ORDINANCE NO. 99-111

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH EACH OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR INSTALLATION OF A FIBER OPTIC CABLE SYSTEM ON THE O'HARE BRANCH OF THE BLUE LINE

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority has embarked on a program to use fiber optic cable to upgrade the communications system on the rapid transit system ("fiber optic cable program"); and

WHEREAS, There are currently fiber optic cables on the Orange Line, Green Line and portions of the Red Line and the Control Center has fiber optic lines connecting it with communications hubs on the Blue and Red Lines; and

WHEREAS, The fiber optic cable program will permit more effective communications links to CTA rapid transit stations, wayside equipment, traction power substation control and fare control equipment; and

WHEREAS, Fiber optic cable technology will allow the transmission of data, voice and video from field locations to the Authority's Control Center; and

WHEREAS, The improvement to the communications and data transmission provided by fiber optic cable technology will allow the Authority to better identify, diagnose and correct problems that may develop along the right-of-way, thereby improving on-time performance, enhancing safety, and improving the operation of fare collection, escalator, lighting and other systems; and

WHEREAS, The Authority's customers will benefit from these improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Authority is completing negotiations with a third party who will install, market and maintain a fiber optic cable system on the O'Hare Branch of the Blue Line and who will supply fiber optic cable for use by the Authority and other governmental users; and

WHEREAS, A portion of the fiber optic cables installed will be leased to private users for a term not to exceed twenty years; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois ("State") owns the median strip through which much of the O'Hare Branch of the Blue Line runs and has entered into a License and Permit with the City of Chicago ("City"), which the City has assigned to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated intergovernmental agreements with each of the State and the City, which are attached hereto, in which the State and the City consent to the installation and leasing of a fiber optic cable system on the O'Hare Branch of the Blue Line; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that the Transit Board approve execution of these intergovernmental agreements; now therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes the Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago, substantially in the form attached as Exhibits A, to permit installation and leasing of a fiber optic cable system on the O'Hare Branch of the Blue Line.

SECTION 2. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes the Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois, substantially in the form attached as Exhibits B, to permit installation and leasing of a fiber optic cable system on the O'Hare Branch of the Blue Line.

SECTION 3. The Chairman of the Board, or her designee, is authorized to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to effectuate these agreements.

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

July 21, 1999

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