

ORDINANCE NO. 001-42

AN ORDINANCE  
AUTHORIZING EXTENSION  
OF THE U-PASS PROGRAM  
TO SUMMER SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

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WHEREAS, the Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") provides public transportation to the Chicago metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Successive experimental programs were implemented by the Authority to best meet the expressed needs of colleges and universities located in the Authority's service area to reduce the demand for on-campus parking and pollution, provide low cost transportation to students and increase access to the Chicagoland area; and

WHEREAS, On February 7, 2000, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 000-20 adopting a permanent University Pass ("U-Pass") Program that provides unlimited rides on Authority buses and trains to eligible full-time students at accredited colleges and universities ("Schools") located in the Authority's service area; and

WHEREAS, The U-Pass Program permits eligible full-time students to ride all Authority trains and buses, including paratransit vehicles, for the duration of a school term at a discounted price; and

WHEREAS, Each participating School enters into a contractual agreement with the Authority to provide a U-Pass to each full-time student and to include the cost of the U-Pass as a regular part of the School's tuition and/or fees; and

WHEREAS, The U-Pass Program has proved very successful with the participating Schools; and

WHEREAS, The U-Pass Program as currently structured provides each full-time student with a U-Pass for each of the fall and spring school terms; and

WHEREAS, Many participating Schools have requested that the U-Pass Program be extended to include the summer school term; and

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WHEREAS, The Authority has the staff and equipment to extend the U-Pass Program to the summer school term both for participating schools and those interested in participating at a future date; and

WHEREAS, Since not all of the participating Schools wish to offer the U-Pass to their summer school students, staff recommends that all Schools, both current and future, be given the option to participate in the U-Pass Program for the summer school term without jeopardizing their right to participate during the traditional school year; and

WHEREAS, New schools to the U-Pass Program will be given the same option to participate in the summer school term; and

WHEREAS, Participation in the summer school term would be subject to the same terms and conditions as are in effect for the fall and spring terms; 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 extend the U-Pass Program to the summer school term on the same terms and conditions on which the Program currently operates.

SECTION 2. The Chairman, or her designee, is authorized to execute the U-Pass Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, with each School.

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

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Assistant Secretary

March 7, 2001

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