ORDINANCE NO. 001-166

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A 180-DAY EXPERIMENT EXTENDING THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE ORANGE LINE RAPID TRANSIT ROUTE

WHEREAS, The current Orange Line service does not serve Midway Airport for at least five hours a day; and

WHEREAS, Midway Airport is a major employment center attracting reverse commuters; and

WHEREAS, Revenue from expanding hours of operation is estimated to eventually offset the additional cost of the service; and

WHEREAS, CTA wishes to add service to new markets; and

WHEREAS, Federal grants are available to finance Job Access Reverse Commute projects; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that an experimental demonstration project be adopted for up to 180 days to determine the effectiveness of the service hours; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board authorizes an experimental demonstration project to evaluate the feasibility of extending the Orange Line Rapid Transit Route hours as follows:

Hours of operation shall be extended from approximately 0355 to 0051 hours leaving Midway terminal.

SECTION 2. Job Access Reverse Commute funds will be used to financially support this experiment.

SECTION 3. This change 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 findings to the Board at the end of the project.

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SECTION 4. These changes shall be implemented when the necessary operating arrangements and agreements have been completed.

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

October 3, 2001

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