ORDINANCE NO. 97-142

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LIAISON SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority"), as a recipient of federal grant funds, has an interest in federal legislation and federally sponsored programs that affect public transportation; and

WHEREAS, It would be in the best interest of the Authority to retain the services of a federal government liaison to assist the Authority in monitoring federal legislation; developing effective legislative strategies at the local, state and federal levels; coordinating federally sponsored programs with State and local governmental entities, and working with State and local governmental agencies on matters relating to public transit; and

WHEREAS, In view of declining federal financial assistance it would be advantageous to have a federal government liaison to work with the Authority and the Authority's congressional delegation in the support or defeat of legislation affecting the Authority and public transit in general; and

WHEREAS, Michael P. Flanagan, as a former member of the United States Congress, has developed an expertise and knowledge in dealing with federal, state and local governmental entities on legislative strategies, grants and programs; and

WHEREAS, The Transit Board desires to retain the services of Michael P. Flanagan to act as a federal government liaison on behalf of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, In consideration of Mr. Flanagan's former position and his knowledge of federal, state and local government it would not be in the best interest of the Authority to advertise for bids of their service; and

WHEREAS, Section 54.3-5 of the Regulations Governing Purchase and Sales Transactions provides for the award of contracts in those situations where the Transit Board determines that competitive public bidding would be disadvantageous; now, therefore:

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

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SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Transit Board hereby determines that competitive public bidding for this equipment is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Board, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Michael P. Flanagan to perform the services of a federal government liaison, as directed by the Chairman of the Board and/or the President of the Chicago Transit Authority, for a period of twelve (12) months from date of execution, at a fee of twenty five thousand two hundred dollars (\$25,200,00) and reimbursable expenses up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month. Said agreement may be extended for a period of one year with the same terms and conditions.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

December 10, 1997

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PASSED:

December 10, 1997