

1 CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
2 COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DELIVERY
3 SERVICE BOARD MEETING

4 Held via Zoom videoconference

5 on

6 February 8, 2023

7 at

8 9:30 a.m.

9 at

10 567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor

11 Chicago, Illinois 60661

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13 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS via
14 Zoom videoconference had in the above-entitled
15 cause held at the Chicago Transit Authority
16 Headquarters, 567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor,
17 Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Johnny Miller, presiding.

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1 BOARD MEMBERS:

2 MR. LESTER L. BARCLAY, Chairman;

3 MR. JOHNNY L. MILLER, Chairman;

4 MR. ALEJANDRO SILVA, Director;

5 MR. BERNARD JAKES, Director;

6 MS. NEEMA JHA, Director;

7 MS. ROSA ORTIZ, Director;

8 MS. MICHELE A. LEE, Director;

9 MR. DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President;

10 MR. KENT RAY, General Counsel.

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1 MR. RAY: I'm Kent Ray, CTA's general counsel.
2 The Committee on Strategic Planning and Service
3 Deliveries scheduled for 9:30 this morning will be
4 followed by the committee on finance, audit, and
5 budget, and the regular board meeting which is
6 scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

7 On February 3rd, 2023, the office of the
8 secretary issued a notice of changed format of
9 meetings of committees on strategic planning and
10 service delivery, and finance, audit, and budget,
11 as well as the transit board meeting scheduled for
12 today, February 8, 2023.

13 Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, there is
14 currently in place a statewide disaster
15 proclamation that has been renewed from month to
16 month. Pursuant to Section 7E of the Illinois Open
17 Meetings Act virtual public meetings are permitted
18 while the disaster proclamation remains in effect.
19 Since the Governor's disaster proclamation remains
20 in effect in the state of Illinois, the meeting of
21 February 8, 2023 are being held electronically or
22 virtually for members of the public.

23 At this point, we are ready to start the
24 meeting of the committee on strategic planning and



1 service delivery. Chairman Miller?

2 MR. MILLER: Good morning. I would like to
3 call to order the February 8th meeting of the
4 committee on strategic planning and service
5 delivery.

6 Kent, can you please call the roll?

7 MR. RAY: Yes. Director Ortiz?

8 MS. ORTIZ: Here.

9 MR. RAY: Director Lee?

10 MS. LEE: Here.

11 MR. RAY: Director Jha?

12 MS. JHA: Here.

13 MR. RAY: Chairman Miller?

14 MR. MILLER: Here.

15 MR. RAY: Chairman Miller, you have a quorum
16 present with four members. Also present today are
17 Chairman Barclay, Director Jakes, and
18 Director Silva.

19 MR. MILLER: Thank you. Our first order of
20 business is the approval of the December 14th
21 committee minutes.

22 May I have a motion?

23 MS. SPEAKER: So moved.

24 MS. SPEAKER: Second.



1 MR. RAY: Motion has been moved by
2 Director Ortiz, seconded by Director Jha.

3 Director Ortiz?

4 MS. ORTIZ: Yes.

5 MR. RAY: Director Lee?

6 MS. LEE: Yes.

7 MR. RAY: Director Jha?

8 MS. JHA: Yes.

9 MR. RAY: Mr. Miller?

10 MR. MILLER: Yes.

11 MR. RAY: Motion is approved with four yea
12 votes.

13 MR. MILLER: Our next order of business is a
14 review of an ordinance authorizing an agreement
15 with United Parcel Service Company for the
16 operation of Bus Route 169, 69 UPS express.

17 Mike Connelly?

18 MR. CONNELLY: Good morning, Directors. I'm
19 Mike Connolly, your chief planning officer. Staff
20 is recommending a new five-year contract with the
21 United Parcel Service or UPS to support continued
22 operation of the Bus Route No. 169, the 69th Street
23 UPS express.

24 UPS and CTA have agreed upon an hourly



1 contract rate of 135.50 per hour with a three
2 percent increase annually for escalation during
3 this five-year contract. The new contract would
4 start on February the 8th and end on February
5 the 7th in 2028. This bus route is designed to
6 combine transit service for workers from within the
7 City of Chicago out to UPS jobs in the suburban
8 industrial park in Hodgkins, Illinois.

9 This contract is structured for UPS to pay
10 the full hourly cost for the trips while receiving
11 credit for the fare revenue collected on the buses
12 used on this route in their billings each month.
13 The result that UPS pays the subsidy rather than
14 having it come out of our public funding or sales
15 tax revenue. The service is a public bus route
16 providing open door service at all stops. The
17 service operates from the Red Line 69th Street
18 station on the south side proceeding west to
19 Halsted and then south to 79th Street where it
20 turns west and operates on 79th Street.

21 There are transfer connections at the
22 Red Line as well as to north south bus routes at
23 Wentworth, Halsted, Ashland, Western, Kedzie,
24 Pulaski, and Cicero. The bus runs non-stop from



1 79th and Cicero to the UPS facility, and they make
2 stops at both of the UPS operating terminals within
3 the sprawling complex.

4 After dropping off workers at their work
5 site, the employees coming off shift are loaded
6 onto the buses and the route follows the same
7 return path. The service is timed to meet all the
8 shift change times at this busy work location. CTA
9 consults closely with UPS as to shift times and
10 capacity making seasonal changes as appropriate to
11 match the UPS workforce size.

12 This route has a high retention of 2019
13 ridership because these are essential workers who
14 must attend their work in person and cannot work
15 from home during the pandemic. In fact, while we
16 are showing a systemwide retention of about
17 54 percent on our system as a whole, the ridership
18 on this route is currently a couple percentage
19 points above 100 percent of the route's
20 2019 ridership.

21 Thank you for listening. I would be glad
22 to answer any questions at this time.

23 MR. MILLER: Thank you, Mike, and I have no
24 questions.



1 MS. SPEAKER: No questions. Thank you for your
2 information.

3 MR. RAY: Do any of the directors have any
4 questions about this ordinance? If not, is there a
5 motion?

6 MS. SPEAKER: So moved.

7 MS. SPEAKER: Second.

8 MR. RAY: Moved by Director Ortiz, seconded by
9 Director Jha.

10 Director Ortiz?

11 MS. ORTIZ: Yes.

12 MR. RAY: Director Lee?

13 MS. LEE: Yes.

14 MR. RAY: Director Jha?

15 MS. JHA: Yes.

16 MR. RAY: The motion has passed with four yea
17 votes.

18 MR. MILLER: May I have a motion to approve the
19 omnibus and recommend a board approval?

20 MR. RAY: We're moving it to the omnibus now
21 first, sorry. Motion to move this to the omnibus?

22 MS. ORTIZ: So moved.

23 MS. JHA: Second.

24 MR. RAY: Director Ortiz?



1 MS. ORTIZ: Yes.

2 MR. RAY: Director Lee?

3 MS. LEE: Yes.

4 MR. RAY: Director Miller?

5 MR. MILLER: Yes.

6 MR. RAY: Now a motion to approve the omnibus,

7 is that moved?

8 MS. ORTIZ: So moved.

9 MS. JHA: Second.

10 MR. RAY: Director Ortiz?

11 MS. ORTIZ: Yes.

12 MR. RAY: Director Lee?

13 MS. LEE: Yes.

14 MR. RAY: Director Jha?

15 MS. JHA: Yes.

16 MR. RAY: Director Miller?

17 MR. MILLER: Yes.

18 MR. RAY: Motion passes. Since there's no

19 further business to be conducted, may I have a

20 motion to adjourn?

21 MS. ORTIZ: So moved.

22 MS. JHA: Second.

23 MR. RAY: Director Ortiz?

24 MS. ORTIZ: Yes.



1 MR. RAY: Director Lee?

2 MS. LEE: Yes.

3 MR. RAY: Mr. Miller?

4 MR. MILLER: Yes.

5 MR. RAY: The meeting of the committee on
6 strategic planning and service delivery is now
7 adjourned. Thank you.

8 Mr. Silva, we can now begin the meeting of
9 the committee on finance, audit, budget.

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