oh, I'm a yes. I'm still
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         SECRETARY LONGHINI:
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         CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.
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         SECRETARY LONGHINI:
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              That motion passes with six yes votes,
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