

ORDINANCE NO. 97-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR
ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE
LOCATED AT 5427 SOUTH PRAIRIE
AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PLATFORM
EXTENSIONS AT THE NEW GARFIELD/
55TH RAPID TRANSIT STATION AND
TRANSIT CENTER FACILITY

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") is currently completing the construction and renovation of certain stations along the Green Line route; and

WHEREAS, The Garfield/55th rapid transit station was situated on Authority-owned property located on the south side of East Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Staff has recommended that additional property be acquired west of the Authority's right-of-way, to accommodate widening of the new station platforms to meet operating guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Staff has identified several parcels of property located on South Prairie between East Garfield Boulevard and East 54th Street, Chicago, Illinois, that would provide sufficient land to accommodate platform extensions at the new rapid transit station; and

WHEREAS, One of the identified parcels of property is located at 5427 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, legally described on Exhibit A and depicted on the plat of survey marked Exhibit B, both of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, includes approximately 4,494 square feet of property; and

WHEREAS, The Authority requires acquisition of this parcel of property for construction of platform extensions at the new Garfield/55th rapid transit station and transit center facility; and

WHEREAS, Title to said property is vested in Bessie Cook and due to unsuccessful negotiations with Ms. Cook, condemnation proceedings were instituted; and

WHEREAS, During condemnation proceedings, staff and per diem counsel negotiated a settlement for the purchase of the property in the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) as set forth in the Agreed Final Judgment Order dated November 6, 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Consummation of this purchase is contingent upon delivery of clear marketable title ; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board of the Chicago Transit Authority hereby approves the acquisition of real estate located at 5427 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on the plat of survey marked Exhibit B, both of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, from Bessie Cook for the negotiated settlement price of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) as set forth in the Agreed Final Judgment Order dated November 6, 1996.

SECTION 2. That the purchase of this property is contingent upon the delivery of clear marketable title.

SECTION 3. That the Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the conveyance of said property to the Chicago Transit Authority.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:


Chairman

PASSED:


Secretary

January 22, 1997

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