

ORDINANCE NO. 013-28

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING 2013-
2018 AUTHORITY UNIVERSITY PASS
(U-PASS) PROGRAM AGREEMENT
WITH
PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS/UNIVERS
ITIES

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

WHEREAS, After a pilot program, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 000-20, dated February 7, 2000, adopting a permanent University Pass (U-Pass) Program that provides unlimited rides on buses and trains operated by the Authority to eligible full-time students at accredited colleges and universities ("school") located in the Authority's service area and authorizing entry into five-year agreements with participating schools; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2005, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 005-32, which authorized the Authority to enter into another five-year agreement with participating schools; and

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2010, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 010-21, which authorized the Authority to enter into a third five-year agreement with participating schools; and

WHEREAS, The term of the current U-Pass Agreements will end at the conclusion of the Summer 2015 school term; and

WHEREAS, The U-Pass Program provides convenient, reduced-cost transportation and has increased new ridership on the Authority's buses and trains by requiring that the participating schools provide a U-Pass to each eligible full-time student and include the cost of the U-Pass as a regular part of the school's tuition and/or fees; and

WHEREAS, the current U-Pass cannot be used for rides on Pace, Metra or on paratransit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The cost per student, per day for the U-Pass between 1998 and 2000 was Fifty cents (\$0.50); between 2001 and 2002 was Fifty-five cents (\$0.55); in 2003 was Fifty-eight cents (\$0.58); between 2004 and 2005 was Sixty cents (\$.60); and between 2006 and 2009 was Seventy cents (\$.70); and

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WHEREAS, In Ordinance No. 008-154 dated November 13, 2008, the Chicago Transit Board set the U-Pass cost for the 2010-2011 academic term at Eighty-one cents (\$.81) per student, per day ; and

WHEREAS, In Ordinance No. 010-21, dated February 10, 2010, the Chicago Transit Board determined that the specific fare for the U-Pass after 2010 would be set by the Transit Board; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 011-143, dated November 15, 2011, the Chicago Transit Board authorized entry into a contract with Cubic Transportation Systems Chicago, Inc. (Contractor) for an Open Standards Fare System (OSFS), to include the design, building, financing, maintaining, and repairing the system; and

WHEREAS, prior to the effective date of the proposed U-Pass agreement, the Authority will have implemented the OSFS pursuant to which the Authority's fare media will change to contactless fare media ("Ventra card"); and

WHEREAS, staff proposes that the Authority extend the U-Pass Program to include full-time students of certificate-granting schools that report student enrollment numbers to the Illinois Board of Higher Education as well as colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the new U-Pass agreement establishes a cost of One Dollar seven cents (\$1.07) per day, per student, plus the Five Dollar (\$5.00) not-to-exceed cost of the Ventra card for each student; and

WHEREAS, the U-Pass Program has proven very successful, and the Authority and participating schools wish to continue the Program; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes a new 2013–2018 U-Pass Agreement to begin with the Fall 2013 term and extend through the Summer 2018 term.

SECTION 2. The Chairman, or his designee, is authorized to execute the 2013-2018 U-Pass Agreement with each participating school, which shall contain all terms of participation by the schools in the U-Pass Program, the Authority's obligations

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under the Program, a mutual termination provision and such other terms which are substantially in conformance with Exhibit A, attached hereto.

SECTION 3. The cost of the U-Pass commencing with the Fall 2013 term shall be One Dollar seven cents (\$1.07) per calendar day plus a not-to-exceed cost of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per Ventra card.

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

March 13, 2013

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