

ORDINANCE NO. 007-65

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A
THIRD 180-DAY EXPERIMENT ON
THE WEST SIDE/WEST SUBURBAN
SUB-REGION'S PLAN

WHEREAS, On February 15, 2006, the Chicago Transit Board adopted Ordinance No. 006-30, which authorized the implementation of service changes on 14 West Side/West Suburban bus routes and two rail branches of the Blue Line as a 180-day experiment; and

WHEREAS, The bus route changes were implemented by the Authority on June 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, The rail changes, including the implementation of the Pink Line, were implemented by the Authority on June 25, 2006; and

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2006, the Chicago Transit Board adopted Ordinance No. 006-145, modifying one of the original bus routes, the #37 Sedgwick, and combining this service with the #11 Lincoln to provide better connections between the West and North Sides as an amendment to Ordinance 006-30; and

WHEREAS, On December 12, 2006, the Chicago Transit Board adopted Ordinance No. 006-180, which authorized a second 180-day experiment to further evaluate the routing modifications approved by Ordinance 006-30 and implemented in June 2006, to evaluate the routing modifications which were approved by Ordinance 006-145 and implemented in December 2006, and to evaluate a number of minor changes implemented in spring 2007; and

WHEREAS, The second 180-day experiment was implemented with the winter schedule change effective December 31, 2006, and will end in June 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ridership numbers and public comment received shows that the routing changes are well received by the community; and

WHEREAS, Effective with the Authority's summer schedule change on June 17, 2007, an additional change will be made to the #11 Lincoln/Sedgwick route in that all weekday trips will operate downtown; and

WHEREAS, Staff feels that additional time is needed to evaluate the #11 route extension and recommends a third experiment to do this as well as provide additional outreach and further market the services; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes the President to adopt a third 180-day experiment for West Side/West Suburban bus and rail changes as originally adopted by Ordinance 006-30 and modified by Ordinance 006-145, provided that any bus routes or rail service contemplated by this experiment which are scheduled for modification under the Budget Contingency Ordinance adopted on June 13, 2007, shall be modified in a manner consistent with the Budget Contingency Ordinance adopted on June 13, 2007. The bus routes and rail branches included in the third experiment, as further described in Exhibit A, are:

Bus Routes Included:

#7 Harrison
#X9 Ashland Express
#11 Lincoln/ #37 Sedgwick
#X20 Washington/Madison Express
#21 Cermak/#25 West Cermak
#38 Ogden/Taylor
#52 Kedzie/California
#52A South Kedzie
#X54 Cicero Express
#86 Narragansett/Ridgeland
#90 Harlem
#91 Austin
#127 Madison/Roosevelt Circulator

Rail Services Included:

Pink Line and Cermak (Douglas) and Forest Park (Congress) Branches of the Blue Line.

SECTION 2. These changes shall be implemented when the necessary operating arrangements have been completed.

SECTION 3. The changes shall be inaugurated as an experiment for up to 180 days. Staff shall elicit public comment during the course of the experimental demonstration project and report its findings to the Board at the end of the project.

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

July 11, 2007

Assistant Secretary

July 11, 2007