ORDINANCE NO. 008-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO EXTEND A PILOT PROGRAM WITH THE CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNOLOGY AND I-GO CAR SHARING FOR SIX MONTHS

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") provides transit service to the people of the Chicago area, including the city of Chicago and forty suburbs; and

WHEREAS, The Authority seeks to reduce dependence on automobiles, vehicle emissions, and congestion in its service area; and

WHEREAS, I-GO Car Sharing, an affiliate of Center for Neighborhood Technology and a not-for-profit corporation, provides car sharing services to the people of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, I-GO seeks to reduce dependence on automobiles, vehicle emissions, and congestion in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Members of car sharing organizations have been found, in other cities with car sharing programs in effect, to increase their use of public transit; and

WHEREAS, Transit agencies in many of these cities in the United States provide parking for car sharing companies; and

WHEREAS, I-GO members have stated a desire for more I-GO vehicles at transit stations in the Chicagoland area; and

WHEREAS, CTA and I-GO have participated in a successful pilot program since September 2004 (Ordinance 004-120) in which I-GO cars are parked on CTA property for use by its members; and

WHEREAS, Under the pilot program, the Authority provides one or more parking spaces for I-GO at the following five locations served by the Authority: 1) Damen [Blue Line - O'Hare Branch]; 2) Western [Brown Line - Ravenswood Branch]; 3) Addison [Red Line - Howard Branch]; 4) Thorndale [Red Line - Howard Branch]; and 5) Lincoln at Wrightwood [Brown Line - Ravenswood Branch / Red Line - Howard Branch]; and

WHEREAS, The pilot program was extended for one year, beginning September 1, 2005 (Ordinance 005-128); and

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WHEREAS, The pilot program was extended for an additional six months, beginning September 1, 2006 (Ordinance 006-89); and

WHEREAS, The pilot program was extended for an additional one year, beginning March 1, 2007 (Ordinance 007-36); and

WHEREAS, I-GO members increased their use of transit by up to 30% since joining the program, and 44% of members either gave up or postponed plans to purchase a vehicle after joining I-GO; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends one final extension of the pilot program, beginning March 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, I-GO will continue to acknowledge and promote the CTA by including the CTA logo or other artwork in its brochures, newsletters, publications, advertisements, press releases, website and other media; and

WHEREAS, The six-month extension of the pilot program would allow CTA to issue a Request for Proposals for carsharing parking on CTA property that has been drafted and is expected for release by March 2008; and

WHEREAS, The RFP is intended to meet the complementary objectives of increasing CTA ridership and serving the CTA service area as broadly as possible, specifically in areas not currently served by carsharing services; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board of the Chicago Transit Authority hereby authorizes the Chicago Transit Authority to extend its existing pilot program with Center for Neighborhood Technology and its affiliate I-GO Car Sharing for six months, beginning March 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. The President, or his designee, is hereby authorized to extend its existing license agreement with Center for Neighborhood Technology and I-GO Car Sharing substantially in the form of attached Exhibit A so that the Authority may continue to provide parking space for its vehicles at the following five locations: 1) Damen [Blue Line - O'Hare Branch]; 2) Western [Brown Line - Ravenswood Branch]; 3) Addison [Red Line - Howard Branch]; 4) Thorndale [Red Line - Howard Branch]; and 5) Lincoln at Wrightwood [Brown Line - Ravenswood Branch / Red Line - Howard Branch].

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SECTION 3. The President is also authorized to take such action necessary or appropriate to implement, administer and enforce said agreement and any amendments thereto.

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

February 13, 2008

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