ORDINANCE NO. 97-94

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF AIR RIGHTS OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 4323 SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE, 4331 SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE AND 4333 SOUTH PRAIRIE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STATION PLATFORMS FOR THE 43RD STREET RAPID TRANSIT STATION

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

WHEREAS, The 43rd Street rapid transit station is located on the north side of East 43rd Street, between South Prairie Avenue and South Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The new station platforms will extend across East 43rd Street and must be widened to meet operating guidelines; and

WHEREAS, The Authority's right-of-way at this location is too narrow to accommodate the station platform widening project; and

WHEREAS, Engineering staff has recommended that the Authority acquire air rights over seven parcels of property located on the west side of the Green Line right-of-way to accommodate the extension of the platforms; and

WHEREAS, Staff has identified the parcels of property, with their respective owners as 4323 South Prairie Avenue, owned by Carmella Edmondson, 4331 South Prairie Avenue owned by Margaret Thompson, and 4333 South Prairie Avenue owned by Monzella and Mary Ellis; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that air rights with approximate dimensions of seven feet by twenty five feet, as legally described on Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be acquired across the properties hereinabove identified; and

WHEREAS, Staff has negotiated with the respective owners for the conveyance of fee simple interest in the air rights to the Authority for the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each location; now, therefore:

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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 the fee simple interest in air rights of real estate located at 4323 South Prairie Avenue, from Carmella Edmondson; 4331 South Prairie Avenue from Margaret Thompson; and 4333 South Prairie Avenue, from Monzella and Mary Ellis, as legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, at a fee of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each location.

SECTION 2. 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 air rights to the Chicago Transit Authority.

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

APPROVED:

July 9, 1997

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PASSED:

July 9, 1997