

ORDINANCE NO. 003-78

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING
ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTS FOR
BUS ROUTES 18, X21, 95E, AND 168
AND ADOPTING ORANGE LINE
WEEKEND EXPANSION OF SERVICE
HOURS AS PERMANENT

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board adopted Ordinances No. 001-166 and 002-112, authorizing 180-day experiments to expand weekday and weekend service on the Orange Line, and Ordinance No. 002-159, making permanent expanded service on weekdays and authorizing a third 180-day experiment for weekend service; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board adopted Ordinance No. 001-186, which authorized the establishment of bus route 168 on an experimental basis and authorized second and third experiments in July and December 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board adopted Ordinance No. 002-159, which authorized 180-day experiments for service changes on bus routes 18, X21, and 95E, which were implemented in December 2002; and

WHEREAS, The experimental periods for bus routes 18, X21, 95E and 168 will end in June 2003 and, for the Orange Line, in August 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ridership numbers and public comment received shows that the routes and service changes are well received by the community; and

WHEREAS, Job Access Reverse Commute funds have been secured to fund the expansion of weekend service hours on the Orange Line for two years, and staff recommends adopting the expansion of service as permanent; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends adopting second 180-day experimental periods for the 18, X21, and 95E, and a fourth experimental period to last 90-days for the 168 to enter into a new financial agreement. The 18 and X21 have received Job Access Reverse Commute funds; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board is hereby authorized to adopt the expanded hours of Orange Line weekend service as permanent. Service will operate from approximately 0435 to 0050 hours leaving Midway terminal on Saturdays and from approximately 0535 to 2330 on Sundays/holidays.

SECTION 2. The Chicago Transit Board is hereby authorized to adopt second 180-day experiments for bus routes 18, X21, and 95E, operating as follows:

#18 16th/18th

Operate certain weekday and weekend trips eastbound over and along the present route at S. 47th Ct. on W. 16th Street, and operate over and along the present eastbound route to S. Canal St. on W. 18th St., turn south S. Canal St., turn east on W. Cermak Rd., and enter the Chinatown Red Line Station turnaround. When exiting the turnaround proceed east on W. Cermak Rd., turn north on S. Indiana Ave., turn west on E. 18th St., turn south on S. Michigan Ave. turn west on E. Cermak Rd., turn north on S. Canal St, turn west on W. 18th St., and operate over and along the present westbound route.

#X21 Cermak Express

Operate certain weekend trips from the present west terminal over and along the present eastbound route to S. Damen Ave. on W. Cermak Rd., turn north on S. Damen Ave., turn east on W. Polk St., turn north on S. Ashland Ave., enter I-290 and proceed eastbound, exit at Congress Pkwy., turn north on S. Dearborn St. to the Jackson Blue Line Station to the eastern terminal and continue to the west terminal via Congress Pkwy. westbound into I-290 and exit at S. Ashland Ave., turn south on S. Ashland Ave., turn west on W. Polk St., turn south to S. Damen Ave., turn west on W. Cermak Rd. and operate over and along the present westbound route.

On Saturday, service will operate to the loop from 7:00am to 10:00pm, while on Sunday service will operate from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

#95E 93rd-95th

Operate certain weekday trips from the present east terminal over and along the present westbound route to E. 95th Street and S. Stony Island Avenue, east on E. 95th Street to the Stony Island Plaza west entrance, operating over and along the Stony Island Plaza roadways to the east Plaza exit, west on E. 95th Street to S. Stony Island Avenue, and continuing to the present west terminal over and along the present westbound route and returning to the present east terminal over and along the present eastbound route to E. 95th Street and S. Stony Island Avenue, east on E. 95th Street to the Stony Island Plaza west entrance, operating over and

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along the Stony Island Plaza roadways to the east Plaza exit, west on E. 95th Street to S. Stony Island Avenue and continuing to the present east terminal over and along the present eastbound route.

SECTION 3. The Chicago Transit Board is hereby authorized to adopt a fourth experiment lasting 90-days for bus route 168 UIC/Pilsen, operating as follows:

168 UIC/Pilsen Express

Operate from the east terminal at the UIC – Halsted Blue Line Station, south on S. Halsted Street, west on W. 18th Street, south on S. Damen Avenue, east on W. Cermak Avenue, south on S. Ashland Avenue, serve Ashland Orange Line Station over and along existing roadways, southwest on I-55, south on LaGrange Road, southwest on Archer Avenue, north on Willow Springs Road, into the access roads of the United Parcel Services facility. Return trips will follow the same reverse pattern, but will not enter the Ashland Orange Line Station. The service will make limited stops in Chicago, in both directions, said stops to be determined by the President.

SECTION 4. These changes shall be implemented when the necessary operating arrangements have been completed.

SECTION 5. The changes identified as experiments shall be inaugurated as experiments for up to 180 days. Staff shall elicit public comment during the course of the experimental demonstration projects and report its findings to the Board at the end of the project.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

June 4, 2003

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