

ORDINANCE NO. 012-85

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN  
AGREEMENT TO FUND A PORTION  
OF COSTS OF THE CIRCUIT RIDE  
FREE PROGRAM THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2012

WHEREAS, The State Fiscal Year 2013 budget recently passed by the Illinois General Assembly, effective July 1, 2012, ended funding for the Illinois Department on Aging's Circuit Breaker Program ("Circuit Breaker Program"); and

WHEREAS, In addition to establishing the eligibility criteria for a prescription drug benefit program, the Circuit Breaker Program means test was also used to qualify people with disabilities and seniors age 65 and older for other benefit programs; one of those benefit programs was the Circuit Ride Free Program ("Circuit Ride Free") that provides for free transit rides in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, As an unintended consequence of ending funding for the Circuit Breaker Program, the Illinois Department on Aging can no longer conduct the income certification for the Circuit Breaker Program; consequently, the Regional Transportation Authority ("RTA") is unable to issue new Circuit Ride Free fare cards; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority"), the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Metra"), and the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Pace") (collectively, the "Service Boards") and RTA each agree to contribute one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the Department on Aging to continue conducting certifications through December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Service Boards and RTA agree to execute a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Department on Aging to make their collective contribution of \$500,000 so that the Department on Aging can continue conducting certifications through December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The MOU does not bind the Service Boards and RTA to contribute any funds for certifications beyond 2012; and

WHEREAS, the boards for Metra and Pace have approved execution of the MOU and their individual contributions of \$125,000 and the RTA Board is expected to approve RTA's contribution and execution of the MOU on July 18, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, The Authority desires to enter into the MOU and contribute its share to ensure that the Circuit Ride Free Program continues through December 31, 2012; now therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chairman, or his designee, is authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, the Regional Transportation Authority and the Illinois Department of Aging, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to ensure that the Circuit Ride Free Program receives the necessary funding through December 31, 2012 so that eligible individuals can be processed and receive certification for free transit rides in Illinois.

SECTION 2. 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

July 18, 2012

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