

1 CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD

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3 IN RE THE MATTER:)
4 REGULAR MEETING)
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8 Report of proceedings at the meeting of
9 the above-entitled cause, before Tabitha Watson, an
10 Illinois Shorthand Reporter, on the 18th day of
11 November, 2020, at the hour of 4:23 p.m., at 567
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1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

2 MS. ARABEL ALVA ROSALES, Chairperson

3 MS. GLORIA CHEVERE

4 MR. KEVIN IRVINE

5 MR. BERNARD JAKES

6 MR. JOHNNY MILLER

7 MR. ALEJANDRO SILVA

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 MR. DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President

12 MR. GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary

13 MS. KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel

14 MR. CHRIS BUSHELL

15 MR. BILL MOONEY

16 MR. JUAN PABLO PRIETO



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good afternoon. This is
2 Gregory Longhini, Board Secretary. We are about to
3 begin the regularly scheduled board meeting. I'll
4 turn it over to Chairman Arabel Alva Rosales.

5 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you, Greg.

6 Good afternoon, everyone. I would like to
7 call to order the regularly scheduled meeting of
8 the Chicago Transit Board for November 18th, 2020.

9 would the secretary call the roll?

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.

11 Director Irvine?

12 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Here.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

14 DIRECTOR CHEVERE: Here.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

16 DIRECTOR JAKES: Present.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

18 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva? Director
20 Silva? You might still be muted.

21 DIRECTOR SILVA: Here.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.

23 Chairman Alva Rosales?

24 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Here.



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman, we have a quorum
2 with all six members of the Board present.

3 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you, Greg.
4 Our first order of business is public comment.
5 Greg?

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes, Chairman. We have
7 one public comment speaker today. His name is
8 Jeffrey watts. Jeffrey and I spoke yesterday and I
9 asked Mr. watts if he could please keep his
10 comments to about three to four minutes.

11 Sir, go right ahead and address the Board.

12 JEFFREY WATTS: Hello.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Hello, Mr. watts. You can
14 speak. Thank you.

15 JEFFREY WATTS: All right. Great. I just
16 wanted to make sure that everybody could hear me.
17 Hello, illustrious board. I really appreciate the
18 fact that you all open your ears to what is being
19 said. And I thank you, Mr. Longhini, for good
20 customer service. I want to get directly to the
21 point and I want the people on the Board to really
22 imagine this, especially with seniors.

23 I catch the 71st Street bus, which goes
24 from Torrence Avenue, so in the hundreds, down to



1 69th Street. So imagine with the COVID rules that
2 we have now that 12 people or 15 people, whichever
3 is the bus regulation for the amount of people that
4 can get on the bus for COVID, get on between
5 Torrence and we could say hypothetically
6 Commercial. That bus can run express -- if those
7 people desire not to get off, it can run express
8 from Commercial all the way to 69th and the Red --
9 Dan Ryan, which leaves people getting passed up at
10 Yates, the end of Commercial, Jeffrey, Cottage
11 Grove, King Drive, to the Dan Ryan.

12 Now, imagine it's a cold day, 20 degrees,
13 10 below zero, and people are out there waiting and
14 get passed up because nobody is getting off the bus
15 and people are sitting out there waiting for a bus.
16 You cannot -- even with the regulations that you
17 all put in place where you may be able to use the
18 technology to see when there's a seat available,
19 you cannot properly plan for that. I think we need
20 to relook at that particular situation, even if it
21 comes down to a head count when the bus driver
22 needs to pull over to the side, how many people are
23 getting off by Cottage Grove or whatever, so that
24 they can kind of regulate better than they're doing



1 right now.

2 One particular time and I'll be done. One
3 particular time, there was a man with a cast that
4 had to go to the hospital for his check-up. He got
5 out there an hour early. I was out there with him.
6 We got passed up by two buses. Then we had to walk
7 over to Stony Island, go up to 79th Street, go back
8 over. He missed his appointment. He was late.
9 Also, it was a great inconvenience to me, I had an
10 appointment as well, because of the -- these
11 particular tactics. When it gets cold, nobody is
12 factoring that in. So I'm hoping that you all will
13 do that.

14 And the other comment that I have is
15 people have been super lackadaisical about the
16 maintenance of keeping people from smoking on the
17 train. I have been catching trains for 53 years.
18 So it's never been this bad and there's no
19 maintenance on that. It's very, very, very bad and
20 people have to get up and always leave and they go
21 to the back car, of any car, they go all the way to
22 the back and just smoke away. That is my comment.

23 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: well, Mr. Watts, I
24 want to thank you for coming before us. I'm sorry



1 to hear, you know, some of the comments, but we
2 really appreciate you coming before us and your
3 honesty and sharing this information. I do want to
4 say we are going to assign Mr. Donald Bonds, who is
5 the Chief Transit Officer, to work with you and to
6 further look into these things, which are, you
7 know, bothersome, I have to tell you. Especially
8 with regards to the smoking and then people having
9 to walk so much. So thank you, again, and we will
10 be following up with this and Donald Bonds will be
11 working with you directly.

12 JEFFREY WATTS: I really appreciate the concern
13 and the interfacing with the public. I would be
14 glad -- I've had a ton of solutions to be able to
15 help the CTA and have never had an opportunity
16 before this.

17 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: well, we appreciate
18 you taking this opportunity. It's important
19 information for us to know.

20 JEFFREY WATTS: Thank you so very much. I look
21 forward to hearing from you.

22 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you.

23 JEFFREY WATTS: All right. Thank you.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Mr. Watts, for



1 contacting us.

2 JEFFREY WATTS: Thank you, Mr. Longhini.

3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: You're welcome, sir.

4 JEFFREY WATTS: Have a blessed day.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you very much, sir.

6 That's all we have for public comment
7 today, Chairman Alva Rosales.

8 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: That's all we have
9 for today?

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: There's nobody else. Just
11 that one.

12 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you.

13 I would like to ask the Board for the
14 opportunity to not follow the regular agenda that
15 we have. I'm going to move it around a little bit
16 and move new business as the next part on the
17 agenda just because one of our board members has to
18 leave a little bit early. And as part of new
19 business, I have some unfortunate business to
20 share, I think, publicly. Unfortunate for us at
21 the CTA, but I think very fortunate for the County.
22 So unless anyone has any objections, I'm going to
23 go right into it.

24 So Judge Chevere has informed us that she



1 is going to unfortunately be leaving the CTA. And
2 I have to tell you, as a director, she has been
3 such a wonderful asset and, for me, it was great to
4 hear I believe she is the first director that has
5 been on that had previously worked for the CTA and
6 uses the CTA every day like many of us. But she
7 worked for the CTA before, so it has come full
8 circle that she was on the Board. She does not
9 want to leave. I know she will express that in a
10 second and we don't want her to leave.

11 Her great leadership skills and her
12 expertise and experience as a judge, you know, were
13 wonderful for us to have. But she has been called
14 upon, you know, to sort of serve in another
15 capacity that I think will be so helpful to so many
16 people. She will be working for Senator Iris
17 Martinez, who currently is the Cook County Circuit
18 Court Clerk elect, and she will be having a very,
19 very important position there as Senior Policy
20 Advisor Associate Clerk For All of Court
21 Operations. I hope I'm saying that correctly
22 because it's quite a mouthful.

23 I've got to tell you, Judge Chevere, I've
24 known you for so many years, you're such an



1 exemplary leader. You've done so much work in the
2 court system and in the community as a whole,
3 helping out the city, the Latino community, et
4 cetera, women, you know. It's going to be a great
5 loss for us, but as I mentioned earlier, you never
6 really leave the CTA. So we know that we will be
7 hearing from you and that you will always be, you
8 know, a part of the work that is done here. But
9 you will be greatly missed.

10 I would love for you to share a little bit
11 of what you will be doing in your new role.

12 DIRECTOR CHEVERE: Thank you so much, Madam
13 Vice-Chair.

14 It is with sadness and regret that I have
15 to step aside from my role as a board member for
16 the Chicago Transit Authority. I believe I made a
17 little bit of history in that I was the only person
18 that has ever been appointed to this board that had
19 previously been an employee of the Chicago Transit
20 Authority. I think that gave me some
21 institutional -- some -- gave, I think, the Board a
22 different perspective based on the institutional
23 knowledge and history that I brought to the Board,
24 the fact that I am a very vocal advocate for public



1 transit. I use it almost every day. I live right
2 by the Brown Line and I get on the train almost
3 every day and I am certainly going to miss being an
4 advocate for riders on the Board and an advocate
5 for the tax payers, the rate payers, the fare
6 payers, and everybody else that uses the Board, the
7 citizens of Chicago and Cook County. But I leave
8 knowing I'm going to serve the people of
9 Cook County in a different capacity.

10 The Clerk of the Circuit Court has been an
11 office that for many, many years has fallen behind
12 the times in terms of technology and the delivery
13 of court services to its users, litigants, the
14 judges, the entire criminal justice system and the
15 civil trial system and I look forward to that
16 challenge and that new phase of my life.

17 So I am going to miss all of you. I am
18 going to miss the camaraderie. I'm going to miss
19 the fact that I was in a position here to make an
20 impact in terms of keeping the CTA the world-class
21 public transit system that it is. But I know from
22 working with all of you for the past a little over
23 one year, that it is in great hands, in good hands
24 with people that are devoted to the delivery of



1 clean, safe, and excellent level of excellence of
2 public service that I haven't seen anywhere else.
3 Everywhere I go in this country, I make it a point
4 to use their public transit system to see how we
5 compare to them and there is nothing like ours. I
6 believe the cleanest, the safest, the most reliable
7 in terms of timetables and service and I just hope
8 it stays that way and I know it will with all of
9 you. Friendships here always last forever. I hope
10 that it stays that way and I look forward to
11 serving the people of Cook County in a little
12 different capacity.

13 Thank you so much to all of you.

14 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you. I know
15 you heard a lot of our private comments earlier.
16 I'm not sure if any of the other directors would
17 like to say something, again, because I know we all
18 said a lot earlier.

19 DIRECTOR CHEVERE: The hour is getting a little
20 late for everybody I think. This is one of those
21 rare afternoon board meeting. So I appreciate the
22 fact that you indulged me this much.

23 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: President Dorval
24 Carter, do you want to say anything else?



1 PRESIDENT CARTER: Sure. I thought I'd at
2 least say something before Judge Chevere leaves
3 because her connection to CTA is very much tied to
4 my connection with CTA. I remember first meeting
5 the judge when I was a staff attorney here at CTA,
6 really just starting off my career, and I can
7 honestly tell you that neither one of us would have
8 imagined that either of us would have been in the
9 positions we're in today involving CTA.

10 So it has been an honor and a pleasure to
11 not only have worked with her early in her career
12 when she was an executive here at CTA, but also get
13 the opportunity to work with her again as a board
14 member and to see the same passion and commitment
15 to excellence as it relates to CTA that she had,
16 you know, over almost 30 years ago.

17 So, Judge Chevere, I wish you nothing but
18 the best. I look forward to seeing all the great
19 things you're going to do in the court system. As
20 I indicated to you earlier, you're always welcome
21 back here in CTA because you'll always be a part of
22 the CTA family.

23 DIRECTOR CHEVERE: Thank you, Mr. President.
24 Thank you, everybody, and thank you for moving the



1 agenda around to allow me to fulfill another
2 commitment I have at 5:00 o'clock today. I really
3 appreciate it. I love you all. I will miss you
4 all. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you. We love
6 you too.

7 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you, Judge. We'll miss
8 you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thanks, everyone,
10 and thanks for allowing that. I really appreciate
11 that.

12 So our next order of business today is the
13 approval of the October 21st, 2020 board minutes.
14 The minutes were previously distributed to
15 everyone. I would now entertain a motion to
16 approve the board minutes of the regular board
17 meeting of October 21st, 2020.

18 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

19 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded.

21 Director Irvine? Director Irvine?

22 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yeah. Sorry. I was on mute?
23 Second --

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That's okay. I'm not



1 sure, Judge Chevere, if she's here or not. She may
2 have already walked away.

3 DIRECTOR IRVINE: She logged out.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That's fine. We do not
5 need that vote. Let me mark it down so I remember.

6 Director Jakes?

7 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva?

11 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

13 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion approved with
15 five yes votes.

16 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you, Greg.

17 Our next order of business is executive
18 session. It is my understanding, Karen, that there
19 is no executive session today?

20 MS. SEIMETZ: That's correct, Vice-Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Okay. Thank you,
22 Karen.

23 Then we'll move on to our next order of
24 business, a report from the Committee on Finance,



1 Audit & Budget.

2 Director Silva?

3 DIRECTOR SILVA: The Committee on Finance,
4 Audit & Budget met earlier this morning -- this
5 afternoon via Zoom video-teleconference. The
6 Committee approved the October 21st, 2020 minutes.
7 The Committee reviewed the finance report. The
8 Committee also reviewed the following nine
9 ordinances.

10 An ordinance amending Ordinance 019-103
11 approving the fiscal years 2020-2024 Capital
12 Improvement Program.

13 An ordinance adopting a budget for
14 calendar year 2021 and financial plan for calendar
15 years 2022 to 2023.

16 An ordinance approving the fiscal years
17 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program and
18 authorizing the filing and execution of grant and
19 cooperative agreements and amendments and related
20 materials.

21 An ordinance authorizing the treasurer to
22 execute a natural gas contract.

23 An ordinance authorizing a master license
24 agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC doing



1 business as AT&T Mobility to install, operate, and
2 maintain wireless communication equipment on
3 designed [sic] Authority property.

4 An ordinance authorizing a license
5 agreement with Smash Interactive PK, LLC for
6 property located at 2500-2600 South State Street,
7 Chicago, Illinois, Green Line.

8 An ordinance authorizing a third amendment
9 to an antenna site license agreement with GRE-COCO
10 Orrington Owner, LLC for the operation of the
11 Authority's communications equipment located at
12 1603 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

13 An ordinance authorizing an agreement with
14 Norfolk Southern Railway Company for preliminary
15 engineering services for the Red Line extension
16 project.

17 An ordinance authorizing an
18 intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County
19 Assessor's Office to access geographic information
20 system data.

21 The Committee also reviewed seven
22 purchases and sales award recommendations. The
23 committee approved all items and recommends Board
24 approval of all items. The Committee placed all



1 nine ordinances and all seven contracts on the
2 omnibus. And that concludes my report, Chairman
3 Alva Rosales.

4 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you, Director
5 Silva.

6 May I now have a motion to approve the
7 omnibus as stated by Director Silva?

8 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

9 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Jakes,
11 seconded by Director Irvine.

12 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

16 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva?

18 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Alva Rosales?

20 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
22 with five yes votes.

23 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you, Greg.

24 Our next order of business is the construction



1 report. We will now hear from Bill Mooney.

2 BILL MOONEY: Good afternoon, again. I'm Bill
3 Mooney, your Chief Infrastructure Officer.

4 We'll start today where we normally do,
5 our Your New Blue signals project between
6 Jefferson Park and O'Hare. If you could advance to
7 slide three, please, sir.

8 Since we last met, we had kind of two
9 significant milestones on this project. The
10 project does remain on budget and tight to
11 schedule, but we did fully cut over our first relay
12 house at Jefferson Park; over the last couple
13 months I've shown you the progress around that
14 work, a fully functional new signal house there
15 that's operating that interlocking for us.

16 We also received delivery of our second
17 relay house which is at Foster Avenue just north of
18 the -- west of that current Jefferson Park station.
19 This relay house is actually in the process of
20 being wired up for cutover as we've been talking.

21 If we can move forward to the pictures.
22 So on this first slide, I'm showing you the new
23 relay house at Foster being delivered. It was
24 chained on from the highway. It's a fairly large



1 piece of equipment that actually gets set between
2 the tracks right off the bridge.

3 Next picture, please. Here's the relay
4 house in place at this point in time. You can see
5 it in relationship to some other equipment out
6 there. This is the inside of the relay house.

7 Once the house has been set, we actually
8 bring in a series of cables from all the field
9 apparatuses that I've been showing you over the
10 past couple of months when we did all that
11 underground work. This then actually gets wired
12 into this rack and then wires from that rack go to
13 various pieces of equipment in the house. That's
14 how we communicate to the equipment in the field
15 from that house.

16 The next picture, please. This is the new
17 Jefferson Park, what they call the local control
18 panels. This is how we actually operate the
19 interlocking at Jefferson Park is those buttons and
20 switches activate different pieces of equipment and
21 allow the trains to cross the path or, you know, go
22 normal on the normal directions depending on kind
23 of what's going on in the field at that point in
24 time.



1 My next project is our Logan Square
2 station rehab project. So our focus has been on
3 the elevator installation, which I'm happy to say
4 that elevator number two has been fully installed
5 and we're in the process of putting it in service
6 as we speak.

7 If you could move forward to the slides.
8 Here's that new elevator. That's the
9 street-to-mezzanine elevator. We had previously
10 done the mezzanine-to-platform one.

11 Next slide, please. I think you can also
12 note kind of what a difference the interior of this
13 new unit is and I'll also call out the floor.
14 we've talked a couple times about the new floor
15 we're doing where it's kind of an epoxy that gets
16 laid up the side to create an impermeable membrane
17 for water and other, you know, fluids that may end
18 up on the floor. It's a wonderful improvement for
19 that unit.

20 At this point, I'll ask Juan Pablo to join
21 me and close out that project.

22 J.P. PRIETO: Directors, the goal for this work
23 order was set at 30 percent. The prime committed
24 to a 30.21 percent and is on track to exceed their



1 commitment.

2 BILL MOONEY: Thank you, Juan Pablo.

3 So my next project is our electric bus
4 charging station project. I'm really happy to
5 report here that we have the technology that we're
6 using, which is the first to be used in this
7 nation, has received its you-all (phonetic)
8 certification and we have turned over the equipment
9 at Chicago garage and Chicago Austin to operations
10 to begin training both for operation and
11 maintenance personnel to be able to start using
12 that equipment and the new e-bus fleet.

13 That leaves the remaining site at Navy
14 Pier the primary focus and if we can move forward
15 to the pictures, please. Next slide.

16 So over the last month, they have finished
17 exterior work to the facility and we've moved kind
18 of predominantly to the interior. On the right,
19 you can see kind of the finishing of that masonry
20 that has been installed over the last couple of
21 months. That kind of -- that charcoal gray mix
22 that will ultimately be our textural features of
23 this facility.

24 And on the left, you can see the beginning



1 that we started to receive the industrial grade
2 electrical equipment that we'll use to convert the
3 ComEd energy to the apparatuses that ultimately
4 charge the buses in the field that I've shown you
5 at some of the other locations.

6 Next slide, please. Here is actually some
7 of the technology that I've talked about. This is
8 the charging station equipment where we take the
9 ComEd power and ultimately convert it into the
10 power we will push out to the bus. This is similar
11 to what we do with rail traction power.

12 On the right is actually some landscaping
13 that they've already begun kind of enhancing the
14 landscaping around the facility now that all that
15 major infrastructure work is done.

16 Next slide, please. Here you can see the
17 final kind of completed look -- exterior look of
18 the building kind of set back. The building is
19 water tight and all that activity is now interior
20 to the building.

21 My next project is our transformer
22 replacement project. Since we last talked, all the
23 focused activity has been at Edmond substation,
24 which is up near Jefferson Park on the Blue Line.



1 If we go to the pictures please. This
2 first picture here, we have completed the full
3 installation of what we call transformer number
4 one. Transformer number two is in progress at this
5 point. In this photo, it's getting framed into the
6 substation. The substation is actually kind of
7 wedged in this peculiar spot off the edge of the
8 highway. This is accessed from the adjacent
9 property. This was craned into the back of the
10 facility.

11 Next slide. Here they're actually
12 terminating new traction power cables. So from
13 that piece of equipment I showed you that we craned
14 in, they actually pull cable then from there back
15 into the facility itself.

16 I recall, Director Silva, you asked about
17 the power traction cables, what they were on one of
18 the contracts earlier. This big, black, thick
19 cable in this picture is actually the type of cable
20 we would be buying under those blanket contracts.
21 It would just be for maintenance purposes.

22 DIRECTOR SILVA: Thank you, William.

23 BILL MOONEY: Moving on to our next project,
24 which is our 98th Rail Shop Bridge Deck Project.



1 This project is moving forward very fast and very
2 well. It has actually been a wonderful little
3 project to watch develop and go.

4 We've completed activities last month on
5 what was the west side of the bridge. Now we move
6 mostly to the east side of the bridge in this last
7 month of activity.

8 You can move forward to the slide.

9 Similar of what you saw, as I talked previously, we
10 had five sections of bridge and all the work is
11 done on the east side where we demoed out the
12 original concrete topping deck.

13 Next slide, please. We removed all the
14 underlying steel. Move to the next slide, please.
15 And installed new steel underneath it as you can
16 see in this photo.

17 Next slide, please. Then we ultimately
18 started installing the new grating deck for that
19 side. Next slide. And then we started installing
20 the new canopy that goes over it.

21 Director Irvine, you did ask last month
22 about the topping surface. I will call out, if you
23 look on the left side of this photo, you'll see
24 some of the metal plating that goes on top of that



1 grating for a smooth accessible surface for the
2 shop itself. It's actually kind of being used as a
3 pathway there. The deck gets all that grating
4 across it.

5 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thanks, Bill.

6 BILL MOONEY: Here they're starting to put on
7 the decking of that topping there, ultimately which
8 will have a roof and get some lighting and other
9 aspects to it.

10 Move to the next slide. As part of this
11 project, there's a series of enclosures to the
12 building itself to get prepared. So it gets new
13 doors overhead, as well as adjacent man doors for
14 the entranceway for that bridge deck itself. The
15 concrete columns, of course, have been rehabbed as
16 part of the project. Next slide, please.

17 Then we do a bunch of masonry work
18 throughout that side. So as the bridge deck
19 experiences water damage over time, that water ran
20 down the exterior of the facility and caused some
21 damage to that exterior brickwork and windows and
22 we're replacing most of those windows and brickwork
23 as part of this project, this is one of those
24 enhancements. This was at ground level below the



1 bridge deck there.

2 My last project for you today is our
3 Ravenswood Ballast Phase 2 work. This was part of
4 our Fast Tracks program, a rather quick moving
5 project with major outages tied to it. All the
6 work has been completed to date and if we move
7 forward to the photos, I can show you some of the
8 photos from the last weekend of outages.

9 In this photo, they are doing what we call
10 thermite rail welding where we connect two pieces
11 of the running rail by they call it shooting a new
12 weld where we actually pour in molten steel in
13 between the two pieces to form a continuous
14 connection from them. It allows for more of a
15 smooth operation and a better piece of maintained
16 track in the long-term for both our customers and
17 for us to be able to handle.

18 In this picture, they're using what we
19 call a tamper. This machine actually picks up the
20 ballasted track and compresses stones around the
21 ties -- the wood ties and can help adjust the
22 alignment. It makes a solid pathway for the train
23 to travel on. It's much smoother and whenever we
24 do major tie renewal like we did on this project,



1 you have to tamp and line the track afterwards to
2 stabilize it.

3 Next slide, please. This is the completed
4 Kedzie grate crossing. So this was a concrete tub
5 installation that will provide us longevity on this
6 major route. This is a very heavily traveled
7 street in this area and that grade crossing sees a
8 lot of abuse from trucks and vehicles alike, so
9 this will be a very durable product that will serve
10 us well in the future. And here's a different look
11 from that.

12 With that, I would actually turn it over
13 to Juan Pablo again as this will be the last time I
14 will be reporting on this project.

15 J.P. PRIETO: Thank you again, Bill.

16 Directors, the goal for this work order
17 was set at 20 percent and the prime committed to
18 20.19 percent and is on track to meet that
19 commitment.

20 BILL MOONEY: So, Vice-Chair, that concludes my
21 portion of the report at this time.

22 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you, Bill.

23 I have a quick question regarding Navy
24 Pier electrical charging stations. When is that



1 going to be completed?

2 BILL MOONEY: We're looking at the end of the
3 year. Right around the corner.

4 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Great. And Juan
5 Pablo, with regards to the elevators, who was the
6 prime on that?

7 J.P. PRIETO: Bill, do we have the prime?

8 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Who was that?

9 BILL MOONEY: It was Paul Borg.

10 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Just curious on
11 that.

12 BILL MOONEY: The elevators themselves,
13 Vice-Chair, were actually installed by Anderson,
14 our third-party elevator contractor. So we
15 actually split the contract into two parts. I'm
16 sorry. Actually, it was John Burns was the primary
17 contractor on the station rehab and then we
18 contracted to Anderson to do the elevators
19 separately.

20 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: So Anderson was the
21 one with 30 percent?

22 J.P. PRIETO: No. That was John Burns,
23 Director.

24 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: That was John Burns.



1 Got it. I was just curious about that. I'll go
2 through and ask any of the other directors.

3 Reverend Jakes, do you have any questions?

4 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Reverend John
6 Miller, John, any questions?

7 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. Thanks.

8 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Director Irvine?

9 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Thanks.

10 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Director Silva?

11 DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions.

12 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: No questions. Okay.
13 Great. Thank you for your presentation to the two
14 of you.

15 Now I would like to ask Chris Bushell to
16 make a presentation on the RPM project.

17 CHRIS BUSHELL: Good afternoon, Directors. The
18 RPM phase one design-build contract remains on
19 budget and tight to schedule. We have seen COVID
20 impacts on this project, although we are working
21 closely with the contractor to manage them. Go to
22 the next side.

23 So it continues to be very much a design
24 project. In the primary design area, we are at



1 approximately 70 percent. So we are advancing with
2 a completion of the design or moving towards the
3 completion of the design. On the signal side of
4 it, it is roughly 40 to 45 percent, so it is
5 lagging a little bit behind the main design, but
6 still generally speaking, in harmony with the rest
7 of the work.

8 The construction is going on the bypass.
9 We are in the process of installing structural
10 steel and continuing with various rehab of existing
11 structure out there. You'll see some more
12 photographs and details later.

13 In terms of corridor signal improvements,
14 we continue with the testing and actually are
15 installing further test sites here shortly.

16 Pre-stage work is really a focus right
17 now. We are, as you know, in the Lawrence to Bryn
18 Mawr segment installing the signal system that
19 would enable us -- in conjunction with two
20 interlockings you saw photographs of over the
21 course of the spring and summer, we're now
22 installing the signaling system on top of that and
23 infrastructure alone will enable us to build the
24 major bridges in the LBMM segment.



1 We can go to the next slide. So temporary
2 stations. As well, when we go into two-track
3 operation as part of the LBMM segment through that
4 area, we will have temporary stations in two
5 locations. You see here, the Bryn Mawr temporary
6 stairs that will be associated with a side-loaded
7 platform in that area.

8 Next please. This is work at the other
9 temporary station in the area of Argyle. Next. So
10 pre-stage signals. So we've seen many pictures of
11 interlockings going in and heavy track work over
12 the course of the summer. Now, once that heavy
13 civil work is done, we're coming in and installing
14 the signaling infrastructure as you've seen both in
15 Bill's Blue Line signal project, as well as here,
16 we're in the process of installing these relay
17 houses. The relay houses really hold all of the
18 processing equipment associated with train, speed,
19 and occupancy in various areas and making sure in
20 general that we have safe operations, safe
21 separation between the trains that are operating on
22 the right of way.

23 Next. The Thorndale relay house. Now
24 you've seen four houses being set. So we are



1 complete with the installation of those -- with the
2 installation of the actual houses. Again, similar
3 to Bill's job, we are currently running cabling and
4 connecting them and doing all kinds of testing and
5 commissioning that typically follows this kind of
6 installation. So it's interesting to see these two
7 projects now running in tandem in that regard, that
8 is the Blue Line signal and RPM.

9 Advanced contracts are really in closeout.
10 There isn't much to talk about here. Most of the
11 utility work that remains is really communications
12 work, running cabling, switching over services in
13 coordination with customers and local elected
14 officials. No major issues as this wraps up.

15 Nothing really to report here. We can go
16 to community outreach where there is actually quite
17 a bit to report.

18 So we have done a series of -- we continue
19 to do public outreach meetings virtually. We have
20 had some good success with a number of them and
21 good turnout. We have met most recently on the
22 Granville interlocking. This is an interlocking
23 just to the north of the Thorndale interlocking,
24 which is the new one. The Granville is the older



1 version of Thorndale, which we're -- we took apart
2 half of it last weekend and we're taking apart the
3 other part of it this weekend and this part of the
4 community, because it's sort of outside a little
5 bit of the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segment or more in
6 the corridor improvements area, hasn't seen a lot
7 of work, so we did a community meeting up there
8 with the aldermen just to make sure everyone was on
9 top of any impacts they would experience during
10 this. We're doing some virtual office hours as
11 indicated in here and, otherwise, working very
12 closely with JP and Diversity on all sorts of
13 workforce, SBE, DBE outreach as well and I'll turn
14 it over to him to cover that.

15 J.P. PRIETO: Thank you, Chris.

16 Good afternoon again, Directors. We
17 continue to host our monthly DBE and workforce
18 compliance and outreach meeting with the prime. We
19 are finalizing plans for our final outreach of the
20 year for RPM.

21 On October 16th, we hosted another
22 Construction Talks webinar with the bricklayers and
23 allied craft workers where we toured their
24 apprentice training facility and fielded questions



1 from individuals interested in a career in
2 construction.

3 That concludes my portion of the report.
4 Happy to answer any questions.

5 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Just a comment. Not
6 so many questions, but just to thank you for all
7 the hard work that, you know, you're doing on this
8 project and really all the community outreach.

9 President Carter, I was going to mention
10 that after today's County meeting I know we're
11 going to be following up, but it would be great to
12 elaborate on all of the community outreach work
13 that we do, you know, with regard to the projects
14 that we have ongoing. I think based on the
15 comments I heard today, I think it would be
16 important for them to know, you know, about all
17 this work. It just seems important to include.

18 PRESIDENT CARTER: I agree. One of the things
19 I will be highlighting are all the programs --
20 especially the workforces, all the programs that
21 we've created around RPM and not only are utilizing
22 for CTA, but are also leveraging with other
23 governmental, you know, projects occurring within
24 the region. So I'll make sure that information



1 gets incorporated into that letter.

2 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: And our diversity
3 numbers as well.

4 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Not sure if any of
6 the other directors have any questions.

7 Director Jakes, do you have any questions?

8 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

10 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

11 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Thank you.

12 Director Irvine?

13 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Thanks, Chris.

14 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Director Silva?

15 DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions.

16 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: No further
17 questions. Thank you, Chris and Juan Pablo. Thank
18 you for that information.

19 And since we have already dealt with our
20 new business, unless anyone has any other new
21 business to bring before us today, I -- and I don't
22 think anyone has. I'll wait for a second to hear
23 if anybody does.

24 But with no further business to come



1 before the board, I will now entertain a motion to
2 adjourn.

3 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

4 DIRECTOR IRVINE: I second.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Motion to adjourn moved by
6 Director Jakes, seconded by Director Irvine. I
7 will now take a rollcall vote.

8 Director Irvine?

9 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

11 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

13 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva?

15 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Alva Rosales?

17 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion passes with
19 five yes votes, Chairman Alva Rosales.

20 CHAIRPERSON ALVA ROSALES: All right. Well, I
21 think we are adjourned. Thanks, everyone.

22 (which were all the proceedings
23 had in the above-entitled
24 cause.)



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