## ORDINANCE NO. 005-69

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE MOBILITY DIRECT AMOUNT AND AMENDMENTS TO THE MOBILITY DIRECT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Mobility Direct is an expansion of the CTA's Taxi Access Program (TAP); and

WHEREAS, The goal of Mobility Direct is to eliminate vouchers, which are currently required to participate in the CTA's TAP program; and

WHEREAS, Requiring vouchers acts as a barrier for increased use of taxi-based programs by the CTA's Special Services customers; and

WHEREAS, The 11.7% taxicab fare increase approved by the City of Chicago on April 6, 2005, effective May 11, 2005, will reduce the willingness of taxicabs to provide Mobility Direct services under the current subsidy; and

WHEREAS, Increasing the current subsidy would ensure that Mobility Direct customers retain the same value in light of the taxicab fare increase; and

WHEREAS, Mobility Direct is designed for use by the CTA's ADA paratransit-eligible customers; and

WHEREAS, Mobility Direct benefits the CTA by reducing the cost of providing paratransit service and offers a less expensive alternative to Special Services transportation; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby approves an 11.7% increase in the reimbursement rate for Mobility Direct. The reimbursement rates for Zones 3 and 4 are fully reimbursed by the RTA and CDOA.

SECTION 2. The Authority shall reimburse taxi affiliations according to trip mileage as follows:

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## **Trip Length**

Payment Per Trip Ambulatory/Non-ambulatory

Zone 1: 0.1- 5.0 miles	\$11.60/15.00
Zone 2: 5.1- 10.0 miles	\$20.10/23.50
Zone 3: 10.1- 15.0 miles	\$27.90/29.00*
Zone 4: 15.1-20.0 miles	\$36.90/38.00*

\*Note: RTA and CDOA reimburse 100% of trip cost for zones 3 and 4.

SECTION 4. The CTA will not pay an administrative fee to the affiliation or "extra rider" fees. Taxicab drivers will retain the \$1.75 fare paid by the customer. If a fare increase is established for customers, the driver will retain the entire amount of the fare and the payment per trip will be reduced by the amount of the fare increase.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after May 13, 2005.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

**Assistant Secretary** 

May 13, 2005

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