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4	REGULAR MEETING )
5	OF SEPTEMBER 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	September, 2021, at the hour of 10:11 a.m., via
12	videoconference.
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2	LESTER BARCLAY, Chairperson
3	ARABEL ALVA ROSALES, Vice Chairperson
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	BRAD JANSEN, Deputy General Counsel
14	CHRIS BUSHELL
15	BILL MOONEY
16	JUAN PABLO PRIETO
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1	(Whereupon, the following
2	proceedings were had via
3	videoconference.)
4	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning. This is
5	Greg Longhini of the Chicago Transit Board again.
6	We are about to start the meeting. Chairman
7	Barclay, you may begin the regularly scheduled
8	Transit Board meeting.
9	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Good morning. I would
10	like to call to order the regularly scheduled
11	meeting of the Chicago Transit Board for
12	September 15th, 2021.
13	Would the secretary call the roll?
14	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.
15	Director Miller.
16	DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes.
18	DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine.
20	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Here.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
22	DIRECTOR SILVA: Here.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales.
24	DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Here.



1 Chairman Barclay. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Here. 3 We have a quorum with all SECRETARY LONGHINI: 4 six members of the Board present and let the record 5 show that President Carter and Deputy Counsel 6 Jansen are also in attendance at the meeting. 7 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our first order of 8 business is public comment. 9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. We have one public comment speaker today, Laura Saltzman. 10 11 So, Laura, you may begin and if you can 12 keep your remarks to three to four minutes, that 13 would be appreciated. Thank you very much. 14 LAURA SALTZMAN: Ηi. My name is Laura 15 Saltzman. I'm the Transportation Policy Analyst for Access Living, a disability rights organization 16 17 located in Chicago. I am here on behalf of the Transportation 18 19 Equity Network, a coalition of (indiscernible) 20 community groups and organizations in Chicago and 21 suburban Cook County working on (indiscernible) racial equity mobility justice to transportation to 22 23 speak in support of CTA establishing a transit



ambassador program.

with lower ridership during COVID, there has been an increased perception of safety issues on transit and widespread news coverage of public safety incidents. The perception that transit is unsafe discourages people from using it. There is concern that there may be permanent decreased ridership if people do not feel safe on buses and trains. However, an increase in law enforcement or other armed guard presence is no cure-all.

Transit riders are disproportionately
likely to have had negative interactions with law
enforcement and fear an escalated response if their
behavior is seen as threatening or abnormal.
Regretfully, law enforcement in Chicago simply does
not have a reputation or history of de-escalating.

The recent report by Transit Center called Safety For All provides insights in potential of re-imagining, quote, since simply increasing police presence can generate additional risks for many riders, transit agencies need to shift resources toward public safety programs that acknowledge that a safe system can mean different things to different people. More holistic approaches that make use of unarmed customer service and social



welfare personnel to be used to reduce interactions between riders and the police building support for vulnerable riders, end quote.

This is why we wholeheartedly support the creation of a transit ambassador program on CTA. We want people to feel welcomed on the trains and buses; safe, not over-policed or in fear.

At Access Living, we view disabilities holistically, which is why we are happy to sign on to a program that would train transit ambassadors on how they interact and help people with a range of disabilities with a special focus on de-escalation for people with mental health issues or for those who seem to be on the verge of causing disruption.

An ambassador program staffed by unarmed personnel explicitly trained on de-escalation measures has seen success in San Francisco on their rapid transit.

In the spring, the Los Angeles Metro Board of Directors unanimously approved a motion (indiscernible) \$40 million for the creation of a transit ambassador program. The concept of such a program is consistent with where the State of



Illinois is moving. The natural extension of the work that Access Living and our allies achieved with the passage of the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act, or CESSA, signed into law last month. CESSA mandates a non-law enforcement response for people in crisis throughout Illinois.

So we are asking CTA to fund and develop during its next budget cycle a transit ambassador program with people who are trained in how to deal with disabilities and de-escalation. We need a program that welcomes all that want to ride transit in Chicago. This will be an eligible and very appropriate use of COVID relief funds so this program can be started immediately.

The members of the Transportation Equity
Network would be eager to partner with CTA to help
shape this program. Thank you very much for your
time.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Ms. Saltzman, thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns this morning. I'll ask Director -- I mean President Carter to send it to the appropriate staff person for discussion.



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you very much, 2 Ms. Saltzman. Chairman Barclay, that concludes the 3 public comment section of today's meeting. 4 5 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of 6 business is the approval of the minutes. I will 7 now entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 11th, 2021. 8 9 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved. 10 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second. 11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Jakes, 12 seconded by Director Irvine. 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 INVINE: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. 19 20 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes. 21 Director Alva Rosales. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 22 **DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES:** Yes. 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay. 24 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.



That motion is approved, 1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2 sir, with six yes votes. CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of 3 4 business is Executive Session. It is my 5 understanding, Brad, that there's no Executive Session today. 6 7 COUNSEL JANSEN: That's correct, Chairman. Since there is no other 8 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: board matters, our next order of business is a 9 report from the Committee of Finance, Audit & 10 11 Director Silva. Budaet. 12 DIRECTOR SILVA: The Committee on Finance. 13 Audit & Budget met earlier this morning via Zoom 14 video-teleconference. 15 The Committee approved the August 11, 2021 committee minutes. The Committee reviewed the 16 17 finance report. The Committee reviewed the 18 following ordinances. 19 An ordinance amending Ordinance Number 20 020-108 approving the fiscal years 2012 [sic]-2025 21 Capital Improvement Programs. 22 The Committee also reviewed four 23 contracts. The Committee approved the ordinance



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and all four contracts. The Committee placed the

ordinance and three of the contracts on the omnibus 1 2 recommending board approval of the omnibus. Contract Number G-1 also approved by the 3 Committee was not placed on the omnibus and will 4 5 require a separate vote. That concludes my report, Chairman 6 7 Barclay. 8 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you, Director 9 Silva. May I now have a motion to approve the 10 11 omnibus as stated by Director Silva? 12 So moved. DIRECTOR JAKES: 13 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Jakes, 14 15 seconded by Director Miller [sic]. I'll take the 16 vote. 17 Director Miller. 18 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 20 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 22 **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** Yes. 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.



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DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.

Director Alva Rosales. 1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2 **DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES:** Yes. 3 Chairman Barclay. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 4 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes. 5 Motion to approve the SECRETARY LONGHINI: 6 omnibus passes with six yes votes, sir. 7 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of business is Contract Number G-1. I will now 8 9 entertain a motion to approve Contract Number G-1. 10 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved. 11 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Second. 12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded by 13 Directors Jakes and Miller -- I'm sorry, by 14 Directors Jakes and Irvine. I'll take a vote. 15 Director Miller. 16 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 18 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 20 DIRECTOR INVINE: Yes. 21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. 22 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.



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T'll abstain.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales.

DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES:

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved with five yes votes and one abstention by Director Alva Rosales.

CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Our next order of business is the construction report from Bill Mooney.

BILL MOONEY: Good morning. Bill Mooney, your Chief Infrastructure Officer.

We'll start this month's report where we normally do, our Your New Blue Signals Project between Jefferson Park and O'Hare. Advance the slide, please.

Project remains on budget but tight to schedule. Since we last met, we have started the cutover formally at Old Mannheim relay house. Made a lot of progress there. We continue to clear up discrepancies and install the rest of the remaining wayside equipment for the upcoming cutovers at River Road and Cumberland. Next slide, please.

So here's some of that wayside equipment being installed at River Road. River Road is two cutovers out, so we'll finish up Old Mannheim and



then move on to Cumberland.

Here, they're putting the wayside signal apparatuses in place. Ultimately, those then get wired up to the house in kind of the pretesting phase before that cutover.

Mannheim as part of the -- the commissioning process there. So actually as our new standard for wayside signaling equipment, we have camera installations that go back to those houses to allow people working the tower panels locally there to be able to see the interlockings more, but also allow us to observe other issues that may be going on in the right-of-way from those locations. Next slide.

And here they are wiring up the house at Cumberland. So Cumberland is the upcoming cutover and so this is all localized wiring. So from all those wayside devices, like the signals I just showed you in the first picture, they then wire those up to internal, you know, components in the house that helps the logic tell what the wayside stuff to do. Next slide, please.

My next project is our Refreshed and Renewed. The project continues on -- on schedule



and on budget. You know, so we've added a new section to talk about. So this is upgrading directional line diagrams in 29 stations. This is localized signage that's at stations that show you the rail routes and kind of the -- where those stations go on the line from where you're at.

Director Irvine had raised with staff that not all the older stations had signage that represented which stations were ADA accessible and so as part of the Refresh and Renewed, we're doing a campaigned effort to get all that signage upgraded as part of the effort of this program for this year. So while I'll be reporting on the progress of those stations, you know, there's nothing formally updated on the slide, kind of it's a timing thing, but just as a sense, we're about halfway there already. We've made a pretty good push on these 29 stations. So next month you should see a pretty significant amount of progress report.

Also in the upcoming month, you'll start seeing the SBE contracts (indiscernible) in progress as well. We've had kickoffs and those contractors are starting to get to work on painting



those stations and so you'll see kind of progress showing up in the upcoming months with those.

But moving to the slides, we've been focused predominantly at Kedzie on the Orange Line and Kimball on the Brown Line. So here you can see the upgraded lighting of the bus turnaround outside the Orange Line station. So the Refreshed Renew isn't just focused on that rail terminal, it actually takes it outside the footprint of that station into the bus terminal. So here is the waiting area for the buses outside Kedzie Orange Line stations. We've upgraded all that lighting to LEDS. Next slide.

And we've also done a bunch of concrete repairs. So, you know, over time, with the -- the plows and the freeze-thaw cycles, those curbs and con -- and sidewalks do see a lot of cracking, so here we've actually replaced a section of the concrete curb and repaired it and you can see the before and afters with those. Next slide.

Inside the station. So this is the curtain wall along the stairwell. This kind of protects the stairwell from the outside elements on the platform level and there's a lot of



deterioration at the bottom of that curtain wall and (... indiscernible), so we've had to cut out a section of that sheet metal, they patched it, they ground it down, and then they did a fresh coat of paint on it. Next slide.

And here's some before/after LED lighting.

Again, kind of the -- most -- most significant

impacts is the lighting and L upgrades and that

painting that goes with it. Next slide.

Here we are at the Kimball station. This is one of the stations I regularly use and you can see the sense of the before/after here in the night photo with that LED footprint. This is outside the station and this really gives you a sense of what -- what impact that lighting also does on the security around our stations, right? It increases that foot (indiscernible), that approach -- you know, bus terminal waiting there for the 81 Lawrence is right there out in front of the station with the public art there and so it really makes a big impact at how that station interfaces with the neighborhood too. Next slide.

Here's, again, lighting upgrade on the platform level. You get the -- on the left, the



before photo and on the right, kind of the after photo and you can see kind of the difference if you look at the platform level of how much more the increase of lighting footprint is. Next slide, please.

My next project is our Jackson Park Track and Structure Improvement Projects. So most of the track work at this point between 59th junction and 61st interlocking is complete. We've changed out rail on the southbound track since we last met and we're moving towards 61st interlocking and the structural work continues ongoing progress in advance of the track work. There's a couple photos for it.

So here is that renewed rails and ties in the southbound track. You get a sense kind of in the foreground in the picture on the right of kind of that older system to the newer system on the other side. Next slide.

Here's that ongoing structural work. Here they're actually changing out the fixed connection. So the long piece there is the stringer and that's actually what the rails are sitting on top of and that connects into a cross girder that distributes



that weight of the structure to columns and ultimately to the ground in the structure. So there's a lot of load potentially in that connection spot. It also sees a lot of deterioration, so they're breaking out and redoing those connections there.

My next project is our South Shops Waste Materials Storage and Sewer Upgrade. Project is on schedule and on budget. Since we last met, we've actually completed all the wall stabilization work, the roof repairs and now we've actually moved into the sewer work as part of this project and that's significantly completed, so we'll move on to some pictures of this work.

So here you can see they've -- they're doing flashing repair on the roof over that area I was showing you shoring -- tying together that wall in that ante space and then they tie it into the new guttering system and downspout.

Next picture. It ultimately gets run into a new sewer line underneath the sidewalk there. So here they're digging up the sewer line. Part of the big issue we had here was the sewer had collapsed outside and that's why we were seeing



some of the settlement itself. So we actually had to take up the whole sidewalk, replace the main sewer there that runs along it, and then redo all the kind of water connections for that.

My next projects are Dan Ryan inverters and battery updates. So we've completed completely at 59th interlocking and moved on to 63rd interlocking. And we can move towards some pictures.

So here similar to what you saw at 59th Street, they're installing the new inverter equipment. This is how we take our robust DC power system that their substations run on and run our signal houses on to give it a redundant supply that's really, really rich.

So here they are installing that new equipment and wiring it up. And next slide.

Here they are working on the commissioning effort of that equipment. So 63rd interlocking has been commissioned at this point and it will be moving on it in the next upcoming report to 47th interlocking, which is a little different because it's an elevated interlocking, so you'll actually see structure work that goes with that.



So I have a new project this month. is our Northbound State and Dearborn Project. is part of our Fast Tracks Program. It's one of the last projects in that program. This was a MID-CON contract that has a value of 6.5 million. It's being constructed by Kiewit. They'll be renewing localized track work on the northbound side of the State Street subway as well as in the Blue Line subway near Division station both on the northbound and the southbound track. 

There's a couple reroutes in the Red Line subway to facilitate this work and then there's some long single track weekends on the Blue Line to facilitate that work on the upcoming weeks.

So this is similar to what you saw last summer on the southbound side. Here they are doing concrete inspection of the ceiling. So as we've had water infiltration in the subway, we've had to knock down any loose concrete, reinspect the structure elements of rebar. Associated with that, they re-coat the rebar and then will reseal the concrete. So here's an engineer actually doing some sounding inspection of that concrete. Next slide.



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And then we also do a bunch of crack injections (indiscernible) actually remove the wall panels within the station at Roosevelt. These are the sound panels. They expose the concrete walls so we can get in there and do some water crack injections. This is where we drill holes and fill kind of voids behind the wall with concrete fill so that then it stops water from infiltrating the subway. Next slide.

Here, over the next couple slides, a big focus of the work in the State Street subway was actually replacing a series of the concrete ties at Roosevelt station. This was actually one of the earliest installations of concrete ties we had done on our subway system and those ties kind of aged out and were showing some strain and deterioration, so we broke them out in place. And then next slide. And then they formed them up. And then on the next slide, they fill those forms with concrete and create new concrete ties and then that's over a period of time before we run service on it on a Monday morning.

I'll turn it over to Chris if there aren't any questions for me at this time.



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. We'll ask questions 2 for Bill first. Chairman Barclay, do you have any 3 questions? 4 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Sorry. I do not have any 5 questions. 6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Director Alva 7 Rosales, any questions for Bill? 8 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: No questions. I 9 just -- I do want to say it was interesting to see something as simple as lighting, like on Kimball, 10 11 the major difference that it makes. So, you know, thanks for all the work that you're doing because 12 13 it's dramatic and I know that as nice as it looks aesthetically, it's really uplifting I think for 14 15 our riders to see all our changes. So thanks for 16 all the hard work. 17 BILL MOONEY: Thank you. I'll pass it along to 18 the team. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank vou. 20 Director Irvine, any questions? 21 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Just. yeah, 22 great work and thank you for including the ADA info 23 on the line diagrams during that work. Appreciate



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it. Thank you for adding it to your report.

1 Thanks. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2 Director Jakes? 3 DIRECTOR JAKES: Bill, I have a question for 4 Are these -- are these outside contractors or 5 are they CTA employees? 6 BILL MOONEY: So the projects we've talked 7 about are a mix of both actually. So the Refresh 8 and Renewed Program is mostly CTA employees, though we do have those SBE paging (phonetic) contracts 9 that are coming online. You'll start seeing some 10 11 reporting of those reporting of those. So those --12 that is an outside contractor. Under the Jackson 13 Park track and structure work, that's all internal 14 resources, CTA employees and all the other projects 15 I talk about are contractors, sir. 16 So there is -- I see Juan DIRECTOR JAKES: 17 Pablo on here. So there is a DBE component to 18 those outside contractors? 19 **BILL MOONEY:** Yes. sir. 20 That's correct, sir. When we J.P. PRIETO: 21 have an outside contract, we evaluate all of them 22 for a DBE goal. 23 Thank vou. DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay. 24 BILL MOONEY: Director Jakes, in your full



package that you receive every month, there's actually a broader version of the construction report that has some info slides that has the details about the DBE percentages and what's reported to date. So if you were curious on any of those contract jobs, there is a reference point in the presentation to those.

DIRECTOR JAKES: Okay. Thank you.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thanks, Bill.

Director Miller, any questions?

DIRECTOR MILLER: Just wanted to ask, Bill, disability program, the 29 stations, that number was chosen (audio cutout) location and I think you said you're about halfway with the -- in the process.

BILL MOONEY: Sure. So, you know, a while back, we changed our signage standard and so when we were installing these directional signage at the stations, we started incorporating the ADA locational references to those signs. So this -- the 29 stations are the stations that do not have that upgraded signage left. You know, it was a goal at kind of Director Irvine's request to make sure that we get all those signs upgraded, so we



made it part of this campaign to make sure that we 1 2 can get the rest of the system cleaned up and up to that standard. And it's solely -- it's solely 3 4 signage upgrades. 5 Right. Right. I know you DIRECTOR MILLER: said 29, but including the ones that was already up 6 7 includes all sides of the city --8 **BILL MOONEY:** Yep. 9 DIRECTOR MILLER: Okay. BILL MOONEY: Those were the remaining 29 10 11 stations that didn't meet the new standard. 12 Gotcha. DIRECTOR MILLER: okav. Thank vou. 13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. 14 Director Silva, do you have any questions? 15 DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions. 16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. No questions. 17 All right. Then we're finished with questions for 18 Bill Mooney, Chairman. CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: We -- we will now --19 20 sorry. 21 We will now call on Chris Bushell and Juan Pablo Prieto to make their RPM and Diversity 22 23 presentations.



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CHRIS BUSHELL: Thank you, Chairman. Chris

Bushell, your Chief RPM Officer. The project continues on budget and tight to schedule.

If we go to the next slide, please. And the next side.

A lot of work. We -- in particular on the Red Purple Bypass, this is the piece of the work in the area of the Belmont station. We continue to build and finish the bridge. So many of the systems, including track, you'll see some photographs of that in a few minutes, are being installed on that bypass or that bridge as we speak.

In particular, as well as the track and other systems -- traction, power, signal -- we continue working on the tie ends at both the north and the south ends of the bridge. So it is a challenge to build a bridge in the dense urban context, but the biggest challenges really ahead of us in terms of actually connecting to the system during various types of, you know, track access occurrences and impacts to service so we can install those tracks and systems in those two areas.

And then Lawrence to Bryn Mawr



It's a big project. I've explained Modernization. a little bit about how some of these impacts relative to demolition of the viaducts relative to demolition of some of the track structures and the installation of the foundations, which are called caissons, how that would spread throughout this Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segment and we're seeing the impact of that work moving forward. So you'll see some photographs that show what we were talking about in some of our earlier explanations about how this work would be a necessary precursor to actually assembling the bridge in that area and then finally the stations -- the four stations. So if we can go to the photographs that would be great.

So, again, this is the bypass. This bridge is the most complete of the bridges on the project so far. You can see we're in the process of installing track. You don't see it quite as visibly, but we're installing traction power and beginning the process of installing a signal system for the bypass as well. Not quite as complex as some of the signal systems that we've installed on the two interlockings that were preparation for the



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Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segment, but still something to give a lot of care and attention to as we go forward in the project. Next slide.

So some of the decorative items, important as well because they do have a function, which is to control noise. You can see the installation of the sound walls up here that continues. You can get a sense for the sweep and size of the bridge in this photograph.

Next. Demolition. So the demolition continues on existing viaducts. These are the two tracks obviously that are not in service on the east side of the viaduct in this area. So, generally speaking, where these viaducts go over main -- you know, larger streets, arterial streets, we are closing those streets down over the weekend to do the demolition. In various neighborhood streets, like Catalpa, that demolition occurs on weekdays and the street is closed for an extended period of time in coordination obviously with the neighborhood and the aldermen and local businesses. Next slide.

The installation of various anchors. So one of the things you've seen pictures of is the



installation of an earth retainage system between -- in the middle of those four tracks up there. That is basically a big piece of corrugated metal. That piling is vibrated into place and then we further strengthen that. It goes down anywhere from 15 to 25 feet. Pretty far into the ground as you can imagine. And then in various places, we also install tie-ins. These are structural cables that go down, are shot into the ground, drilled into the ground, and then placed and set against the opposing wall and add further strength to that earth retainage system. So that's what you see here, soil anchor installation. Next.

So the caisson or drilled shaft installations, the foundations if you will, are also underway up here. So these are drilled down 60 to 80 feet into the ground. Generally in this project, we're drilling all the way to bedrock and then attaching those foundations. They're being rock socketed, which is a great word, into the bedrock and then we install rebar cage and then pour concrete. So that work is also underway up in this area. That is a necessary precursor to installing the columns above and then once the



columns are done, to install the (indiscernible) and then start the assembly of the bridge later this year in the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr segment.

Next.

And outreach continues. Not only working very closely with Juan Pablo and his group on various outreach efforts as well as overall compliance, but also just getting out to the community and increasing the knowledge of the project within that community. That includes updates for the 44th Ward -- actually, all the wards in the project.

Uptown United, we're getting ahead and talking about some of the station closures that have happened. And the Vautravers relocation, we had to have a community watch party that was pretty successful and generated some good will, particularly among the sort of four-to-ten-year-old level.

A -- we do various types of outreach at local -- local activities that are happening, local events that are happening in the footprint of the project. So North Halsted Market Days is an example of that. You see our Government and



Community Relations Director, Jeff Wilson, here in a photograph at the North Halsted Market Days.

Again, various outreach efforts to the wards and then we have both real and virtual office hours where we endeavor to answer questions from the community about our project.

So with that, I'll turn it over to Juan Pablo.

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 and compliance. We also continue to send out opportunities from the contractor to the DBE community so they are aware of the trade packages and how to submit their bids.

On August 19th, Diversity staff attended the St. Paul's community development ministry construction apprenticeship event to speak about the opportunities on RPM and other construction projects and how to start your careers in the trades. We discussed opportunity -- we discussed how to connect with our workforce partners and how



to connect with CTA to find out about futureopportunities.

As I presented the last two months, we will begin transitioning our RPM Diversity presentations from outreach to compliance as walsh-Fluor completes their subcontracting awards.

As of August 31st, DBEs have been awarded over \$169.5 million between the design and construction packages. Additionally, those \$169.5 million have been awarded to 71 unique DBE firms. This is a result of the outreach that has been conducted by CTA and the prime contractor to ensure the entire DBE community is aware of the opportunities on the project.

One of the goals of RPM was to engage with DBE firms that had never participated on a CTA project. Some of these firms are well established and some are new to the industry. Of the 71 unique DBE firms on the project, 25 are new to CTA.

That concludes my portion of the report. We're happy to answer any questions.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you both.

Chairman, do you have any questions for either of our two presenters?



1	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: I do not have any
2	questions at this time.
3	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Director Alva
4	Rosales?
5	DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: No. Good work. Juan
6	Pablo, though, I do have a question. So the
7	169.5 million, what percentage is that? Maybe I
8	missed it.
9	J.P. PRIETO: That's it's roughly 13 and a
10	half percent of the total contract value. So
11	they're working their way to get to that 20 percent
12	goal.
13	DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Got it. Okay. Great.
14	Thank you.
15	J.P. PRIETO: Thank you.
16	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine, questions
17	for this element?
18	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Just enjoying
19	the update and seeing the progress.
20	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.
21	Director Jakes?
22	DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Director Miller?
24	DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.



Finally, Director Silva, 1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2 do you have any questions for either Chris or Juan 3 Pablo? Director Silva? 4 DIRECTOR SILVA: No questions. 5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: No questions. Thank you, 6 sir. 7 Chairman Barclay, that concludes the questions on the various construction reports --8 9 presentations. 10 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Thank you. Our next order of business is new business. Greg, is there 11 12 any new business? 13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: No, sir, not that I'm 14 aware of. 15 CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Since there's no further business to come before the Board, may I have a 16 17 motion to adjourn the Chicago Transit Board meeting 18 of September 15, 2021? 19 DIRECTOR JAKES: At 10:42 -- I don't know. I 20 think I might want to stay until 11:00 o'clock, 21 Chairman. 22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: It's in your hands, sir. 23 DIRECTOR JAKES: But, you know, since everyone



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else looks like they're ready to leave, I'll just

say so moved. How about that? 1 2 Spoken like a preacher, CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: right? 3 4 Right. That's right. DIRECTOR JAKES: 5 So moved by Director SECRETARY LONGHINI: 6 Jakes. 7 DIRECTOR IRVINE: And I second. 8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: And seconded by Director Irvine. I'll take the vote. I think I know what 9 10 it's going to be. 11 Director Miller. 12 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. 13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes. 14 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. 15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine. 16 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Um -- okay. Yes. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That's a yes from Director 18 Irvine. Director Silva. 19 DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes. 20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales. 21 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Before I say that, I 22 just want to remind everybody that today begins 23 Hispanic Heritage Month. So hopefully everybody 24 celebrates with us. And that's a yes.

1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.
2	And then finally, Chairman Barclay.
3	CHAIRPERSON BARCLAY: Yes.
4	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Six yes votes on the
5	adjournment motion, so we are adjourned and see you
6	all next month. Thank you.
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