

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE  
CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S ACCESSIBILITY INITIATIVES**

WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was enacted on July 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS, The ADA is a landmark piece of legislation ensuring the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The ADA prohibits discrimination based upon disability and requires equal access and opportunities for people with disabilities to public accommodations and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Over the past twenty-five years, the Chicago Transit Authority (the "Authority") has made great strides in responding to the transit needs of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has achieved accessibility for people with disabilities on its entire bus fleet and on all rail cars; and

WHEREAS, The Authority completed the Red Line South Reconstruction Project in 2013, making accessible all stations on the Red Line South, and completed a project making the Clark/Division Red Line Station accessible in 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has in recent years opened new accessible rail stations, including the Cermak/McCormick Place Green Line, the Morgan Pink and Green Line and the Oakton-Skokie Yellow Line Stations; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has a project under construction to make accessible the Wilson Red Line Station and plans under way to make other stations accessible, including the Addison, Illinois Medical District and UIC-Halsted Blue Line Stations and the Washington/Wabash and Quincy Loop 'L' Stations; and

WHEREAS, The Authority is planning the Red & Purple Modernization Project and the Forest Park Blue Line Reconstruction, which would increase accessibility on those lines; and

WHEREAS, The Authority, through its accessible bus and rail systems, is instrumental in helping people with disabilities get to work, school and play and to participate fully in all that metropolitan Chicago offers its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has relied in the past and relies today upon the valuable input of the disability community and disability advocates in its accessibility initiatives; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, the Authority established an ADA Advisory Committee whose members either have disabilities or represent organizations that serve people with disabilities to provide ongoing participation of individuals with disabilities in the development and assessment of the Authority's services; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the twentieth anniversary of the ADA, the Authority created the Infrastructure Accessibility Task Force (IATF), which assisted the Authority with a strategic plan to prioritize and increase rail accessibility for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has worked with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities to coordinate efforts to provide transportation that is accessible to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Transit Board recognizes the desire and efforts of Authority staff to continue to enhance the accessibility of existing bus and rail facilities and equipment and to expand accessibility to the greatest extent possible throughout the Authority's rail system through major renovations and new construction; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chicago Transit Board of the Chicago Transit Authority hereby affirms the Authority's commitment to further develop and implement accessibility initiatives consistent with the spirit as well as the letter of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transit Board recognizes the significance of the Americans with Disabilities Act in helping the Authority accomplish its mission of delivering, for all persons, quality, affordable transit services that link people, jobs and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Authority will continue to seek the participation and expertise of the ADA Advisory Committee, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and others in the disability community in planning its accessibility initiatives.

Resolution No. R015-1

Adopted by the  
Chicago Transit  
Board July 15, 2015



Chairman