

ORDINANCE NO. 002-192

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUS ROUTES
X55 GARFIELD EXPRESS AND X98 AVON
EXPRESS AS PERMANENT AND ADOPTING
ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTS FOR X80
IRVING PARK EXPRESS AND #168
UIC/PILSEN EXPRESS

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board adopted Ordinance Nos. 001-186, 002-50, 002-51, 002-93, and 002-111 which authorized the establishment of four express bus routes on an experimental basis; and

WHEREAS, The #168 UIC/Pilsen Express was implemented by the Authority in November 2001 as a 180-day experiment, with a second 180-day experiment authorized in July 2002; and

WHEREAS, The X55 Garfield Express, X80 Irving Park Express, and X98 Avon Express were implemented by the Authority in June 2002 as 180-day experiments; and

WHEREAS, The experimental periods for all four routes will end in December 2002; and

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

WHEREAS, Staff recommends adopting two of the routes, the X55 Garfield Express, and the X98 Avon Express as permanent; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends adopting a second 180-day experimental period for the X80 Irving Park Express to evaluate a routing modification, and a third 180-day experimental period for the #168 UIC/Pilsen Express to enter into a new financial agreement; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes making the following routes permanent, operating as follows:

X55 Garfield Express

Operate from the east terminal at the Museum of Industry and Science, west on E. 57th Drive, north on S. Hyde Park Boulevard, west on E. 55th Street, west on E. Rainey Drive, west on E. Morgan Drive, west on E. Garfield Boulevard, W. Garfield Boulevard, and W. 55th Street, south on S. Cicero Avenue, east on W.

59th Street, into Midway Orange Line Station over and along existing roadways. Return trips will follow the same reverse pattern to S. Hyde Park Boulevard, into the Museum of Science and Industry over and along existing roadways. The service will make limited stops in both directions, said stops to be determined by the President.

X98 Avon Express

Operate from the south terminal at the Irving Park Blue Line Station, west on W. Irving Park Road, north on N. Keeler Avenue, north on I-94, west on Dempster Street, north on Waukegan Road, east on Golf Road, into the access roads of the Avon facility. Return trips will operate over and along existing roadways at Avon, north on Waukegan Road, east on Golf Road, south on Harms Road, south on Central Avenue, east on Dempster Street, south on I-94, east on W. Irving Park Road to the Irving Park Blue Line Station. The service will make limited stops in both directions, said stops to be determined by the President.

SECTION 2. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes the adoption of a second 180-day experiment for bus route X80 Irving Park Express, operating as follows:

X80 Irving Park Express

Operate from the east terminal at W. Sheridan Road and N. Clarendon Avenue, north on N. Clarendon Avenue, west on W. Irving Park Road, north on N. Harlem Avenue, southwest on W. Forest Preserve Avenue to the west terminal. Return trips will operate southwest on W. Forest Preserve Avenue, east on W. Irving Park Road, south on Inner Lake Shore Drive, west on W. Sheridan Road to N. Clarendon Avenue. The service will make limited stops in both directions, said stops to be determined by the President.

Section 3. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes the adoption of a third 180-day experiment 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

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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

December 11, 2002

Assistant Secretary

December 11, 2002