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3	IN RE THE MATTER:)
4	REGULAR MEETING)
5	OF NOVEMBER 17th, 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 17th day of
11	November, 2021, at the hour of 2:32 p.m., via
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1	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
2	ALEJANDRO SILVA, Chairperson
3	LESTER BARCLAY
4	KEVIN IRVINE
5	BERNARD JAKES
6	JOHNNY MILLER
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10	STAFF PRESENT:
11	DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President
12	GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary
13	KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel
14	MIKE CONNELLY
15	MICHELE CURRAN
16	JEREMY FINE
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(whereupon, the following proceedings were had via videoconference.)

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good afternoon. I am Greg Longhini. I'm the Board Secretary to the Chicago Transit Board.

On November 10th, 2021, this Office of the Secretary issued a notice of changed format of all Transit Board committee and board meetings scheduled for November 17th, 2021.

There is currently -- currently in effect a state-wide disaster declaration as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been renewed every month since the start of the pandemic.

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act, the head of the Chicago Transit Authority has determined that it is not practical or prudent to conduct an in-person meeting in light of the ongoing disaster. This means that as permitted by this section of the Open Meetings Act, there will not be any in-person public meetings and the Chicago Transit Authority public meeting of November 17th, 2021 will take place only virtually. Because the governor's disaster

1	proclamation remains in effect in the state of
2	Illinois, the meetings of November 17th, 2021 are
3	being held electronically or virtually pursuant to
4	an amended provision of the Open Meetings Act,
5	which also allows for virtual public meetings while
6	the disaster proclamation remains in effect.
7	Chairman Silva, we are ready to begin the
8	scheduled Finance, Audit and Budget Committee
9	meeting.
10	Chairman Silva?
11	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I'm sorry.
12	SECRETARY LONGHINI: We're ready to begin.
13	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Good afternoon. I would
14	like to call to order the November 17th, 2021
15	meeting of the Committee on Finance, Audit and
16	Budget.
17	will the secretary call the roll?
18	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.
19	Director Irvine.
20	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Here.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
22	DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
24	DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.

1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay.
2	DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Here.
3	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva.
4	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Here.
5	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Let the record show
6	General Counsel Seimetz and President Dorval Carter
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	are also in attendance and myself and Jeremy Fine,
8	the Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel
9	Seimetz are actually in the 576 West building, our
10	headquarters building.
11	We may now proceed to Agenda Item Number
12	2, Chairman.
13	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Our first order of business
14	is the approval of the committee minutes of
15	October 13, 2021. May I have a motion to approve?
16	DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.
17	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
18	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Irvine,
19	seconded by Director Miller.
20	Director Irvine.
21	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
22	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
23	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
24	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.

1 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 2 Director Barclay. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 3 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes. 4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva. 5 CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: The Committee's October 6 7 minutes have been approved with five yes votes. 8 You may proceed to Number 3, sir. CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Our next order of business 9 10 is the finance report. Jeremy Fine. 11 Thank you. I'm Jeremy Fine, your JEREMY FINE: 12 Chief Financial Officer, and I will review the 13 system-generated revenues and expenses for the 14 month of September as well as year-to-date. 15 with regard to September revenues, we see 16 a similar trend as what we've seen in the prior 17 months. Fare and pass totals are slightly down to 18 an amended budget and original budget basis by 1.1 million on the amended budget and a little 19 20 under 6 million on the original budget. 21 Reduced-fare subsidy is coming in as 22 expected, however this is after of what we have 23 historically received and is significantly less 24 than what we give out in terms of free and

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reduced-fare rides.

Nonfarebox totals continue to come in positive by about 1.1 million on the amended budget and about 400,000 on the original budget.

Overall for the month of September, we see total revenues coming in at budget on the amended budget basis and down by about 5 million -- 5.3 million on the original budget.

For year-to-date numbers with regard to revenues, they're seen on this page where fare and pass totals are slightly down overall by about \$4 million and positive by about \$10 million on the original budget. Again, reduced-fare subsidy continues to come in as expected, albeit, haircut off of previous years' returns.

Nonfarebox totals down about \$700,000 total on an amended budget basis and down about 12 and a half million dollars on the original budget.

19 So overall, year-to-date revenues are down 20 about \$5 million, 4.7, on the amended budget basis 21 and by about 2.4 on the original budget basis.

22 With regard to our expenses, we continue 23 to keep tight controls in place on our expenses, 24 where we see labor coming in positive on an amended and original budget basis by slightly less than a million dollars.

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Materials coming in negative by about \$1.4 million, but fuel and power coming in -continue to come in very strongly where we're positive by about \$400,000 of each.

Injuries and damages and security services coming in either flat or slightly positive. And other expenses continues to be a strong performer for us where we see positive favorability on an amended budget basis by about \$4 million and on an original budget basis by 3.3.

Overall for the month of September, we see positive favorability on the amended budget by about \$5 million and on the original budget by about 4.2. If you net these against our revenues, we're positive by 4.9 and we're negative 1 million on an original budget basis.

With regard to year-to-date numbers on expenses, again, following a similar form as what we saw in the monthly totals. Dropping to the bottom line here, we see operating expenses positive by about \$38.8 million on the amended budget and by about \$48 million on the original budget. Again, if you net these against our revenues year-to-date, we're at \$34.1 million to the positive on the amended budget and \$45.9 million to the positive on the original budget.

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With regard to our public funding, we've seen continued progress and positive favorability on our public funding streams. For the month, we received about \$13 million to the favorable on sales tax on the amended budget and a little under \$15 million favorability on the original budget.

With regard to PTF, the public transportation funds, it's about \$6 million of favorability on the amended budget and about \$9 million on the original budget.

Real estate transfer tax came in positive by about two and a half million dollars on the original budget and a little over \$3 million on the original budget. Coupled with PTF on RHETT and ICE funding, end up the month \$22 million to the positive on the amended budget and about \$27.4 million on the original budget.

Year-to-date numbers follow the same form
and you can see here at the bottom line, we're

positive by about \$147 million to the amended budget by 171 million to the original budget.

With regard to our Federal relief funding, as we talked about last month, we've added on all three buckets of funding streams. The CARES was the original first bucket of Federal relief funding, the CRRSAA was the second, and then we were recently allocated the third tranche of funding from the RTA, whereas we received \$912 million of that total regional pot of 1.5 billion.

The CARES funding, we are expecting to draw down about 15 and a half million dollars for the month. That means that we'll have drawn about 93 percent of the total 817 million, which leaves about \$55 million remaining and we still have the full allocation of CRRSAA and ARP to cover future year shortfalls, which we'll talk about more in the budget presentation.

There's one more slide with regard to our commodities. While that's coming back up, the commodities that we are looking to continue to purchase are particularly on the fuel side of the house, if we can flip to that page.

Fuel, we have finalized the agreement with our future fuel provider for the outer years of '23, four, and five. We'll look to make selective purchases as market conditions avail themselves. As of now, we've seen a little bit in a dip of fuel pricing for those outer years, but we continue to assess the market, frankly, on a daily basis and will make opportunistic buys as pricing avails itself.

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with regard to power and natural gas, we're fully locked in for the future years, but we will continue to monitor those commodities as well and look for selective buying opportunities as well.

This concludes my presentation with regard to the FAB. I'm glad to answer any questions.

CHAIRPERSON SILVA: How long do you think, okay, we're going to be able to use their funds? For the whole '22 or 23rd [sic], up to what month?

Yeah. So we'll talk more about JEREMY FINE: 21 that in the budget presentation, but to answer your question directly, here we would expect the three pots of funds, the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP funding, 24 to carry us through a majority of calendar year,

which is also our budget year, of 2024.

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we do have the unique opportunity as a CTA entity to compete for additional ARP discretionary funds that will help us close the remaining gap of 2024 and we're able to compete for those critical ARP discretionary dollars because we were the only, vou know. service board in the region to have exhausted the -- you know, to sort of -- to have reached the threshold of 90 percent of CARES funding spent before the cutoff date in November. So, again, that leaves us an opportunity to further close that budget gap, which we'll talk about in a But, again, the allocations that we moment. received to date should carry us through the remaining portion of '21, '22, '23, and into '24. CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Very good. Thank you. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.

Director Barclay, any questions for Jeremy?

DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Not as many questions, just a comment. I wanted to say that on behalf of the Board, I'd like to commend President Carter and Jeremy Fine and the CTA team for their professionalism and leadership in reaching a consensus with RTA and the other service boards on the regional allocation on the ARP funding.

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Dorval and his team were instrumental in getting the region to the finish line. This is a challenging time for all of the service boards as we work to restore ridership while providing safe and reliable services to our customers during this ongoing pandemic.

Additionally, we each face our own unique challenges and priorities and the ARP funding will be critical in assisting each of the service boards and addressing them. The region succeeds when all the service boards are put into best financial position to provide service to its customers, especially essential workers and low-income customers who rely on transit as their only form of transportation. Dorval and the team kept this at the forefront of discussions to ensure that the allocations were made in an equitable manner.

Lastly, I would like to commend Dorval and Jeremy for their excellent management of the CARES and CRRSA funding we've previously received, which made CTA the only service board in the region eligible to apply for Federal discretionary

funding. I really would like to highlight that we 1 2 appreciate the efforts that you guys made in rolling up your sleeves and fighting for the 3 4 Chicago Transit Authority. So thank you. 5 PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you, Chairman and the 6 rest of the Board. We appreciate the support that 7 you've given us since we've engaged in this 8 process. 9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank vou. Director and President. 10 11 Director Jakes, any questions? 12 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions, but, you know, 13 in the black church experience after Director Barclay just read what he read, we would just say 14 the doors of the church are open. So very well 15 said and congratulations to our president and 16 17 Jeremy. 18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, sir. 19 Director Miller. 20 DIRECTOR MILLER: No, no questions at this 21 time. Just ditto. Thank you. 22 Director Irvine. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 23 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Just, again, I 24 echo and fully support Director Barclay's comments.

Thank you.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you all. Chairman Silva, there are no questions now, so we may proceed to Item Number 4.

CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Our next order of business is the review of an ordinance amending Ordinance Number 020-108, fiscal years 2021 through 2025 Capital Improvement Program. Jeremy Fine.

JEREMY FINE: Thank you. I'm Jeremy Fine, Chief Financial Officer for you. I'm joined today by Michele Curran, who is the budget director, who will outline the changes in the amendment to the '21 through '25 CIP.

MICHELE CURRAN: Thank you.

Good afternoon. Again, I'm Michele Curran, Vice-President of Budget and Capital Finance. I'm here to today to present an amendment to the 2021 to 2025 Capital Improvement Program or CIP.

In November 2020, the Board approved the \$3.4 billion CIP. The CIP was amended in May and September and we are now proposing a final closing amendment to incorporate additional known changes. The amendment is being done to defer the CTA bond

funding from 2021 to 2022 to reflect the timing of 1 2 the funding needs. CTA has been able to use its capital line 3 4 of credit to fund costs on an interim basis and 5 allow the deferral of the bond issuance to 2022 resulting in interest cost savings. 6 7 This amendment results in a zero -- in a net zero change to the five-year CIP because the 8 9 funding needs are only shifting from 2021 to 2022. 10 I'd be happy to answer any questions you 11 may have. 12 CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I don't have a question. 13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Thank you. 14 Director Barclay, any questions for 15 Michele? DIRECTOR BARCLAY: I do not have any questions. 16 17 Thank you. 18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Director 19 Jakes. 20 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions. Thanks, 21 Michele. 22 Director Miller. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 23 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. 24 Director Irvine. SECRETARY LONGHINI:

1 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. 2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: There are no other 3 questions on Agenda Item Number 4, Chairman Silva. 4 CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Since there are no further 5 questions, may I have leave to place this item on the omnibus for board approval? 6 7 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved. 8 **DIRECTOR MILLER:** Second. 9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Agenda Item Number 4 has been moved to the omnibus. We will now proceed to 10 11 Agenda Item Number 5, Number 6, and Number 7, which 12 will be combined into a single presentation package 13 to the Board. 14 CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Our next order of business 15 is the review of the three ordinances. An ordinance adopting a budget for 16 17 calendar year 2022; a financial plan for calendar 18 years 2023-2024. 19 An ordinance approving the fiscal years 20 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program and 21 authorizing the filing and execute -- executing of 22 grant and cooperative agreements and amendments on 23 related materials. 24 An ordinance approving the implementation

of fare structure revisions and approving the Title 6 Fare Change Equity Analysis.

Jeremy Fine.

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JEREMY FINE: Thank you. Again, I'm Jeremy Fine, your Chief Financial Officer.

we'll make a presentation that will cover all three ordinances and on the first page here is a brief overview of the '22 budget highlights.

The '22 budget is a \$1.7 billion budget that requires \$455 millions of Federal relief funds to plug the remaining gap from the impact of the --\$300 million will come from that of the pandemic. second tranche of funding that we talked about in the FAB from CRRSAA funds and \$156 million will be required from the third tranche of funding known as ARP.

17 Again, we were recently awarded 18 \$912 million of the \$1.5 billion total to the region and, again, CTA is in that unique position 20 to be able to apply for additional ARP 21 discretionary funds to close the remaining gap.

22 The pandemic obviously has had an impact on public transportation, as evidenced by the fact 23 24 that the Federal Government has stepped in with

those three historic funding packages. But, again, ridership remains, you know, a concern as we continue to move forward. We expect, though, ridership to grow 28 percent in 2022. To put that in perspective, the monthly ridership grew 29 percent in 2021 compared to the average monthly ridership during the pandemic from April to December in 2020.

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Projecting ridership is obviously a difficult task at times. We have engaged, as we did last year, MIT to help us conduct a national survey of other transit agencies around the country. Through that survey, you know, our estimates came in line with what we were seeing nationally. But, again, it's a lot of uncertainty out there kind of across the board.

With regard to trying to drive ridership, one of the things that -- that we can do and that we saw great success in was inducing and incentivising ridership through fare reduction. We'll talk about this more on the subsequent page. Finally, the '22 to '26 CIP program is

shown as a 3.5 billion program, but this does notinclude any of the funding recently passed through

the Federal infrastructure bill and there are some unique and exciting opportunities for us to receive more funding from the Feds in the form of formula funding as well as discretionary programs.

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On -- the next page outlines the fact that changing commuting patterns really call for revised fare structure. You know, with the Board's approval, you know, for a prior package of -- of fare reductions that went into effect Memorial Day, we saw some significant ridership gains throughout the summer and because of the success of that program, we wanted to further solidify those changes and make those permanent, as well as implement two kind of additional changes that we feel are very critical for us to continue to move forward.

Again, what we're to trying to do here through all of these changes is to get people to ride the first ride, get those returning riders back and new riders on the system, as well as to get the riders that are riding to take more additional rides.

And so, again, the changes that we're
proposing here is to remove the transfer fee.

Again, we're very excited about this on, you know, paper use type usage to removing that transfer fee and making a more equitable system.

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We're also looking to, again, solidify and make the changes permanent that we changed on the one, three, and seven-day passes as well as make a change on the 30-day pass to make it more affordable.

So, again, we're excited to present these changes and we think that -- again, that this will help to continue to drive riderships we saw during the summer period when those changes went into effect on the first batch of modifications.

We're also looking in the future to continue to work with Pace and Metra to make the connection between the regional systems more seamless. So we're looking to integrate all passes with Pace and also looking to modernize the Metra link-up.

So, again, this is a nice second iteration of changes that we're doing, again, to try to drive ridership so that we can get ridership back on track as quickly as possible, which is critical with these Federal funds that we've received.

On the next page, we talk about some of the budget initiatives that we're funding here in the '22 budget. Again, we're maintaining full service. This has been a critical component for essential services and essential service workers alike throughout the pandemic. It was also kind of an underscore aspect of the Federal relief programs that we maintain service as well as maintaining employment. But, you know, again, we also had to maintain full service because of the loads that we were actually carrying to ensure that we were adequately allowing for social distancing. But we're also looking, as I mentioned on the prior page, to implement those additional fare reductions.

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we're also providing additional security 16 17 through additional contracts as well as the Refresh and Renew Program where we're improving cleanliness 18 19 and security at 125 rail stations. We continue to 20 focus on pandemic safety measures, such as the best 21 in class cleaning regimen we had before the 22 pandemic, but enhancing those with electrostatic 23 sprayers and cleaning SWAT teams. We're also 24 looking to supply hand sanitizer and masks on the

system as well as providing travel-healthy kits to CTA customers.

In addition, we're developing a realtime and projected passenger crowing dashboard that will allow customers, as they're coming back on to the system, to assess the crowding conditions before they embark on their journey and then, finally, we're looking to, again, create customer engagement pilots that lend a helping hand and a friendly face to folks as they come back onto the system to ensure that they can navigate the system and get where they need to most efficiently.

With regard to some of the workforce development initiatives funded through the budget, again, we have not had any layoffs despite ridership being, you know, about 50 percent of pre-pandemic levels.

The Second Chance Program, which is a nationally recognized program has been a huge success for us. We have employed 1500 people, 400 of those securing permanent employment with the CTA. We're also looking to build off some of the successes that we've had on the RPM program, such as the workforce partnership and building small

business initiatives. We're looking to roll that out to other capital projects in the future.

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The RPM workforce partnerships has hosted 300 individuals and trained over 200. The small business initiative has assisted over 20 firms, securing over five and a half million dollars. And, again, we're looking to roll out the success here on a broader scale throughout future capital projects throughout the system.

We've also had a large platform of internship opportunities here at CTA, both college and high school that we'll look to continue. We're also building, the first of its kind here for the agency, a training facility, as well as a modern control center.

And then, finally, two initiatives that we've been undertaking but looking to expand the platform through the creation of two new offices, which are the Office of Innovation, will provide policy, research, and project management resources for innovative technological implementations pilots (indiscernible) concepts across the agency, as well as the Office of Equity and Inclusion, which will focus both internally and externally on equity initiatives and working with external organizations and communities.

On the next page, we outline, again, the gap that we would have without Federal relief That would be \$456 million for our budget funding. year '22. And, again, we expect to use a portion of the remaining portion of the CRRSA funding, or about 300 million of CRRSAA funds, as well as a portion of the \$912 million of ARP funding that we've already been allocated for the remaining gap 11 for 2022. This is primarily driven because the farebox is only estimated to be approximately 50 percent of 2019 pre-pandemic levels.

we also continue to work with our partners at the City of Chicago with regard to restoration of the ride-hailing fee, but for budget purposes, that is not included in our '22 budget.

Public funding is expected to increase 13 percent over 2019 due to some of the factors that we've talked about in the monthly FAB reports including the capture of online sales as well as the restoration of the 5 percent PTF haircut by the State of Illinois.

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Expenses are expected to grow by about

6.2 percent over the '21 budget, which is in line with CPI increases as well as social security increases for the coming year and is in line with what we saw in the budget last year of about 4.8 percent.

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without Federal relief, the system-generated revenue of 21 percent of total expenses is significantly below the required recovery ratio of 54.75, but we have been working with our partners at RTA to secure a short-term, you know, waiver of that requirement; but, again, this is something that we'll have to continue to watch and look to see if we need to have continued relief on that as we continue to see -- as we continue to rebound in our ridership as we move forward.

17 with regard to the gaps for the projection years, not only here for '21 and '22 as what we've 18 talked about, but for '23 and four, we see gaps in 19 20 the 400 to \$500 millions range. Again, as I stated 21 in the FAB report, we're expecting the remaining 22 CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP funding to carry us through 23 and into 2024. Again, we have the unique 24 opportunity to compete for ARP discretionary funds

that will close that remaining \$225 million gap, 1 2 you know, in 2024. And, again, this is primarily 3 driven off of the fact that, you know, ridership nationally has been impacted obviously 4 5 significantly by the pandemic. we're currently expecting ridership to be 6 7 in the neighborhood of 55 percent for '22. 60 percent for '23, and 65 percent for '24. And, 8 again, this is in line with what we've seen through 9 10 the MIT surveys that we've done nationally. And, 11 again, the recovery ratio reform was necessary and, again, we'll look for continued, you know, 12 assistance there if needed as we continue to grow 13 14 out of the pandemic impact. with regard to the 2022 through '26 CIP 15 16 program, I'll run through a guick overview and then 17 I'll turn it over to Michele Curran to walk through 18 the details. 19 But the program size is a \$3.5-billion 20 Again, this does not include any of the program. new Federal infrastructure bill components which

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could come online in the form of Federal, you know,

formula funding, as well as potential opportunities

for discretionary funds within that package.

The current program is made up of Federal funds, State Motor Fuel Tax funding, as well as an expectation to issue CTA bonds. Obviously we would prefer not to issue bonds, but we have had to in the near past and projected to here through this program because of the fact that we, you know, do not receive enough other local State funding to cover, you know, Federal requirements for local matching funds as well as just the overall need and the age of the system.

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The types of projects funded, we have major rail line projects that will help enhance capacity through RPM and RLE. We had the All Stations Accessibility Program, rail and fleet modernization, the electrification of the bus system, and as Greg highlighted, Mike Connelly will make a presentation after this presentation with regard to that; as well as the new control center and training facility that I previously mentioned and continued efforts under bus priority zones and the state of good repair program.

22 With that, I'll turn it over to Michele 23 Curran, the budget director, to walk through the 24 details of the '22 to '26 CIP program. MICHELE CURRAN: Thank you, Jeremy. Good afternoon. Again, I'm Michele Curran, Vice-President of Budget and Capital Finance. So the next several slides include some of the details around specific projects in the CIP.

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First is the Red Purple Modernization project, which is a \$2.1 billion project to improve capacity, travel time, ride quality, and safety on one of CTA's highest ridership corridors.

Phase one of the project includes three major components. The Red Purple Bypass bridge; the Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, and Bryn Mawr stations; and a new signal system between Belmont and Howard stations. Phase one is expected to be completed in 2025 and future phases of RPM are in the planning stage. Next slide, please.

17 So this slide outlines the Red Line 18 extension to the south, which is estimated to cost 19 \$2.3 billion. The Red Line extension would extend 20 the rail line 5.6 miles from the 95th Street 21 terminal to 135th Street, including four new 22 stations, park-and-ride facilities, and a storage 23 yard and maintenance facility. We're currently in 24 the project development phase and expect to enter

into the project engineering phase in late 2022. Next slide, please.

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The All Stations Accessibility Program, or ASAP, is a comprehensive 20-year program to make all stations vertically accessible. 103 of CTA's 145 stations, or 73 percent, are already accessible.

Phase one of the plan includes nine more stations to make it fully accessibly, including the four Red Line stations we just talked about as part of RPM; the Austin Green Line station; California, Montrose, and Racine stations on the Blue Line; and the State and Lake elevated station. Phase one also includes upgrades and replacements of up to 20 elevators. Next slide, please.

The CIP also invests in the bus and rail 16 17 fleet modernization. Bus improvements include 18 purchasing 600 new standard buses, 70 additional 19 electric buses, and overhauling a portion of the 20 existing fleet. On the rail side, we funded the 21 purchase of new 7000-series railcars, overhaul work 22 for the existing 5000-series rail cars, and the 23 purchase of four new diesel locomotives. We also 24 continue to invest in capital maintenance to target

needs between overhaul cycles for both bus and railcars.

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This concludes the presentation and we'd be happy to take any questions you may have.

All right. Thank you, SECRETARY LONGHINI: Michele.

Chairman Silva, do you have any questions for either Michele or for Jeremy?

Chairman Silva, can you unmute please? CHAIRPERSON SILVA: That helps. Thank you.

How much -- how much money do we have to apply for more Federal relief money?

So, again, we have the ability JEREMY FINE: to, you know, solicit for and apply for the ARP discretionary program and, again, that funding would help us close any of the remaining gap for 2024 that we expect.

CHAIRPERSON SILVA: And how are you going to raise that money that you have to?

JEREMY FINE: So that is a competitive 21 discretionary program that we apply for along with other entities, other agencies around the country 23 that were able to comply with the requirement to 24 have spent 90 percent of your CARES funding by a

date in November. And as such, there is a handful of agencies out there that fall within that -within that group. Those applications will be considered and there will be allocations made expected in March of 2022 with regard to the allocation of the total pot of \$2.2 billion that was set up in the legislation for the ARP discretionary pool and those decisions, again, will come out in March as to how much funding that we would receive and others would receive out of that \$2.2 billion total pot.

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CHAIRPERSON SILVA: But you're comfortable, okay, that we're going to get to that?

JEREMY FINE: Again, I think that we're very competitive based on what our needs are. You know, again, the -- there are, you know -- you know, others throughout the country that are applying for those funds, including New York MTA and other agencies across the country; but, you know, again, we'll see -- you know, it's a competitive process. You know, again, I think that based on our needs, when we need to use the funds, our geographic location, you know, all those factors will be taken into consideration and, again, we feel like we are very competitive to compete for a slice of that \$2.2 billion pool of funds.

CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Thank you.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay, any questions for either Michele or Jeremy?

DIRECTOR BARCLAY: I do for Michele. With respect to the accessibility program, how would the Federal infrastructure dollars help us to speed that up?

MICHELE CURRAN: So there's two components of that. We expect to receive additional Federal formula funds which we can use towards the program, as well as we expect some discretionary funds to be allotted for the ASAP program, not just our ASAP program, but across the country. So we would apply for those additional discretionary funds and hope to receive some of that.

DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Okay.

PRESIDENT CARTER: Mr. Chairman, just to
 further expand on what Michele said, one of the new
 features in the infrastructure bill is the creation
 of what interestingly enough is called an ASAP
 program for discretionary funding. That is new.
 It was something that was developed and advocated

1 for by Senator Duckworth on our behalf. We worked very closely with the Senator and her staff to 2 develop a dedicated funding source to support 3 4 accessibility issues. So we're very excited to have a new source of funding and an infrastructure 5 bill simply devoted to this type of activity and we 6 7 intend to be very aggressive in pursuing that --8 those funds to support and, in my opinion, accelerate our ASAP program, which as I stated 9 10 before, the 20-year horizon was a floor, not a 11 ceiling and I've always stated and I remain 12 committed to the fact that if we were able to identify additional funding, we would certainly 13 14 look to see how we could accelerate the timeline for doing that and I need to commend Senator 15 16 Duckworth and her leadership on this because she went out and created exactly what we needed to be 17 18 able to do that and we're very excited about what that's going to mean in terms of our ability to --19 20 to move forward on accessibility features to get 21 CTA's rail system to 100 percent accessibility as 22 quickly as possible.

23 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: And the next point as to24 Jeremy. I know we're trying to get ridership up

and back to where it was pre-pandemic, but I am 1 2 getting calls and I run into people all the time 3 that love the fact that CTA was able to find a way 4 to adjust the fares. That is very popular and I think you guys did an excellent job in terms of 5 finding a way to really win consumer confidence 6 7 because a lot people, it has made a huge difference 8 in their ability to use public transportation and put those extra dollars back in their pocket. I 9 10 told them, it's not forever, okay. People might 11 get spoiled and think that that's going to be the 12 future. But right now it's working for us and I 13 think we need to basically, you know, really look 14 at -- at this in the future to see how we can keep 15 things going. But right now it's very popular in 16 the Chicago area.

17 JEREMY FINE: Thank you for that. And, you 18 know, again, I think that the Federal dollars, you 19 know, were kind of created in a way to allow the 20 flexibility for agencies like the CTA to take an 21 aggressive kind of approach here and try to drive 22 ridership back as quickly as possible. Because the best way for us to solve this problem long-term is 23 for us to become self-sufficient and continue to 24

1	drive ridership to pre-pandemic plus levels. So
2	hopefully this helps, you know, continue to drive
3	ridership back to the system.
4	DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Sure.
5	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Thank you.
6	Director Jakes, any questions or issues?
7	DIRECTOR JAKES: Just making sure I heard this
8	correctly, Michele. The Red Line extension, the
9	project engineering will begin next year, the
10	latter part of next year?
11	MICHELE CURRAN: That's correct. We expect
12	that fourth quarter 2022.
13	DIRECTOR JAKES: That's exciting. That's very
14	exciting. Thank you.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Director
16	Miller, any questions?
17	DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.
18	Congratulations. Thank you. Good job.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, sir.
20	Director Irvine, any questions?
21	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Just thanks
22	again for highlighting the All Stations
23	Accessibility Program and I'm just you know, I'm
24	over the moon about the infrastructure bill and the

fact that we've got a funding source within that that is basically, you know, copying the work that, President Carter, you and your team has done and we're not backing into this, that we are leading on this and I think this initiative really came from your efforts and your push to make this happen and, you know. Senator Duckworth has been an incredible leader on this and -- but you really set the table and made it possible and let everyone know that this is where we can go and where we should go if we have the funds to do it. So I'm very excited to see how ASAP rolls out over the next fewer than 20 years. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you, Director Irvine. I should point out, I was remised in not saying this earlier. We had a lot of support from the disability community in support of this and I know that there was a huge mobilization effort among the disability advocates to make sure that their voices were heard around the importance of this and with 21 the leadership of Senator Duckworth, as you said, I came forward with an approach. The Senator basically turned that approach into legislation and then the disability community made that legislation

become a bill. So it certainly was a team effort and everyone should be proud with the end result of this.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Great. Thank you for that information, President Carter.

DIRECTOR JAKES: Hold on. President Carter, question. Going back to the Red Line extension. How long has this been in the works? Because I'm just -- I think I'm like three years on the Board now, but how long has this been in the works?

PRESIDENT CARTER: Okay. The idea of doing Red Line extension has been around since I was a kid. So that gives you a sort of, you know, broader sense of how long this has been discussed. But I would say in the course of the last, you know, what, eight or nine years is when CTA really started to move the concept forward.

The process to get to construction over a project like this is fairly complex, but when I came on board at CTA about seven years ago, I made it a priority to move the project forward and to put the funding in place.

As Michele mentioned to you, we've already put hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for

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this project that comes out of our own local funds to get the project moving, to put it in a position where we can go get the Federal funding to build it. And I can tell you with the passage of this infrastructure bill, the money is now there for us to build it and it's up to me and my team to now get this project into a position that we can actually lock that money in and make this project a reality, which is certainly long overdue and certainly I know it's going to be a welcome addition and improvement of transit service to the far south side of this city.

DIRECTOR JAKES: Yeah. That's great. That is great. Very exciting. Thank you. Thank you and congratulations.

PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. Congratulations.

I would now like to call on our Chief Planning Officer, Mike Connelly, who is going to make a presentation.

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22 MIKE CONNELLY: Good afternoon. We would like 23 to give you an update on our electric bus program 24 here at CTA and we're taking the opportunity due to the large number of comments that you heard during your public hearing last week to sort of update you on our progress and then carry this forward into the future and discuss some of the items that were brought up. If you would, go to the next slide.

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This slide actually lays out a little bit about our bus system, The number of buses we have. We're in service 24-7. We have bus garages there indicated with the numbers on the map on the right-hand side there. Buses are often scheduled to be in service for more than a hundred miles a day and, of course, with the effective range with today's technology for a 40-foot electric bus is only about 70 miles, we have some challenges ahead. If you would, go to the next slide.

In order to -- to reach a successful electrification of a fleet, the -- an agency needs a comprehensive plan for fleet conversion. We need sufficient charging infrastructure and we need additional power supply from our grid. But this slide talks a little bit about our electric bus implementation study, which is ongoing. We're expecting to complete it before the end of this year in the next couple of months. It will include strategic recommendations and capital costs.

On the left side, if you look at those blue boxes there, we're looking at schedule compatibility, charging strategy (speaking at indiscernible speed), but the one I want to point to is the equity impact because that's a vital part of all of our deliberations in looking at the equity impact not only to the areas and the neighbors and the people who live in -- surrounding our bus garages, but also to those on all of the routes throughout our system. If you would, go to the next slide.

This slide gives you a little bit of a summary of where we've been and where we're going. We're one of the earliest adopters of electric buses in the country. We have two that date back to 2014 that have been in service. In fact, they just received a midlife overhaul and updated their battery technology, which actually gave us about a 27 percent increase in battery density because the batteries of today are much more advance than the batteries of 2014 when those buses were first built.

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we have, as you probably hear and know

about, eight Proterra e-buses in service right now and eight more on the property being prepped and ready to go into service fairly soon and we have nine more coming in the next couple of months. We have options for 22 more. We have on-route charges in several locations. Then we're looking at new procurements for e-bus charging and infrastructure out into the future.

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CTA's electric bus program has received over \$130 million in funding, primarily, through competitive Federal grants. We always ask for money and we always put that money to use when we get it.

If you go to the next slide, one of the things I wanted to try to address for you is some of the myths or the misapprehensions that folks have had about electric vehicles. Powering vehicles via the power grids does reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but it doesn't go down to zero because our grid today still relies on fossil fuel sources.

As more vehicles shift to electric, we as a region, we as an agency, we as a state all need to make sure that we're expanding our renewable energy production to meet or exceed the added demands for electricity. CTA already does this with our electric purchases and we have a no-coal clause in our electric purchases for our traction power and for our power for our vehicles -- I mean our buildings. If you would, go to the next slide.

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One of the myths that people have is CTA buses are bad for the environment and our buses are responsible for a very minor portion of the vehicle emissions. Less than two percent of all vehicles on the bus routes tend to be buses. They're more trucks and cars. And significantly, and this is an important thing, we want everybody to remember, public transit is the most environmentally friendly form of transportation. It's far more efficient than single-occupancy vehicles and we need to continue to pursue policies and investments that will prioritize public transit in the future to keep those single-occupant cars off the streets. If you would, go to the next slide.

It has been suggested that we should stop buying diesel buses right away, tomorrow, and, frankly, that is not possible to do. We wouldn't be able to run our current system with our wide-spread over 1800 buses out every day. Our buses that we're buying are lean diesel buses and if we didn't replace these older buses in the fleet, some of which date back to 2000 and 2001, we would have a significantly lower quality of air in our area because these are the oldest, most polluting buses that we're replacing right now. And remember that the diesel buses that we buy today in 2022 will be replaced well before our 2040 electrification goal date. If you would, flip to the next slide there.

The diesel buses that we purchase here in 2022 are much more fuel efficient and emit 22 percent less CO2, carbon dioxide, 64 percent less nitrous oxides, or NOx, and 91 percent less PM, or particulate matter, on a per mile basis than the older buses that we're replacing right now. So there is a big difference and a big gain in clean air by buying the buses that we're proposing to buy. If you would, flip to the next slide.

One of the commenters suggested that CTA has plans to buy 1280 diesel buses in the next two years and this is just not the case. We do have a

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contract and funding to buy a hundred new diesel buses in 2022 and we have an option to buy 500 more in that same order.

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There are another 700 diesel buses that will reach the end of their useful life before 2026, but we don't have the funding or contracts in place to replace these buses at the current time. Not in our CIP right now.

Now, I will point to that last bullet and say to the degree that the electrical grid power supply and the charging infrastructure can be scaled up, CTA would be looking to replace some portion of whatever our fleet would replace with electric buses as soon as possible, but we have to have the power and we have to have the charging infrastructure before we can reasonably go forward. If you would, go to the next slide there.

One of the commenters suggested that we were not buying electric buses because they have a higher purchase price and that is simply a straw man. That's not the reason. We're looking -- our primary barrier to immediate large scale deployment is not the purchase price of the vehicles, but the resources necessary to install the new power and the charging infrastructure to support those vehicles.

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We're aware of the significant operating savings potential. In fact, we're an early adopter and we have better data than most other systems because we've been running those buses, electric buses, since 2014. So we know what our -- what our cost saving and operating and power savings are. We hope to realize these savings as we move into the forward years and scale up our electric fleet. If you would, go to the next -- the next slide.

And there were some calls for going to hydrogen. I think it was mentioned that Champaign-Urbana has gotten delivery of one hydrogen bus. They have a prototype by New Flyer manufacturer and it is a hydrogen bus, but we're looking at all of the options for reduced-emission buses. We're going to a hundred percent electric bus fleet and we'll continue to monitor and look at emerging technologies, including hydrogen, and where it makes sense for us, we will pilot these other technologies.

I'll just mention, this is a historic fact
that President Carter knows well about, we were a

pilot location for three hydrogen fuel cell buses from 1997 to 2001. We were very early adopters of hydrogen fuel cell technology and we're not avoiding it. We're looking at it. It's a range extender. Those are electric buses whether they're powered with a fuel cell or whether they're powered with pure batteries. But we are examining all of the options and we'll choose sensibly what is right for CTA and what makes sense for us as we go forward.

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If you would, go to the next slide. The other concern has been, and we've stated it, that the electric bus industry is moving forward, but it's really not out of its early adolescence yet and the manufacturers are struggling to produce enough buses for the orders that are being placed right now and there are other aspects of this as well.

One of them is, and it gets mentioned on the slide here, but is that trade-off between quick charging and slow charging. The buses we've had since 2014 are slow overnight charging. The newer bus we're getting also accept quick charges on the route. We have chargers at Navy Pier and we have a charger set up at Austin and Chicago Avenue at the west end of the Chicago Avenue route.

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There's a difference in battery life that really hasn't been proven out, partially because nobody has been doing quick charging long enough to really be able to say what is the best way to go.

So those are technologies that are still being explored and still being piloted in a variety of locations. We're keeping our eye on what's going on all across the United States and we're keeping an eye on what's going on in Europe as well. We went on a virtual visit to several electric bus properties in Europe through the American Public Transit Association and watched what was being done in Netherlands and Germany and France and in England as well with electric bus technology. So we've got our thumb on the pulse and we're keeping an eye on it to look at what's best for CTA as we go forward. If you would, go to the next slide.

And this is also about peer agencies. We're in contact with our brothers and sisters across the country and across Europe. And I Mentioned before, the data from our e-bus is some

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of the robust and long-term information that's available. We have it entered into the consortium database and all the other agencies are looking at what our operating and energy savings have been since we've had those buses in operation for so long, for more than six years.

Our goal is to figure this out and move forwards in a responsible, sensible way that will allow us to continue to operate service, but convert our fleet to a complete electric fleet by that target date of 2040. If you will, flip to the next slide.

This is the last slide in the deck and it sort of sums up where we're going and what we're looking ahead to. We're going to complete our study this year and release it. We're -- as I mentioned, equity is a deep, deep underlying value throughout our study as we go forward.

We're going to work to continue to secure Federal and other funding and we're very excited about the infrastructure bill and it creating some new opportunities for us.

We're going to be coordinating with our grid supplier with ComEd for improvements and

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upgrade power supply. The power requirements for a garage that has got all electric buses are huge. It's a huge change to the way the grid is operated.

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we also need to modernize all our garages and equipment. We don't want to have electric bus charging inside of a garage that has a leaky roof, for example. You want to have a good roof before you put electric bus charging in there.

And we're looking to obtain additional funding because we have to replace the entire bus In fact, the first wave of electric bus fleet. procurement will be replaced before we hit our 2040 fully electrified date.

And so with that, I'll stop and be glad to try to take questions. I think President Carter wants to address this issue as well.

PRESIDENT CARTER: Yeah. You know. I think that -- you know, I wanted to have Mike walk you through sort of what has been going on with the discussion around electric buses and I think there 21 are a couple things I wanted to reiterate in Mike's presentation.

23 One, the importance of a plan. When you 24 have an agency the size of CTA, the complexity of

the way we operate, just going out and buying buses and not having a plan on how you're actually going to implement this new technology would be -- would result in a tremendous waste of money. We would have buses that are sitting around at locations that couldn't be operated. We would have buses that would not be able to meet the operational needs of our system and, you know, I don't think anyone wants us to basically waste public dollars in terms of doing this.

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The second point that I wanted to make, I think the bigger point, you know, as I mentioned with ASAP, you know, the 20 -- you know, 30, 40 date that we're talking about here is, you know, the floor, not the ceiling. I would welcome the funding that would allow me to accelerate the implementation of our electrification of our fleet. And certainly the new infrastructure bill puts us in a position where we may be able to do a whole lot more a whole lot faster than we thought when we put our budget together.

22 What does that look like? How do we 23 ultimately do that? That's one of the reasons why 24 the plan is so important to us is because it will give me the road map and it will show me how I can accelerate, where I could accelerate if I have the funding to do that.

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The third thing I want to point out is whether I was buying diesel buses or electric buses, I would never do a whole cell transition to my fleet to a new bus at the same time. And the reason for that is then you have to look at replacing that entire fleet at the same time.

As a practical matter, the funding that's available to engage in rolling stock procurement has to compete with the other \$13 billion of funding needs that I have to get to a state of good repair. So what you want and you would -- any transit system will tell you this, is you want to have a rolling transition of your bus fleet over time. It makes it easier for you to manage different models and different technology, but it also make it is much more efficient in terms of the use of public funding to replace and overhaul your (indiscernible) as well.

As Mike indicated, we have an aging bus fleet. It is already older than we would like for it to be. So the need to replace those buses now

has become critical, both in terms of cost, in 1 terms of service reliability, and in terms of air 2 quality. I will be the first to tell you that, no, 3 a diesel bus is never going to be as clean as a 4 zero-emissions bus. We have never suggested 5 6 otherwise. But I also believe that we also have a responsibility here to continue to provide a level 7 of service and a quality of service that makes 8 public transportation a viable alternative to 9 10 single-occupancy vehicles and that, in order to do 11 that, I have to have a fleet that I can depend on over time. And those two objectives, you know, 12 both a zero-emissions fleet and a dependable, 13 reliable fleet, are basically why the plan is so 14 important, because it will allow us to achieve 15 16 both. And that, along with, you know, improved, 17 you know, pro-public transportation policies and 18 other things that drive people to public 19 transportation is going to have a much more 20 immediate impact on air quality in this city than 21 the time it's going to take me to replace my bus 22 fleet.

23 So we are very supportive of that, we will 24 continue to be supportive of that, we will continue to look for funding wherever we can find it to invest in and accelerate what we're doing, but I don't want anyone to think that the decisions we're making right now are intended to be anti-clean air. Every decision we're making is pro-clean air. The question is how quickly can we get to a optimal state of operation and that's exactly what we're trying to do as quickly as possible.

And I think with that, we will obviously take any questions that the Board may have about sort of where we are, what we're doing, and how we're going to continue to move forward.

DIRECTOR JAKES: Can't hear you, Director Silva.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva, any questions?

CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Yeah.

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18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Do you have any questions, 19 Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Yes. Congratulations.
Great presentation. And very friendly transfer,
okay, to every one of us. The problem, as I see
it, is that the people doesn't know what we know in
CTA is where we can make a change, okay, invest

some money in creative marketing of what we're doing and how are we going, okay, to transfer, okay, our fleet, okay, to an electric fleet and where are all the problems of that. Okay. So it's something else that needs, okay, that, okay, in order to apply it to be successful.

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PRESIDENT CARTER: I agree, Director Silva. One of the things that has become very apparent to me is we really haven't done a good job at telling our story of what we're doing and why we're doing it and I've started talking to my staff about how we start to, you know, inform and provide to the public and to -- quite honestly, to the advocates for air quality who I know believe in what we do and believe in public transportation as a positive impact on the climate and making sure they understand what we're doing, how we're doing it, and what we're trying to accomplish. So we're going to do a better job at that and I'm already starting that process even as we speak.

CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Thank you.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.

23 Director Barclay, any questions?
24 DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Just the same point that

1 Chairman Silva made. This is a messaging thing. 2 we really need to get the word out. I feel we're playing defense on this issue and we're not playing 3 4 offense. We need to get out there, tell the public because we all understand it. It's very simple. 5 Mike, you broke it down, it makes all the sense in 6 7 the world; but the public doesn't know that and 8 it's perceived that, you know, we want to buy a bunch of old, smoke-filled buses that pollute the 9 city and that's just not the case. But the message 10 11 needs to get out there.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CARTER: Agreed.

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SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Director.

Director Jakes, do you have any questions? DIRECTOR JAKES: No. No questions. I just want to say, Mike, you handled that -- your presentation and your facts versus fiction very eloquently. And that's all I'll say about that. You did a swell job in handling that very well.

You know, as each of you are talking about messaging, you know, is there a way to take the fact/fiction and send it out to whomever it needs to go to, because the reality is, the more information you put out there, the more those that called in can take that information, try to pick it apart and always find an antithesis to what is being presented.

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So I do hope that in the messaging, you know, we don't spend a lot of time, as you said Director Barclay and I think it's great, playing defense. You know, we put it out there, it makes sense, and we keep it moving. But very well done to you and your team.

PRESIDENT CARTER: I agree with your comments 11 12 and, you know, I've been making comparisons between 13 ASAP and the electric bus program for a reason and that is both issues have very strong and passionate 14 15 communities and advocates in support of it. Ι 16 would admit that I've probably done a better job at getting the disability community behind what I need 17 18 to make happen to turn ASAP into reality than I've 19 done with the e-bus process and I think one of the 20 things that I'm really looking forward to is the 21 release of the plan. Because just like with ASAP. 22 when I put the -- when I put a plan out there and I 23 made a commitment and I said this is how we're 24 going to do it and this is what it will take to

speed it up, the disability community got behind both the plan and, more importantly, started having strategic conversations about how we're going to get more money so it doesn't take this long. And I think we'll have the same type of conversation with the climate community with electrification of our fleet.

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As Mike indicated, there are a lot of 8 partners that need to be involved in making this 9 You know, ComEd needs to step up their 10 happen. 11 game in terms of improving the grid. You know, 12 we're going to need to work closely with the City 13 in terms of getting access to locations to allow us to put in some charging stations, things of that 14 15 nature.

16 So, you know, there's a lot of work to be done to make this a reality and it's going to take 17 all of us to do it and I don't want to be in a 18 position where I'm fighting with people over this 19 20 and lord knows I spent a lot of time doing that on 21 disability access issues. I want to be in a 22 position we're all working together to get to the 23 same common goal, which I think we all agree in, 24 which is to get to a zero-emissions bus fleet as

quickly as possible and, hopefully, we'll be able to show what we need to do that and that will then form the basis for getting the financial support and public policy support necessary to bring it home.

DIRECTOR JAKES: President Carter, did the climate lobbyists request to sit down with CTA to have a discussion before addressing their concerns in the public meeting or was it --

PRESIDENT CARTER: NO.

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DIRECTOR JAKES: -- a (indiscernible) I'm sorry. Go ahead.

PRESIDENT CARTER: No, I think the first that we became aware of sort of the concern that was being raised around our purchasing of buses is when we started getting the public comments. We had not had a chance to talk to them about it and I think that's part of what I'm hearing from the Board is that, you know, we should have been more engaged with them before this point to begin with and I take responsibility for that because we've kind of been in the position where we assumed everyone understood that, you know, we were -- we were climate friendly and that everything we did was providing a benefit in support of the challenges around climate change, stuff like that. But it's obvious from the reaction that we got from this community that they didn't understand that and they didn't agree with what they thought we were doing.

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So, you know, yeah, we have to go back and we have to spend more time with them. We need to engage them directly on what we're doing here. We need to get their support to find additional funding to allow us to be more aggressive in our plans and we need for them to better understand the complexity of what it takes to do this. It's a very different conversation than going to your local car dealer and buying an electric car and that's the reality of the service that we operate and the way we have to operate it.

But having said that, this is doable and, 17 18 you know, I am fully 100 percent supporting our 19 need to do it and we're going to need this 20 community's support to make it happen. So we're --21 yeah. We've got some work to do and we're going to 22 get out there and do that work so that we can be on 23 the same page and move forward in a way that's 24 going to get us to the ultimate goal here.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, President Carter.

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Director Miller, do you have any questions for Jeremy or Michele or Mike or for President Carter?

DIRECTOR MILLER: No. Not really. Well, no question. I think part of the concern, he has already answered most of it, but also, and I think I heard President Carter kind of alluded to it, with all of that questions and concerns, they're not believing that 2040 is going to be a reality date. How are we looking at that?

PRESIDENT CARTER: Yes and I certainly heard that as well, that the belief was we were backing off of our 2040 date and the truth is we are not backing off of that date at all and if I can accelerate that date, I will do it.

DIRECTOR MILLER: Okay. Thank you. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.

Director Irvine, we'll finish up with you. DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you. Thank you, President Carter, and thank you, Mike, for -- you know, for your comments and explanation and I completely agree. And, President Carter, I so much appreciate your -- you know, your attitude about this and your engagement and I think -- you know, I've been on the Board for almost ten years and the amount of comments we got on this I think was just about the highest we've got on almost any issue. Greg, correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe we got over 400 letters, e-mails on this topic alone.

9 President Carter, I'm very heartened that 10 you see those 400-plus people not as problems to be 11 solved, but as allies to be engaged and I think 12 that's really what they are and I was really happy 13 to see that CTA staff will be presenting with a 14 town hall tonight with Alderman Martin and Alderman 15 I'm super happy about that. I hope we LaSpata. 16 can do more of that and I think, again, we need to 17 try as many different avenues as possible to get 18 the message out there. I just checked CTA's landing page on our website and nothing about 19 20 electric buses there. I'm quessing it will be 21 there especially when we have the plan fully 22 written and released.

23 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yes.

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24 DIRECTOR IRVINE: There is some great

information on CTA's electric buses page of the website, but obviously we need to get a lot more out there in a lot more different forms and I -yeah, I think definitely we have a lot of allies out there that can be in our corner and can affect the funds and I think there's so much recognition, especially from just the last few years about how important climate change is and how much we all need to be on the same team to make changes happen.

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So I'm on the CTA Board and I care about transit because I care about the environment. You know, and like you said, I want cars off the road and more buses on the road. So thank you and I appreciate you working with this board to move our electrification goals forward.

PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you. And obviously I look forward to the support of the Board as we engage this community and really, you know, drive progress on this particular issue because I know it's important to a lot of people and we certainly heard from many of them as part of this budget process.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, President
24 Carter. Thank you, Director Irvine.

Chairman Silva, I can finally say there 1 2 are no further questions on budget matters as 3 presented and also on the electric buses. NO further questions, sir. 4 CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Since there are no further 5 questions, may I have leave to place these items on 6 7 the omnibus for board approval? 8 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved. 9 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Those are the three items 10 11 moved by Director Irvine, seconded by 12 Director Miller. Chairman Silva, we may now 13 proceed to Agenda Item Number 8. 14 CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Our next order of business is the review of an ordinance authorizing an 15 intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County 16 17 Assessor's Office to access geographic information 18 data. 19 Mike. 20 MIKE CONNELLY: Yes. Good afternoon. Again. 21 I'm Mike Connelly, your Chief Planning Officer. 22 The item before you would authorize entry 23 into an IGA with the Cook County Assessor's Office. 24 This will allow CTA to access geographic

information data from the Assessor.

CTA has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Assessor's Office in previous years in order to have access to and a license to use this data at no cost for CTA.

We are requesting renewal of this agreement for an additional year. We have requested a longer-term contract with the Assessor's office, however, currently the Assessor's office requires a series of one-year contracts. So we were here before and we're back to you again this year.

This agreement will allow us to receive updated Assessor's data which provides detailed information at each property level. We get a table of about 1,800,000 records that usually date from the previous year. This data is used by strategic planning for planning purposes and for our NEPA or National Environmental Protection Agency studies. It's used by CTA's business development group and by our real estate department.

The data is specifically needed during the upcoming months for continued work on the transit supportive development study and the environmental

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work that we're doing on the Red Line extension 1 2 project. I'm glad to answer any questions that you 3 4 may have. Let me understand well. 5 CHAIRPERSON SILVA: 6 Okay. You don't have a -- an order, okay, you 7 cannot access the information with the Cook County? 8 Unless we do MIKE CONNELLY: Yes. Exactly. 9 the IGA, they won't give us direct access into their database. But if we do the IGA, we'll have 10 access. And it doesn't cost us anything, we just 11 12 need to enter a formal intergovernmental agreement 13 with them. 14 Good. Thank you. CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I do. 15 Director Barclay. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 16 **DIRECTOR BARCLAY:** Nothing. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 18 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 19 Director Miller. 20 DIRECTOR MILLER: No auestions. 21 Director Irvine. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 22 **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** No questions. 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: No further questions on 24 this item, Chairman Silva.

1	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Since there are no further
2	questions, may I have leave to place item this
3	three items on the omnibus for board approval?
4	DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.
5	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
6	SECRETARY LONGHINI: That was one item. Typo
7	there. Moved by Director Irvine, seconded by
8	Director Miller on the Board. We're finished with
9	the ordinances now. So now we can move to the
10	contracts. So, Chairman Silva, we can move to
11	Contract Number B-1.
12	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Our next order of business
13	is Contract Number B-1, a change order for a
14	maintenance contract.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Questions, Chairman?
16	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I don't have any questions.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Director Barclay.
18	DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
20	DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
22	DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
24	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.

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1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. No questions on
2	B-1. We can move to B-2, Chairman.
3	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Our next order of business
4	is Contract Number B-2, a project management
5	contract.
6	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Any questions?
7	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I don't have a question.
8	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Director Barclay.
9	DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.
10	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
11	DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.
12	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
13	DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.
14	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
15	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.
16	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Let's move to that was
17	B-3? Correct? Let's move to F-1.
18	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: B-2.
19	DIRECTOR MILLER: That was B-2.
20	SECRETARY LONGHINI: That was B-2. I'm sorry.
21	I'm getting confused. Let's move on to B-3. I'm
22	sorry.
23	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Our next order of business
24	is Contract Number B-3, a change order for the

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2	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Sir?
3	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I don't have questions.
4	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay.
5	DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.
6	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
7	DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.
8	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
9	DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.
10	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
11	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.
12	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Now we can go to
13	F-1.
14	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Our next order of business
15	is Contract Number F-1, an RFP for a human resource
15 16	is Contract Number F-1, an RFP for a human resource management contract.
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16	management contract.
16 17	management contract. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Questions, sir?
16 17 18	management contract. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Questions, sir? CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I don't have questions.
16 17 18 19	management contract. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Questions, sir? CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I don't have questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay.
16 17 18 19 20	management contract. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Questions, sir? CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I don't have questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay. DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.
16 17 18 19 20 21	management contract. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Questions, sir? CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I don't have questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay. DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
16 17 18 19 20 21 22	management contract. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Questions, sir? CHAIRPERSON SILVA: I don't have questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay. DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

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1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
2	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.
3	SECRETARY LONGHINI: No questions on that. So
4	we can move to H-1, sir.
5	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: 9 sorry. Our final
6	order of business is Contract Number H-1, an RFP
7	for security services.
8	No questions.
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay.
10	DIRECTOR BARCLAY: No questions.
11	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
12	DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
14	DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irving Irvine.
16	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Irving, Irvine. No
18	questions.
19	All right. Then we're finished with that.
20	Sir, we can go to 9-A. Number 9-A.
21	Chairman Silva.
22	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Since there are no further
23	questions on the contracts, may I have leave to
24	place the five contracts on the omnibus?
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1	DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.
2	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
3	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Irvine,
4	seconded by Director Miller. The contracts have
5	been put on the omnibus. Sir, we can move to
6	Number 9-B.
7	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Since there is no further
8	business to come before the Committee, may I have a
9	motion to approve the omnibus and recommend the
10	omnibus for board approval?
11	DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.
12	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded by
14	Directors Irvine and Miller. I will now take a
15	vote on the omnibus package.
16	Director Irvine.
17	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
18	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
19	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
20	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
21	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
22	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay.
23	DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.
24	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva.

1	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Yes.
2	SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion to approve the
3	omnibus passes with five yes votes, sir. We can
4	move on to Agenda Item Number 10.
5	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Finally, may I have a
6	motion to adjourn?
7	DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.
8	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Irvine, seconded
10	by Miller. The vote to adjourn.
11	Director Irvine.
12	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
14	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
16	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Barclay.
18	DIRECTOR BARCLAY: Yes.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva.
20	CHAIRPERSON SILVA: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: The vote to adjourn is
22	five five yes votes to adjourn. It is now 3:52.
23	The board meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. in eight
24	minutes.

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