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4	REGULAR MEETING)	
5	OF DECEMBER 15TH, 2021	
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8	Report of proceedings at the meeting of	
9	the above-entitled cause, before Tabitha Watson, an	
10	Illinois Shorthand Reporter, on the 15th day of	
11	December, 2021, at the hour of 10:02 a.m., via	
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1	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
2	LESTER BARCLAY, Chairperson
3	BERNARD JAKES, Vice Chairperson
4	KEVIN IRVINE
5	JOHNNY MILLER
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9	STAFF PRESENT:
10	DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President
11	GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary
12	KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel
13	CHRIS BUSHELL
14	BILL MOONEY
15	JUAN PABLO PRIETO
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1	(Whereupon, the following
2	proceedings were had via
3	videoconference.)
4	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning again. This
5	is Greg Longhini of the CTA Board Office.
6	Chairman Barclay, we are ready to begin
7	the board meeting.
8	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. Good morning. I
9	would like to call to order the regularly scheduled
10	meeting of the Chicago Transit Board for
11	December 15th, 2021.
12	Would the secretary call the roll?
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
14	DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
16	DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
18	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Here.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
20	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Here.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Oh, and let the record
22	note that Director Silva is absent today.
23	We have a quorum, sir.
24	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our first order of

business is public comment. 1 2 Greg, is there any public comment? 3 No, sir, there is none SECRETARY LONGHINI: 4 today. 5 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of 6 business is the approval of the minutes. 7 entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the 8 regular board meeting of November 17th, 2021. 9 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved. 10 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second. 11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded by 12 Director Jakes and Miller. I'll now take the vote. 13 Director Miller. 14 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. 15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 16 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 18 DIRECTOR INVINE: Yes. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay. 20 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: The minutes are approved, 21 22 sir. 23 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of 24 business is Executive Session.

It is my understanding, Karen, there is no Executive Session today?

COUNSEL SEIMETZ: That is correct, Chairman. We do not have Executive Session today.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of business is board matters. The board matter on the agenda is an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 015-47 regarding compensation of the president of the Chicago Transit Authority. Before I entertain a motion on this item, I would like to say a few words.

As you know, the past 21 months have been unlike anything this agency has ever seen. The CTA, like transit agencies across the country, had to reexamine almost every facet of its business. It had to keep providing as much service as possible while providing the healthiest and most comfortable environment possible for its customers and employees.

Day in and day out the CTA had to address unprecedented challenges. Running a transit agency during normal times is a herculean task. Doing so during a global pandemic was nothing short of remarkable.



It is important to remember that CTA was the only major U.S. transit agency to not cut scheduled service, ensuring that the CTA continued to provide transportation for essential workers like healthcare providers and first responders and riders traveling for essential purposes like medical appointments, grocery shopping, and picking up prescriptions.

Also, the CTA regained more than 50 percent of its pre-pandemic ridership, one of the best recoveries among all large U.S. transit agencies. That takes leadership. It takes strong, effective leadership, the kind that puts customers and employees first.

CTA is very lucky to have that leadership. Since May 2015, Dorval Carter has led an unprecedented investment in modernization and improvement while maintaining an acute focus on customer satisfaction. What he has done for this agency over the past six years is without parallel.

Without Dorval, we wouldn't have had RPM.
Without Dorval Carter, we would not have had the
All Stations Accessibility Program. Without
Dorval, we wouldn't have made a commitment to



convert to an all-electric bus fleet. Without Dorval, we wouldn't have had an agency-wide focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion. And without Dorval, we would not have made nearly as much progress on what will be the agency's most transformative project in its history, the extension of the Red Line to 130th Street.

It was not surprising that earlier this year the American Public Transportation -- Transit Association, which represents more than 1500 transit providers in North America, recognized the CTA as the outstanding transit agency and they also recognized President Carter as the outstanding transportation manager. It was the first time in APTA'S history that one agency received the two top awards in the same year.

Now, President Carter will be the first to note that awards are, first and foremost, the recognition of the hard work and dedication of CTA employees and that is certainly true, but there's no question that his leadership and his vision has played a huge part in CTA's success.

As a board, I believe we are all in agreement of the importance of keeping President



Carter at CTA. We needed him before the pandemic, we needed him during the pandemic, and now we need him as we're emerging from the pandemic.

There is no more sought after or respected transit agency executive in the country than President Carter and there is no other national transit leader better equipped to lead the CTA out of the pandemic and head first into our region's recovery. I can tell you that there are a number of transit agencies who would do whatever they could to have a leader of Dorval's caliber. In order to retain top talent, you have to compensate them appropriately.

For many, many years, the CTA's president's -- the CTA's president's salary has remained far below that of executives at other large transit agencies. Even here in Chicago -- in the Chicago area, the CTA's president's current salary is the third largest among the four transit agencies.

Adjusting the president's salary to be in line with that of other U.S. transit agencies is a prudent thing to do. This salary increase is not solely a recognition of President Carter's



accomplishments to date, it reflects the enormity 1 2 of the challenges ahead of him. Not only will he be charged with leading our agency out of the 3 effects of the pandemic, but he'll also lead the 4 massive and complex level of investment that will 5 take place in the coming years thanks to the new 6 7 Federal infrastructure funding bill. 8 I would like to thank President Carter for 9

his continuing commitment to the CTA and the city of Chicago and I look forward to tackling the many challenges this agency faces.

Thank you. Now I will open the floor for any comments from any board members.

Director Miller here. DIRECTOR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just coincide with you in saying congratulations and thanks to President Carter and I have to say, long overdue, well deserved. God bless you. We thank you for the leadership and we are happy, happy that this is coming into fruition as it has. Bless vou.

DIRECTOR IRVINE: This is Director Irvine and I iust want to say, President Carter, it has been such a pleasure to work with you on this go-around at CTA. When I first heard that Mayor Emanuel had



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convinced you to return to Chicago from your 1 2 fantastic post with the Department of 3 Transportation, I was shocked and stunned and 4 excited. It has paid tremendous dividends to 5 everybody that counts on transit in the Chicago region, including many of us who have disabilities, 6 7 and we are ever thankful for your vision, your 8 leadership, and the steady hand you're showing and everything that you've done during the pandemic has 9 10 reinforced the value you bring to the CTA and to 11 the city, the region, and really everyone in 12 Illinois and anyone that may travel through the 13 Chicago area. So thank you and I'm excited to see 14 what you do in the future. 15 DIRECTOR JAKES: President Carter, you're a 16 rock star. That's all. That's all I got. You're 17 a rock star.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I will now -- any further comment?

PRESIDENT CARTER: Chairman, can I just say something real quick before you take the vote?

You were right to point out and I agree that, you know, my accomplishments are really the result of a team effort for my staff and all the



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employees here at CTA. In many ways, my job is 1 2 made a lot easier by the work they do every day, 3 moving people and keeping this economy going. 4 But I also want to thank the Board. 5 There's no question that I would not have been able 6 to do the things I've done without the full support 7 of the Board, including those members who aren't 8 able to be here today and I am extremely appreciative and grateful for your support and your 9 10 work and I look forward to continuing to work with 11 all of you as we continue to move this agency 12 forward. 13 Thank you. 14 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you. 15 I will now entertain a motion to approve 16 the ordinance amending Ordinance Number 015-47 17 regarding compensation of the President of the 18 Chicago Transit Authority. 19 **DIRECTOR JAKES:** So moved. 20 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second. 21 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Greg, do you want to take 22 the rollcall? 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. I'm sorry about



that. Technology.

1 The motion has been moved and seconded by 2 Jakes and Miller. Now the vote. Director Miller. 3 4 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 5 6 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 8 **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** Yes. 9 Chairman Barclav. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 10 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. 11 Well, with no surprise, SECRETARY LONGHINI: 12 that vote passes four-nothing. 13 Our next order of CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: business is a report from the Committee of Finance, 14 15 Audit and Budget. 16 Director Irvine. 17 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you. 18 The Committee on Finance, Audit and Budget met earlier this morning via Zoom 19 20 video-teleconference. 21 The Committee approved the November 17th, 22 2021 committee minutes. The Committee reviewed the 23 finance report. The Committee also reviewed 11



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contracts. The Committee approved all 11 contracts

and placed them on the omnibus and recommended 1 2 board approval of the omnibus. That concludes my report, Chairman 3 4 Barclay. 5 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Director 6 Irvine. 7 May I now have a motion to approve the 8 omnibus as stated by Director Irvine? 9 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved. 10 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second. 11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded by 12 Directors Jakes and Miller. I'll take the vote. 13 Director Miller. 14 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. 15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 16 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 18 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay. 20 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. 21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Vote on the omnibus passes 22 with four yes votes, sir. 23 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of

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business is the construction report.

Bill Mooney.

BILL MOONEY: Good morning, Directors. Bill Mooney, your Chief Infrastructure Officer with your monthly construction report. You can move to the first project, Herb.

So our first project is our Jefferson Park to O'Hare signals upgrade. The project remains tight to schedule and on budget. Since we last met, we've completed the cutover at Cumberland interlocking and the relay house there and we've begun the cutover at River Road and we are marching very fast towards O'Hare terminal's cutover, which is one of the bigger portions of this drive; we'll be leaving kind of the minor diamonds on the right-of-way going into the main terminal and we will begin that work in the new year. Let's move to the pictures.

So as I mentioned earlier, we'll be preparing the cutover at O'Hare terminal. As part of that, what we'll be -- what we're doing is we're installing a temporary signal system that will operate under a cutover period that allows us to rebuild all the permanent infrastructure. So what you're seeing here is the equipment for that



temporary signal system has been installed in the adjacent room, the relay room, and has been tracked down to all the equipment at track level, which will allow us to build out the relay room in place, the physical room (indiscernible) houses I've shown you is actually in the subway there. It's kind of a vital piece of that project that will allow us to continue to operate fully out of the airport during this cutover phase with minimum interruptions to our customers while progressing the work in an expedited manner. Next slide.

So then shortly after O'Hare comes
Rosemont, which is the last kind of major portion
of this project. So here's some photos of
installing conduit for the runs that go back to the
major tower at the terminal there at Rosemont and
ultimately all the wayside equipment around the
yard and other stuff. Next slide.

This last photo is part of the cutover at River Road. So part of work we do on each one of these interlockings is we actually replace the switch machines, which is what you see them cleaning out here and the ties underneath the switch machines. So those switch machines get



bolted down into railroad ties longer than what holds the standard tracks and actually probably the most vital ties we have in those interlockings because they do -- they hold the machine as well as the track and the interface between those things and they get beat up a lot for that. So we replace the ties (indiscernible) life cycle and that's what you're seeing here. Next slide, please.

Our next project is our refreshed and renewed program. I'm really excited to say that at this point in the program, we have all 35 stations either completed or in progress with the schedule to be completed by end of year as was committed. We also have been advancing the SBE painting program and the 92 stations committed to that were actually actively out to bid for the other two contracts for that painting program.

As reflected here, we have 28 of the 29 directional line diagram signs with the last one scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. So as of next month we'll be wrapping up sort of the major portions of this program. You know, this was mostly done with inhouse work in support of SBE painting contract. I'm exceptionally proud of the



work that the crews have rallied behind. This was double the work we typically go after in a year. I think it sets the tone for our customers as they start to come back to the system about the welcome mat and I think the work has been outstanding. I'm really, really proud of (indiscernible) the effort as well as all the trades that put in time and energy working on it. So if we move to photos.

So this is LaSalle-Van Buren in the

Loop -- on the south way of the Loop. Anyone that
has ever been to this station can appreciate how
incredibly hard it is to make a station that's over
a hundred years old without any significant
upgrades in that time period look good again. I
think they really did an outstanding job here
(indiscernible) before kind of condition for
painting. The right, the after with the upgraded
lighting and painting. This is underneath the two
station mezzanines and the tracks where you can
transfer over to two sides of the railroad. Next
slide.

Here's kind of the typical upgrade of the stairs. So these are wood stairs. They replaced damaged treads and risers and upgraded the signage



as well as the clean coat of paint and the upgraded lighting. Next slide.

So this is up in the head house at the top of the stairs and to me, this is about one of the biggest wow picture we've got -- we could have up there. I mean, this -- as you kind of see on the left, the before and on the right, the after. The upgraded lighting, the clean scraped walls, the clean stairwells down and to me, that says if you're entering or exiting that station for the first time after a year, I mean, that really says a lot. Next slide.

Here is Ashland on the Orange Line. So as we talked previously on a couple of these, we've taken refreshed and renewed outside the rail stations proper. We're on the bus terminal right outside. You can kind of see the impact of the before and after of the painting, the lighting upgrade as well as concrete repair in that bus turnaround. Big impact for that transfer point. Next slide.

So this is what we typically call the furniture; the recycling bins, the garbage cans, the benches in the station proper. These are



high-touch surfaces, see a lot of beating and kind of that refreshed impact. Next slide.

Then here is kind of our directional signage upgrades. So, again, the importance of making sure all our signage is reflective of the access we have on our system. As we move forward to be fully accessible and -- it becomes less of a relevant concern, but, you know, we still have some restrictive points and it's important people can make decisions on the path. So next slide.

Then here's some of the SBE painting work. It's -- again, you know, we've been really proud of the work. The firms have been really quality work. It's progressing really well. So here is 43rd at the Green Line. Next slide.

This is Indiana. Again, you can kind of see the color change. We tend to go with a darker tone on these touch surfaces, which help hide cleanliness issues and the beat up a little more. Next slide.

So this is a high-visibility site by staff just outside the station that -- that's kind of along the lines of what we've done in the pilots with contrasting stair treads to make that obvious



for people if there's a difference in height as you exit or enter that station. Next slide.

My next projects are Jackson Park track and structure upgrade project. The project continues on budget and on schedule. The work is (indiscernible) northbound-southbound tracks, north at 61st and we're now working between 61st and 62nd. We've completed work on the southbound track and have moved over to the northbound track. Next slide.

So here they are doing tie replacement at the interlocking at 61st Street. We're directly adjacent to the yard, so we are able to work kind of out of the yard off the edge of the mainline to help facilitate the work for some of the heavy equipment -- rail-born heavy equipment we use to do some of our work. Next slide.

Here is some of that renewal on the southbound track. Fresh ties. Next slide.

Here is that ongoing structural work in the area. So we've actually started a series of line cuts to support the large cross girders that go across 63rd Street and actually rebuilding the flange structures and those cross girders as part



of it. Pretty daunting effort and we have a series of line cuts over the upcoming months to kind of facilitate that work in advance of the tie work.

Next slide.

Our south shops waste materials and storage project is moving to completion on schedule and on budget. Nice little project, state-of-good-repair work out of south shops. Next slide.

All the work has been focused on the waste storage -- materials storage building, which is coming quickly to completion and will be completed next month when we talk. So here they are -- they're doing all the foundational -- actually kind of walls and substructure and now that you've got the (... indiscernible). Next slide.

Then we started adding the roof. So here you see kind of that floor in place and then they started adding the structural steel and the tin for the roof for the house. It ultimately gets a cage built around it. It's an access gate, but it's an open-air facility. Next slide.

So Dan Ryan inverters is another project that is coming quickly to a close. We have, at



this point, completed all the installations and we are moving into the commission phase, so over the next month or so we'll be commissioning all these inverters and putting them online.

So since we last met, here's the last pieces of work that have been completed. So it's showing you a couple months we're flying in these independent forms of equipment that then get installed and wired up. Next slide. Here they are wiring up (..indiscernible..) you just saw and connecting it to the relay house proper. Next slide.

It's our northbound State and Dearborn. So this will be the last time I report on this project as we are a hundred percent complete at this point. Again, a very significant good investment in our track infrastructure. Our subways sees a lot of use and abuse kind of with the weather (indiscernible). Next slide.

So here is the last weekend on the Dearborn where we installed more new rail being set in place. That rail gets a lot of deterioration from water exposure, both from the trains dragging it in as well as the subway tunnel itself. Next



slide.

So here they are bolting down the plates that hold that rail in place on the concrete ties.

Next slide.

Here they are removing some of the rail that has been replaced. So we had to -- we dragged it out of the subway and had to fly it out with cranes to the parking lot adjacent to the subway there. Next project, please.

This is our Irving Park escalator and canopy replacement project. So we are in the painting phase of the canopy. The removed all the (indiscernible) of the old canopy. They've been able to remove it (..indiscernible..) and now they're painting that and prepping that for the installation of the new canopy in the upcoming months as well as in the upcoming months we'll be closing Irving Park entrance of that station to facilitate the new escalator there. So you can move on to the photos.

Here they are doing the painting -- the priming, the prep work for that steel. I've shown you kind of the scraping and they have to do a primer coat and a finish coat on the upper portion



of that for the canopy installation. Next slide.

Here is kind of an above -- I've shown you lots of pictures taking down the bubbles, but here's what it kind of looks like upstairs as they remove the tracks and kind of the Flexon (phonetic) that goes with it. Next slide.

So this is a new project this month we're talking about. This is one I'm really excited about. This has been on the books for a better part of the last 12 years. So this is for a new non-revenue rail vehicle facility. It's being constructed as a design-build project by Clark Construction, an overall project value of about \$70 million. Our CM is DSW (phonetic) on this.

So we are building a new shop that fills -- that maintains the equipment that maintains the rest of the world for us. So this is all the equipment that I use as part of my business to maintain the tracks, the (indiscernible) and other things. A lot of this work is railborne. This is also the crews that maintain the big diesel snow fighters we use to remove snow in the winter months. So we used to maintain this facility out of 61st Street. That facility had to be



decommissioned in the 2009 timeframe and that work had to be reprogrammed kind of system-wide to be accommodated. It has never really found a good home and has really been struggled because it's a really complicated set of equipment that requires different things than our standard railcars.

So we've been (..indiscernible..) to create a facility for them to house that and make it efficient and meaningful. We're building this at 63rd and Calumet, which is a rail storage yard for materials and a rail housing yard and directly kind of south of where the predecessor facility was and it's a pretty significant project.

Had a lot of community involvement. It's one of the first projects we've ever done that actually required a planned development through the City because of the size of the project itself.

So in the upcoming months, you'll start to see some work as we're moving through the design phase pretty quickly here and we'll start digging holes and building foundations for that and we'll start seeing buildings go up. If we can move to some photos -- renderings please.

I talked a little bit about this at the



beginning of the year. So these are kind of the final renderings towards the design. It's a really, really attractive building compared to the kind of footprint that was there. It also helps shelter the neighborhood from the adjacent freight railroad yard direly there. Norfolk Southern runs (indiscernible), so it's actually kind of the (indiscernible) yard itself is a little bit noxious, so this building helps create some protection from the adjacent school as well as some housing that's directly around there.

So it gets landscaping on both the Calumet side and the 63rd side. It remains the existing entrance for the warehouse and the warehouse operations remain on-site and have been relocated to kind of the back corner of that yard as well away from the frontage and, you know, it's a pretty large-scale facility, to maintain it -- it's pretty large.

It will be a brick-facade building. It meets sustainability standards by design that the City requires for all these properties and I think it's going to be a really great facility for us. Next slide.



So here it gives you kind of a sense of the footprint of the yard we're in. So we're going to be on what would be to kind of the right side of the slide that you're looking at. Right on the frontage. That facility takes about half of that yard space. The building in the back is the warehouse there as well as all the yard around it to give a sense of kind of the footprint out there to begin with. Next slide.

Here is a couple photos of the site of the preexisting conditions. This is as we start relocating material from the frontage. Next slide.

Here is a slightly older photo of that same footprint which shows you kind of what the footprint looks like today, material -- this is mostly heavy equipment material. So it's railroad ties, rail, third rail, stuff like that we've been able to kind of relocate and consolidate the site a little bit to make sure (indiscernible). Next slide, please.

With that I'll turn it over to Chris unless you have any questions for me -- Juan Pablo, did you want to talk about northbound --

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Hold on. One second,



Bill. We're going to take questions on your stuff 1 2 first and then move on to them. Is that all right? I don't know if Juan Pablo wanted 3 BILL MOONEY: 4 to provide a DBE update on --SECRETARY LONGHINI: Oh, I'm sorry. So that's 5 6 part of your construction report. 7 BILL MOONEY: Yes. 8 J.P. PRIETO: Thank you, Bill. 9 For the mid-con (phonetic) work order for northbound State, we assessed a 30 percent DBE 10 11 The contractor committed to 30 percent and qoal. 12 is attaining over 30 percent. So we're confident 13 that with final payment they will meet the goal. 14 Thank you, Bill. BILL MOONEY: Greg, if we want to take some 15 16 questions now. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: okay. Sorry. I got 18 confused once you called on Juan Pablo. Yes. Chairman Barclay, any questions for either 19 20 Bill Mooney or Juan Pablo Prieto? 21 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Just a comment with 22 respect to Bill Mooney. The refresh program has 23 gone over so well. I have gotten a number of



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comments and compliments. It just looks good.

1 you might be stuck with that for a while. T know 2 it's seasonal, but, you know, it has gone over very, very well for the CTA. So thank you very 3 4 much. 5 I am so -- I'm so happy, ecstatic BILL MOONEY: 6 to hear that, Chairman Barclay. The crews are 7 exceptionally proud of it and I would just 8 highlight that it's really not seasonal. You know, we do it on the rail stations in kind of the 9 10 good-weather months because we're mostly outdoors. 11 but we actually go indoors and do a similar version 12 of the program for our internal customers. 13 are actually moving into the shops and garages over 14 the next couple of months and we do kind of the same type of effort in those (indiscernible). So 15 16 keeping busy year round. And I have no intention 17 of walking away from it. I don't know if we'll get 18 35 stations again next year, but we're going to be aggressive again. I like the momentum we got. 19 20 So ... 21 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you. 22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. 23 Director Miller, any questions? DIRECTOR MILLER: No, just a comment. Want to



thank Bill Mooney. This 12-year movement finally 1 2 gets this beautiful building and all the work that's coming in on time and on schedule and 3 meeting the budget. 4 Thanks for all that work and with the 5 6 DBEs, good that the numbers are up. Have some 7 concern that as they're up on the breakdown and we 8 want to talk about that, how do we continue to get 9 to make sure that the number goes up when it comes to the DBEs with the black contractors and black 10 11 participants. 12 Thank you, sir. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 13 Director Jakes. 14 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions. Thank you. 15 Director Irvine. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 16 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Just kudos, 17 Bill, Juan Pablo, to you and your teams. 18 the great work. Thank you. Chairman Barclay, that's 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 20 all the questions for Bill. 21 No questions. CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: 22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Then we can move on, sir. 23 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. We'll now call on



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Chris Bushell and Juan Pablo Prieto to make their

RPM and diversity presentation.

CHRIS BUSHELL: Thank you, Chairman.

So RPM continues tight to schedule and on budget. If you go to the next slide and the next slide.

So a lot of work going on. Chairman, as you know, we opened the bypass. Thank you very much for being part of that event. It was -- it was a good ride. Very happy about having reached that milestone. And now on the bypass, we continue to do miscellaneous pieces of work. Now that we completed the bridge over or the bypass, we're starting to work on the bridge that's under the four track bridge that's under there in the area of Belmont and what we're doing at the moment is really setting up various pieces of track work for the larger renovation of the two -- two western most tracks in that area, tracks three and four.

So we have done a series of cut and throws in recent weekends. We continue with that work leading up to a more holistic renovation of those two western tracks in the late spring -- late winter, early spring.

In the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr



modernization, you'll see some photographs of this. We're working on the bridge on top. The bridge involving our gantry, which has been fully assembled. We've put together the first span of the segmented box girder and then we continue to do various pieces of work supporting the continuation of that bridge going forward.

That bridge on the other side, the first one up in the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segment, that's actually on the -- the first bridge will be on the east side of the four-track corridor in that area. If we can go to the next slide.

So here we see a nice picture of the bypass. I can't confirm that this was the train that the chairman was on. I think it was still a little darker, Chairman, than when we were out there than that picture, but still a good one.

We have had a lot of very positive feedback from our customers in regard to the ride quality and not having to wait coming out of Belmont to be able to continue on their ride. So that has been a positive effort. Next.

In the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segment, this is the construction of one of the columns.



Obviously the bridge will continue -- will span between these columns. Uniquely and one of the defining things is that our columns are typically about 50 feet apart, but with this new bridge, we can cut the number of columns actually by three-quarters because we need fewer columns in between in an individual slice of the bridge and we can put those columns further apart. That's one of the reasons why we have gone with this type of bridge in this area. Next slide.

And you get kind of a full picture here of how the gantry works. It's an intricate structure used for building these longer span bridges. Those of you who haven't seen it up there, I would recommend taking a trip. It's very interesting. Huge machine about the length of a football field. Next.

And here you get kind of a picture of what that first segment looks like. You know, subsequent to this photograph, we finished that first segment, but here you kind of see the closing days of it and how these various pieces of concrete -- these pre-cast pieces of concrete are assembled. Next.



And, of course, we continued with our -with our outreach on the project. You know, first
and foremost, we have regular updates for the
various ward offices. We meet regularly with the
local business community, in particular in the
Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segments where there's a lot
of retail business, many of which have been
significantly impacted, first and foremost, by the
pandemic, but anything we can do to ease that as
well as inform people of the various elements of
construction or promote our Open For Business
campaigns, we are doing that.

We have launched a new edition of an RPM newsletter we are sending out for various updates, the RPM Scoop. It just gives people a little bit of advanced notice either on human interest stories or work that's coming up.

We have continued to send out cans or community notices relative to various pieces of work that we're doing. We have virtual office hours and we've had -- we had some good press around -- around the bypass opening.

And with that, I'll turn it over to Juan Pablo Prieto in regard to workforce, SBE, and DBE.



J.P. PRIETO: Thanks, Chris. Good morning, Directors. Juan Pablo Prieto, Director of Diversity Programs.

Diversity continues to meet with the contractor monthly to discuss DBE and workforce outreach compliance. Both the prime contractor and CTA diversity programs send out trade packages to the DBE community to make sure they're aware of the opportunities and how to submit their bids.

We also continue to meet regularly with both our workforce partners, the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership and HIRE360, to discuss upcoming opportunities on the project and how to prepare individuals interested in a career in construction to be competitive for them.

As we get to the annual lull of the construction season, we're focused on coordinating with a prime and their subs about opportunities for the spring when construction will pick back up and then relay that information to the partners so that they're ready to send candidates to meet those needs.

As of November 30th, over \$180.2 million have been awarded between the design and



construction packages to 71 unique DBE firms.

The contractor has made an effort to provide additional opportunities for firms that are currently working on RPM to win more and larger scopes as well as engaging with firms that are not currently on the project to discuss opportunities for them to submit bids. Of the 71 unique DBE firms on the project. 25 are new to CTA.

On the workforce side, as of

November 30th, RPM has produced over 590,000 labor
hours and contractor and subcontractor employees
have earned over \$33.5 million in wages.

To date, the design-build contractor has created over 1300 construction trade jobs. These figures represent family-sustaining middle-class jobs, which is why we continue to outreach to the community, to ensure that residents of economically disadvantaged areas have resources (indiscernible).

That concludes my portion of the report.

I'm happy to answer any questions.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: No questions at this time.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.



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DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. We talked about yesterday, working with Juan Pablo, that we can work together to bring those numbers up. no other questions. Thanks.

Director Jakes. SECRETARY LONGHINI:

DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

Director Irvine. SECRETARY LONGHINI:

DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Just wanted, you know, to say I have enjoyed riding on the bypass, especially in the light. I just wish we could have a bus bypass just to get around all those single-occupancy vehicles out there, but that's another matter anyway. But thank you.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thanks, Kevin.

Director Barclay -- Chairman Barclay, there are no further questions for either Chris or Juan Pablo.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I do want to go back and iust thank Chris for his team and everybody on the team, Mooney, and everyone for allowing me to take that maiden voyage. I had a great opportunity. had to get up at 4:00 o'clock. Director Irvine, I thought you were going to be there with me, but we took the first train and --

DIRECTOR IRVINE: Couldn't do it.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: -- enjoyed that and on behalf of the Board, we express our gratitude to staff and contractors for the hard work that they did there and we really appreciate that. That is -- it may not be one of the seven wonders of the world, but, you know, it falls somewhere in Chicago's history there. So we appreciate what you guys have done there and thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CARTER: Mr. Chairman, I also wanted to thank you for taking a ride on our holiday train last week. I know -- I know that you enjoyed it because you and I talked about it, but I also know how much -- and I know Mr. Bonds feel the same way, how much the employees appreciate seeing you out there and supporting the work that our employees do and making the holiday train happen every year.

I also wanted to just make sure and extend an invite to the rest of the board members, if any of you want to get a ride on the train, just let us know and we can coordinate, you know, your schedule with the train schedule to make sure you get a chance to experience it. I can tell you, it's quite a treat to be on that train and just see the



work that our employees have put into it.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you and I wanted to highlight that as well. Don Bonds was kind enough to meet and greet me there and allowing his team to extend warm hospitality. It was a great experience. I'm taking advantage of everything CTA has to offer and I'm enjoying the ride.

So I invite you fellow directors, if there is something that's going on that might be of interest, get on board. You know, because I think that this is what it's about, supporting our staff and letting the public know that, you know, this is a great agency and we've got a lot to offer here. Thank you very much.

Our next order of business --

DIRECTOR IRVINE: I just got to say, I want to jump in on the holiday train since we're talking about it. I second that. I'm going to hope everyone takes advantage of the chance to ride the holiday train. It's a lot of fun. I was at Rush with my daughter yesterday and we were checking the schedule hoping we could use it to get back home. It didn't work out, but we've ridden it a bunch of times in the past. Definitely I make sure to watch



- 1 it when it comes through my neighborhood on the
- 2 | Brown Line. So get out there and get on the
- 3 | holiday train and the holiday bus too. Lot of fun.
- 4 | Thank you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you.
- 6 Our next order of business is new
- 7 business. Greg, is there any new business?
- 8 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: No. sir. There is not.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Since there is no further
- 10 | business to come before the Board, may I have a
- 11 | motion to adjourn the Chicago Transit Board meeting
- 12 of December 15, 2021?
- DIRECTOR JAKES: With a hearty happy holidays
- 14 | everybody, I say so moved.
- 15 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second. Thank you.
- 16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion was moved by
- 17 Director Jakes, seconded by Director Miller. I'll
- 18 | take the rollcall vote.
- 19 Director Miller.
- 20 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
- 21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
- 22 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
- 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
- 24 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.



1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
2	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. And happy holidays
3	to everyone.
4	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. The motion is
5	approved to adjourn. Thank you everybody.
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8	cause.)
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