

ORDINANCE NO. 006-30

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
IMPLEMENTATION OF SERVICE
CHANGES TO 14 BUS ROUTES
AND TWO RAIL BRANCHES OF
THE BLUE LINE IN THE WEST
SIDE/WEST SUBURBAN
CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, Population and employment within Chicago and the region change over time; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority continually reviews routings and makes changes when appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Extensive public outreach and data analysis has shown that although the West Side/West Suburban Corridor is well served by north-south and east-west routes, there are opportunities to further improve travel options and connect traffic generators; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, CTA completed the reconstruction of the Paulina Connector, which will result in shorter travel time from Cermak Branch stations to the Loop as well as improved transfer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Public comments indicated a desire for the operation of trains between the 54th/Cermak Terminal to the elevated Loop using the Paulina Connector, as well as the continuation of some service to O'Hare via the Dearborn Subway; and

WHEREAS, The community has requested improved service on the Forest Park Branch of the Blue Line; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority strives to match services with demand and believes restructuring service in the West Side/West Suburban Corridor will create a stronger system which will better serve customers and increase ridership; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board is hereby authorized to make changes on the following bus routes as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto, and the following rail line branches:

Bus Route Service Changes as 180-Day Experimental Demonstration Projects:

#7 Harrison
#X9 Ashland Express
#X20 West Side (Washington/Madison) Express
#21 Cermak
#25 West Cermak
#37 Sedgwick/Ogden (divided into #37 Sedgwick and #38 Ogden/
Taylor)
#52 Kedzie/California
#52A South Kedzie
#X54 Cicero Express
#86 Narragansett/Ridgeland
#90 Harlem
#91 Austin
#127 NW/Madison – Changed to #127 West Side (Madison/Roosevelt)
Circulator

Rail Service Changes as a 180-Day Experimental Demonstration Project:

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

Operate all rail service with increased frequency between 54th/Cermak via the Paulina Connector to stations on the Loop Elevated from approximately 4:00 am to 1:00 am daily (Sunday through Saturday).

Operate Blue Line trains between 54th/Cermak and O'Hare during the weekday rush periods only (5:30 am to 9:30 am and 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm).

Increase frequency on the Forest Park Branch during all days and hours of operation.

SECTION 2. The President is hereby authorized to designate bus stops for the bus route changes, as required.

SECTION 3. These changes shall be implemented when the necessary operating arrangements have been completed.

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SECTION 4. The changes identified as experiments shall be inaugurated as experiments 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.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

February 15, 2006

Assistant Secretary

February 15, 2006