AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, In 1990, Congress adopted the Americans with Disabilities Act which prohibits discrimination in employment, public services, public accommodations and services operated by private entities as well as telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, At 29 CFR 36.105, the U.S. Department of Justice issued regulations pertaining to non-discrimination on the basis of disability; and

WHEREAS, Under these regulations, interested persons, including those with a disability or organizations representing individuals with disabilities, can provide comments to the Authority regarding its services, policies and practices which may be discriminatory on the basis of disability; and

WHEREAS, The Authority is committed to providing mass transportation to people with disabilities in the Chicago metropolitan area and to encourage the public comment process under the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, As part of this effort, the Chicago Transit Board adopted Ordinance 93-63 establishing the ADA Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, The ADA Advisory Committee provides ongoing participation of individuals in the development and assessment of services for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, As part of its continued commitment to providing mass transportation to people with disabilities, it is in the best interest of the Authority to maintain the ADA Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, The terms of all the current ADA Advisory Committee members have expired; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that the ADA Advisory Committee structure be revised and that the Chairman be authorized to appoint the members of the Committee; now, therefore:

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

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SECTION 1. The Chairman is hereby authorized to appoint members to the ADA Advisory Committee. The number of Committee members shall be determined by the Chairman, based on the number of qualified applicants and their ability to represent a cross section of the community of people with disabilities in the Chicago metropolitan area.

SECTION 2. The President or his designee shall report to the Transit Board on the activities and recommendations of the ADA Advisory Committee on an as-needed basis.

SECTION 3. Guidelines concerning how the ADA Advisory Committee shall function shall be established by the CTA. Further, the ADA Advisory Committee shall utilize a facilitator appointed by the President.

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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