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1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning. We are now
2	ready to begin the regularly scheduled Chicago Transit
3	Board Meeting for today.
4	Chairman Barclay.
5	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: I would like to call to order
6	the regularly scheduled meeting of the Chicago Transit
7	Board for August 10th, 2022.
8	Will the secretary please call the roll.
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.
10	Director Jakes.
11	DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.
12	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
13	DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.
14	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Lee.
15	DIRECTOR LEE: Present.
16	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
17	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Here.
18	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
19	DIRECTOR SILVA: Here.
20	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
21	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Here.
22	SECRETARY LONGHINI: We have a quorum with all
23	six members of the board present, sir.
24	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you.



Our first order of business is public comment. 1 2. Greq. We do have public 3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. comment today. We have one written public comment from 4 5 Xavier Ante, A-n-t-e, which I will distribute to the board members and staff after the board meeting. 6 We now have four public comment speakers. did have five, but one is not available now. 8 And so we 9 will -- I want to remind all of the public comment 10 speakers to please limit your remarks to three minutes. 11 We would appreciate that. 12 Our first public comment speaker is Pamela Tate. 13 Ms. Tate, would you like to speak? 14 Yes. Good morning. Can you hear me? MS. TATE: 15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes, we can. 16 MS. TATE: Thank you for the opportunity to speak about your bus electrification plan. Like many 17 18 other people, I'm deeply concerned by the transition 19 plan because it includes purchasing 500 more diesel 20 There are alternatives to this plan, and given buses. 21 the urgency of the climate crisis, the emergency, this 22 is just not an acceptable strategy. 23 I understand that a major barrier to 24 electrification is the retrofitting of the seven old



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garages and the staff and resources you'll need to accomplish this, but upon further analysis, your garage plan could accommodate a lot more buses, and the major problem would come in about 2033 to '35, by which time, you could have built the new garage that your plan envisions.

If you would consider the alternative plan that our chapter of the climate reality project has shared with you and the CTA staff, you could avoid the acquisition of these 500 buses all together.

By overhauling 960 of the diesel buses that you got in 2006 to '08, instead of the 430 that is in the plan, this could be -- this could allow you to cancel the plans to purchase new buses and you could do the retrofits or overhauls for \$74,000 per bus, and you'd save the Purchase price, which is about a half a million. Further, you would save 40,000 a year in operational costs for the electric buses.

Our plan then would allow you to retire these overhauled buses before 2031 or 2032. So your fleet would be producing fewer greenhouse gas emissions throughout the decades of the '30s, instead of operating almost all the way to 2040, and importantly, in the first eight years, there's really very little difference



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in the number of electric, between our plans and yours.

The change comes in 2031, where the overhauled buses would be retired and would be replaced by electric.

Certainly CTA could be a leader here and ramp up your electric purchases immediately.

Our plans also envisions doing more outdoor charging with charging stations at North Park and Forest Glen garages. I know that you are aware that charging stations can be built at relatively low costs when you compare them to a complete garage retrofit.

Importantly, this would reduce the number of diesel buses operating by 2034, by 885 buses compared to your plan. This reduction would avoid 50,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually. That's the equivalent of taking 19,000 passenger cars off the road every year.

So if you approve of CTA purchasing these buses over the next three years, they will be on the roads for 14 years. Think of the damage they will do in this period of time. Please do not move forward with these purchases.

Please consider the alternatives I have suggested and that we have given you. We put a lot of thought into them, a lot of analysis, and I really



1	believe they can work. Thank you.
2	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Ms. Tate.
3	Our next speaker will be Scott Reed.
4	Mr. Reed. Mr. Reed? Mr. Reed?
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Press star 6 to unmute.
6	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Mr. Reed, can you hear me
7	and can you speak?
8	MR. REED: I pressed star 6. Can you hear me?
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes, we can, sir. You can
10	start.
11	MR. REED: Okay. Great.
12	Thank you, Pam, for outlining your plan.
13	And thank you, Board, for giving me a moment to
14	talk to you.
15	I'm Scott Reed. I'm a retired CPS teacher. I
16	reside at the intersection of Sheridan Road and Bryn
17	Mawr Avenue, and I'm here to talk to you about your plan
18	to electrify our bus fleet. I use the buses a lot, and
19	I'd like to happily verify, you have an excellent system
20	with outstanding drivers.
21	My intersection is served by the 84, 92, 136,
22	151, and 147 busses. And when I clean my window sills,
23	you wouldn't believe what the cloth picks up, and I live
24	on the ninth floor. When I look at the black residue on



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the cleaning rag, I'm reminded I'm breathing this stuff.

We're all breathing this stuff, including you. But only

you are in the unique position to help all of us no

longer have the breathe this stuff.

Your plan to electrify the fleet is admirable, but lacks the urgency our dilemma demands. You don't have to watch the news very much to know we are in the early stages of a full-blown climate catastrophe that will rapidly worsen as long as we continue burning fossil fuels. Well-crafted alternatives to your current plan have been offered just now that will significantly hasten the transition the Charge Forward initiative sets out to achieve.

The proposal the Climate Reality Project has offered will also save a lot of money. Think how our collective health will improve if we get electrified faster. We're all becoming schooled in the raw truth of the global warming crisis, whether we want to be or not. The more you learn about the urgency for action, the more you realize the decisions to confront our predicament become moral decisions.

The opportunity to make the best decisions that will speed up getting cleaner air and doing our full share and slowing the catastrophe unfolding right in



front of us is on your shoulders. Our plea, and the 1 2. plea of every informed Chicagoan, is that you make the decision that most quickly, urgently get soot belching 3 buses off the streets and replace them with clean, 4 5 quiet, electric buses. Please have a serious look at the proposal 6 that's been offered. Abandon the purchase of 500 new diesel buses, overhaul more buses and keep them going 8 9 until 2031, and deploy more electric buses sooner. 10 Thank you very much for your time. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Mr. Reed. 11 12 Our next speaker will be Brian Urbaszewski. 13 Brian. 14 My name is Brian Urbaszewski. MR. URBASZEWSKI: 15 I'm the director environmental health programs for 16 Respiratory Health Association, and on behalf of my 17 organization, thank you for the time to speak today.

RHI has been working in Chicago to reduce lung disease and clean the air since 1906, and I'm here to urge you to support efforts to eliminate diesel buses and add electric buses faster than envisioned by CTA's Charging Forward report.

Specifically, I urge you to examine the proposal put forth by the Climate Reality project. We believe a



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faster transition can be accomplished by minimizing the purchase of new diesel buses in the short term and creatively using the CTA's existing fleet access to reduce the emissions in the immediate term to buy critical time and preserve services.

CTA can refurbish, upgrade pollution control and cost effectively extend the life of more diesel buses than it has proposed. This task would allow CTA to retrofit existing garages, expand garage capacity, and add a new garage to handle electric buses.

We support the Climate Reality project proposal because we believe it can dramatically reduce the emissions from the CTA bus fleet and allow replacement of more diesel buses with zero emission buses years earlier than the Charging Forward plan envisions, particularly from 2031 onward.

Since Lori Lightfoot originally called for electrifying the CTA fleet by 2030, the push for transit electrification has only gained momentum. They said it will meet CTA's bus electrification timeline, the infrastructure investment and jobs acts, and tens of billions of additional federal capital dollars were allocated for public transit, well above what was anticipated.



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CTA will benefit from additional formula funding, as well as any programs, like, CMAC [Phonetic] and the Low Noflor [phonetic] program, where it has gotten and used money for electric buses, and charging. For over a decade, my organization has been a strong and consistent supporter of CTA's, efforts to capture these funds under these programs.

to -- completely new federal transportation programs, like the 6 billion dollars plus carbon reduction program. Illinois's Climate and Equitable Jobs Act also passed in late 2021, and under the provisions of that law, ComEd proposed spending 100 million dollars a year, overwhelmingly on transportation electrification, and CTA should be able to benefit from that funding, too.

City of Chicago has also made a commitment to transition its own fleet to electric vehicles by 2035, and the soon-to-be enacted Inflation Reduction Act will provide billions to further accelerate the production of electric vehicles and components in the USA, lowering costs and increasing availability of vehicles like electric buses.

As we stated in a 2020 RHA report, there are



more people with lung diseases along busy CTA routes and 1 2. near CTA bus garages. Reducing pollution from all sources is critical, including CTA vehicles. And while 3 we appreciate CTA's efforts to build a zero emission 4 5 future, we are facing a worsening climate emergency where the detrimental health effects will fall on 6 residents with the fewest resources to cope. We urge you to critically examine how CTA can 8 9 move faster on electrification in light of this building 10 momentum and the newly available and expanded sources of 11 funding. Thank you, again, for the time. 12 13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, sir. 14 Our next speaker -- our final speaker of the day 15 will be Karen Dader [phonetic]. 16 Ms. Dader? Can you hear me? 17 MS. DADER: 18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes, we can. 19 MS. DADER: Okay. Great. Thank you. 20 Hello, my name is Karen Dader, and I'm a 21 psychotherapist, educator, and conservationist. Thank 22 you for hearing my comments regarding the CTA 23 electrification plan, Charging Forward, and your goal of 24 100 percent zero emissions fleet by 2040, a necessary



and admirable goal.

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Yet, I'm surprised that the CTA transition plan includes bringing 500 new diesel busses onto our streets, a disturbing plan given the critical, state of our climate crisis and the know toxicity of diesel bus emissions.

Others have challenged CTA's thinking about retrofitting their garage as a significant barrier to electrification, so I won't go into that here. The Chicago Metro Chapter of the Climate Reality Project proposes an alternative plan for the CTA, to overhaul 960, 2006, 2008 diesel buses instead of the 430 currently proposed and then to retire them by 2031, '32.

As Pam noted, overhauling one bus costs \$74,000, approximately, per bus versus paying 500,000 for a new diesel bus, resulting in significant savings. The additional 40,000 would be saved annually by operating electric buses over diesel.

Replacing overhauled diesel buses with electric ones will also result in lower greenhouse gasses starting in 2030, instead of having new toxic diesel buses on our streets into the 2040s. Using this plan reduces 885 diesel buses in operation by 2034 and decreases potentially 50,000 metric tons CO2 admissions



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annually, as Pam noted Pam noted. As each diesel bus emits the equivalent greenhouse gas of 30 cars.

We encourage the CTA to make this change and to be on the forward edge of climate action. The 500 diesel buses currently proposed for purchase will adversely impact our communities and citizens for 14 years. They are smelly, create air pollution and are tied to increased lung cancer risk, asthma and other respiratory disorders.

Why would you do this to the customers who rely upon you and who support your services when you have a less expensive and significantly healthier alternative? Please do not move forward with the purchase of 500 diesel buses and move to purchase only electric buses now. Chicago is depending on you, not only to provide world class transportation, but to do so in an environmentally safe and healthy manner. This is easily within your capabilities and reach. Thank you for listening to my comments.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you Ms. Dader.

Chairman Barclay, that was the final presentation -speaker, I mean.

CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you to our public comment speakers for taking the time to address the



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board this morning. I'm now open to other directors who wish to briefly acknowledge the speakers today.

DIRECTOR ORITZ: I want to agree with the comments that were share in terms of the chairman appreciating all of the data, the time, the effort to put together your comments. I recognize that that includes a lot of data, a lot of time, a lot of research on your end, so we appreciate all of that information. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CARTER: I want to also acknowledge, obviously, the work of this group in terms of the discussion that they're having about this issue. I think it's important to remember that this is a very complicated process. I am going to ask that -- to give a more targeted response to the board. The questions that have been raised here and the concerns that are being identified, and make sure that the board understands the rationale for the decision that we're making and the actions that we are taking to address this issue.

I think it's also important to remember that this document that we created that lays out the strategy for moving forward is obviously and always subject to updated amendments if there are other things that change



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and allow me to accelerate The timeline that we're talking about here.

It is not locked in stone. It doesn't mean it can never be modified, and who knows what opportunities and what will happen within the industry around this issue and those technologies over the course of the next 30 years.

The final point that I want to make, in that I think is really important to keep in mind here, is that public transportation, as an entity, whether we're running diesel buses or whether we're running electric buses, is still a major, major component in benefiting the climate change concerns, especially compared to single occupancy vehicles. One of the quickest ways to address our climate challenges is to get more people on transit. And even with a diesel engine bus, it will produce less carbon emissions than the 40 to 50 cars that that bus can carry.

So I don't want us to lose sight in the debate over what we're doing here, that there is still an overall benefit to public transportation that should be acknowledged and should be understood by the community that we serve. These diesel buses are not as clean as electric buses, but they are cleaner than all of the



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single occupancy vehicles that would be replaced if those buses weren't there.

The final point I want to make is that the buses that we are replacing are the worst pollutants in our system. Replacing them with newer buses, be it electric or diesel, is still an improvement to the air quality that we're all dealing with, regardless of the technology that's being used.

I'm planning to have staff walk you all through that and give a presentation to the board at our next board meeting to explain all of these issues and a lot more that I'm probably not the best expertise to discuss. But I think it is important that the board, and the public, have a complete picture and understanding of what we're doing, why we're doing it, and why, at this point in time, we think it's the most rational approach to getting to an all-electric zero emissions bus fleet as quickly as possible.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: President Carter, is there any funding source in the recent passed bill by congress that would help us in this area, even to accelerate our timeline?

PRESIDENT CARTER: Yes. And I am aware of the other funding sources that they identify. But I think



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it's important to keep in mind that this isn't just a funding conversation. It's also a capacity conversation.

There is very limited capacity for building electric buses, 40-foot buses in this country. Those buses still have to comply with buy American and other requirements as with our regular diesel equipped buses. And so even If I had the Money, I can't necessarily buy the buses.

And in the meantime, I continue to run old buses that have exceeded their useful life and need to be replaced. Keeping those buses on the street is a bigger detriment to the climate than putting new buses on the street, even if they are still diesel buses and that's the point I'm trying to make. The technology that we need to implement here, and the infrastructure that we need to make, unfortunately are not going to happen overnight.

And as much as I wish I could just wave a hand and make all of this happen immediately, It's going to take time. In the meantime, there are things we could do, even if it's incremental, to improve the carbon footprint that we're currently operating on and that's certainly what the plan is contemplating, while



continuing to obviously move forward to the zero 1 2. emissions goal that we believe is important and the 3 ultimate objective of the strategy and the plan that we put in place. 4 5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes, would you 6 like to make any comments? DIRECTOR JAKES: No comments, Greq. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller. 8 9 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: I think he's saying something. 10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller? 11 DIRECTOR MILLER: No comment. Just thanks to 12 the speaker and thanks to the chairman and to President 13 Carter for the information. 14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Lee, would you 15 like to say anything? 16 DIRECTOR LEE: Just a quick comment just to say thank you to the speakers as well. We really appreciate 17 18 your time today, and we fully hear what you're saying. 19 And we're all working towards to the same thing I feel 20 like, so thank you. 21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay, that 22 seems to be the -- concludes the public comment section 23 today.

Thank you, Greq.



CHAIRMAN BARCLAY:

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Our next order of business is the president's report.

President Carter.

PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board, throughout the year I have been discussing with your our response to the unprecedented and multifaceted challenges facing CTA. There are many new and evolving challenges, including service impacts due to the workforce shortages as we felt through the COVID-19 pandemic, customers' concerns about their safety on CTA, and bus and train tracker accuracy issues.

Last month I spoke to you about the challenges
CTA is facing due to the bus and rail operator shortages
that are similar to what other transit agencies across
the country and the airline industry are facing today.
Our bus and rail operators are working very hard and we
are very proud of their daily efforts, but we need more
of them to offer the level of service that we aspire to
provide to our customers.

It is a challenge that has a ripple effect, fewer drivers means less reliable service, which effects the accuracy of our digital tools, like our bus and rail trackers. The effects of these issues are, of course,



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inevitably felt by our riders. I want to be clear to everyone viewing our meeting today, that we are working hard to -- every day to address our challenges and improve the riding experience for all of our customers, and as I mentioned previously, we are already moving aggressively to remedy these issues.

For example, last week as a result of our multi-dimensional and aggressive recruitment campaign, we brought 80 new bus operators on board and have more applicants moving through the hiring process. Those 80 new bus operators are the biggest class that we have ever had, even prepandemic. We're also in regular discussions with our bus and railing units about additional steps we can take to address these same concerns.

Across every CTA department, my direction has been simple, as we continue to welcome our customers back into the system, we are moving thoughtfully and aggressively to improve every facet of the CTA travel experience. This global perspective includes more reliable and consistent service, accuracy of our buses and trains to do more miring, schedule improvements, and technology upgrades.

Additional efforts to improve safety and



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security through new protocols and additional resources, enhancement of our partnership with the Chicago Police Department and the creation of new partnerships with other organizations that we believe to be helpful in this endeavor. And there is much more that I am planning to discuss publicly, at greater lengths tomorrow.

I know that my staff has briefed each one of you individually about some of the details of my plan, and I have given you a brochure that's going to discus the plan in more detail that we will be passing out tomorrow at my city club speech, and for those of you who are on virtually, I'll make sure you get a copy of this as well today.

I understand, and certainly appreciate the urgency by which we need to address this problem. I believe the plan that I have put together and that I will be announcing publicly tomorrow will more than adequately address the concerns that are being raised and are definitely intended to improve CTA's customer experience weeks and months to come. Is of paramount importance to me, that you and our customers know how we got here and what we are doing about it and where we are headed in the near future.



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It is my intention to keep you updated regularly as we implement this plan and make sure we're responding to any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have. We'll also be doing the same with the public as we continue to role this out and we'll be increasing our public engagement to ensure that we're getting customer feedback on what we're doing and how it is or is not impacting Their customer experience.

At this time I want to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we move today forward, and I am obviously available to discuss any of these and other issues with you at your convenience.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you President Carter, your team has done an impressive job developing a comprehensive plan to address some of the concerns raised by our ridership. That is, getting the word out about the plan, including your upcoming presentation to the City Club tomorrow.

As I mentioned during briefings, I encourage the team to make sure we're all driving the message through marketing efforts. So we appreciate what the team is doing. I'd like to open it up for other board members to comment in response to President Carter.



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DIRECTOR JAKES: President Carter, will your manuscript be available tomorrow after your presentation?

PRESIDENT CARTER: Yes. The plan is to have it available at the end of the presentation, and it will also be publicly on our website and other locations.

DIRECTOR JAKES: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CARTER: I should also point out that I mentioned earlier that there's going to be a level of additional engagement with our customers. One of the things we're going to be doing is going out onto the system and making ourselves to our customers and talk to them about the plan and having copies of this available with us at stations and other locations, bus turnarounds and other places so that our customers can be educated about what we're doing and what we plan to do going forward and we -- and by "we" I mean the leadership of CTA, my senior management team and myself, will be hearing directly from our customers about their concerns and, obviously, responding to the best that we can about what we're doing to address that.

CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Will this be done kind of like a listening tour? So will it be done on each side of town or is it one location --



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PRESIDENT CARTER: It's not as formal as a listening tour as much as it is going to various stations randomly and basically announcing that we're here, and as customers come into the station giving them an opportunity to talk to us about our service.

DIRECTOR SILVA: How do we compare the efforts with other agencies in the U.S. and worldwide?

PRESIDENT CARTER: The challenge that we're facing is not unique to CTA. All of our peers are having similar problems around hiring, around retention, and it is impacting their service in a lot of ways, including, you know, the things -- the challenges that we're facing. In fact, I think the transportation industry in general is having the same problem.

I mean, all you have to do is watch all of the media attention around the airlines and the cancellations that they're having over the weekend to appreciate this is a much global problem than Just CTA. The new challenge of this, or course, is that hiring takes time and it's not necessarily the time to hire someone, bit it's the time to hire and train them and put them in a position to be able to operate safely a bus or a train, and so what you need to do is figure out what you can do in the interim by you're trying to get



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your workforce up to a level that allows you to meet the service standards that we set for ourselves and that our customers are expecting that we deliver.

I don't -- I know that there are various strategies that are being pursued by agencies all over the country. Ours is very unique to what we're experiencing here at CTA, which is a combination of hiring and other issues that I mentioned before, but I don't know of any CEO who is sitting in my seat in other cities that isn't both having the same conversation and struggling to figure out the easiest and most effective solution to deal with all of these problems.

I will say this, we've been through three years of a pandemic, and during those three years, there have been no shortage of challenges that we, as an agency, have had to face and address in order keep this system running. This is a new series of challenges that we're facing, but if nothing else, I think that we know and expect that we will solve these, just like we have solved all of the other ones that we have had in the past.

Our customers have been extremely patient with CYA during all of the challenges that we have faced over these several years of dealing with this the problem



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and, I believe, that with the right information, the appropriate level of transparency and a commitment and progress that we're going to make on what we're doing now that they will understand and appreciate and be supportive of what we need to get back to where we all want to be.

DIRECTOR SILVA: Thank you.

DIRECTOR MILLER: And let me say thank you to President Carter for the update, the information, and your continuous leadership, you and your staff being a leader as you are previously being honored with the awards of both the agency and the president prove what a leader we have and what this agency is doing. Saw some snipping from the summer program at CTA University yesterday.

Those got a program where bright young people were excited about the opportunity that they had this summer. It's initiative that you and your staff continue to bring forth. So you're right, I know that we're going to come out of it, it's just going to take some time, so keep up the good work.

DIRECTOR ORITZ: I agree with Director Miller's comments and others in terms of understanding how much your leadership is and volunteer and how much of the



1	rest of the team as well has taken on a leadership to
2	address the various changing needs of our society right
3	now, of our customers, and of the agency itself. So I
4	recognize it's no small challenge, but we appreciate
5	everyone's attention and continued commitment to advance
6	and adjust as needed to meet the needs. Thank you.
7	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you, everyone.
8	Our next order of business is approval of the
9	minutes of the regular meeting of July 13th, 2022.
10	May I have a motion to approve?
11	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.
12	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz.
14	Seconded by Director Miller.
15	Director Jakes.
16	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
18	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Lee.
20	DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
22	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
24	DIRECTOR SILVA: Abstain.



1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
2	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.
3	SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
4	with five yes votes, one abstention.
5	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Our next order of business is
6	executive session. It's my understanding, Brad, that we
7	have an executive session today.
8	COUNSEL JANSEN: Yes, Chairman. We will have
9	executive session in a closed meeting pursuant to
10	Section 2, Paragraph C, Subparagraphs 5 and 8 of the
11	State's Open Meetings Act.
12	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thanks, Brad.
13	I will not entertain a motion to recess into
14	executive sessions for reasons stated by counsel.
15	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.
16	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz.
18	Seconded by Director Miller.
19	Director Jakes.
20	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Lee.
22	DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
24	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.



1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
2	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.
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3	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
4	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.
5	SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
6	with six yes votes, so the Board is now in recess.
7	(10:44 a.m., off the record.)
8	(11:30 a.m., on the record.)
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning. We're back
10	to open session of the Chicago Transit Board Meeting of
11	August the 10th.
12	Chairman Barclay.
13	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: I will now entertain a motion
14	to return to open session.
15	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.
16	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion was moved by
18	Director Ortiz, seconded by Director Miller.
19	Director Jakes.
20	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
22	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Lee.
24	DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.



SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz. 1 2. DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. 3 DIRECTOR SILVA: 4 Yes. 5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay. CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes. 6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved with six yes votes. We're back in open session, sir. 8 9 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: We will now address board item number 5A. 10 11 Brad. 12 Chairman, in closed session, COUNSEL JANSEN: 13 the Board considered a recommendation that it designate 14 for acquisition real property located at 401 West 111th 15 Street in Chicago and authorize the CTA to negotiate the 16 property's purchase, payment of relocation expenses, and 17 execution of any right of entry agreements. The property will be developed for use as a 18 19 field office within the footprint of the CTA's red line 20 extension project. It will allow the CTA to establish a 21 presence in the community where the project will be 22 developed. It will be used to engage with members of 23 the community during the project's course. The office

location will be used for presentations, meetings, and



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1	other community purposes related to the red line
2	extension project.
3	It is for these reasons that it is recommended
4	that the Board authorize the CTA to acquire the subject
5	property.
6	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you, Brad.
7	May I now have a motion to approve an ordinance
8	designating for acquisition property located at 401 West
9	111th Street, Chicago, Illinois for field office for the
10	red line extension project and authorize in negotiations
11	for purchase and the relocation expenses and execution
12	of right of entry agreement?
13	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.
14	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz,
16	seconded by Director Miller.
17	Director Jakes.
18	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
20	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Lee.
22	DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
24	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.



SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva. 1 2. DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes. 3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay. CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes. 4 5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved, 6 sir, with six yes votes. CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: We will now address Board Item 5B. 8 9 Chairman, in closed session, COUNSEL JANSEN: the Board considered a recommendation that it authorize 10 11 the CTA to enter into a new intergovernmental agreement 12 with the City of Chicago for additional police security 13 services for the CTA. 14 This agreement is successor to a prior agreement 15 and will increase funding for police security services 16 to \$30 million per year from the prior agreement's 17 authorization of \$10 million per year. The security 18 provided under the proposed agreement is in addition to 19 the police officers and the Police Department's public 20 transportation section who are assigned to work on CTA. 21 The security services under this proposed 22 agreement will be provided by sworn officers on their 23 days off under the Police Department's supervision, and

the CTA will reimburse the Police Department for those



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1	services.
2	For these reasons, it is recommended that the
3	Board authorize the CTA to enter into this new
4	intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago for
5	additional police security.
6	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you, Brad.
7	May I now have a motion to approve an ordinance
8	authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the City
9	of Chicago through its Department of Police voluntary
10	special employment program?
11	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.
12	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz,
14	seconded by Director Miller.
15	Director Jakes.
16	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
18	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Lee.
20	DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
22	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
24	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.



Chairman Barclay. 1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2. CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 3 That motion is approved with six yes votes, yes. 4 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Our next order of business is 5 Board matters. 6 Are there any board matters today, Greq? SECRETARY LONGHINI: No, sir. There is not. 8 9 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Our next order of business is 10 a report from the Committee of Finance, Audit and 11 Budget. 12 Director Silva. 13 The Finance, Audit and Budget DIRECTOR SILVA: 14 Committee met earlier this morning. The Committee 15 approved the July minutes and reviewed the finance 16 report. 17 The Committee reviewed three ordinances; an 18 ordinance amending Ordinance 021-119, approving the 19 Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program; an 20 ordinance authorizing an intergovernmental agreement 21 with the City of Chicago through its Department of 22 Planning and Development; and an ordinance authorizing 23 and intergovernmental agreement with the City of Chicago 24 through it's Department of Police for fiscal year 2021.



1	The Committee also reviewed five contracts. The
2	Committee placed the three ordinances and five contracts
3	on the Omnibus and recommended for approval of the
4	Omnibus.
5	That concludes my report, Chairman Barclay.
6	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you, Director Silva.
7	May I now have a motion to approve the Omnibus
8	as stated by Director Silva.
9	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.
10	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.
11	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz,
12	seconded by Director Miller.
13	Director Jakes.
14	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.
16	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
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19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.
20	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.
22	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.
23	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.
24	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.



SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved with six yes votes, sir.

CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Our next order of business is the construction report.

Bill Mooney.

CHIEF INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICER MOONEY: Good morning, Chairman and Directors. Bill Mooney, your Chief Infrastructure Officer with your monthly construction update.

We'll move to our first project. We'll begin where we normally do, our Jefferson Park to O'Hare signals upgrade project. We've passed another exciting milestone as we've completed the Rosemont west relay cut over, and we are now in the process of cutting over Rosemont east, which is the mate [phonetic] end of this. This is closer to Rosemont station and facilitates entrance and exits to our yard from the southern or eastern portion of, kind of, the alignment there on the O'Hare.

And this is the last cut over of the project, so we are kind of at the light of the tunnel here. And we continue to close up previously identified punch list items and other discrepancies associated with the prior cut overs. We're starting to wrap this job down.



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We can move to some photos. So here's some of the wayside signal installations. As we've shown you on many of the other cutovers, there's a series of apparatuses on the wayside that ultimately as we start these cutovers get wired up to new rooms.

This is similar to what happened at O'Hare, where the signal equipment is actually going in an existing room in the building, and so it's a little bit longer of a cutover because we have to demolish out the old equipment and we can't do that until we start the process and then rebuild that room in the same space.

Next slide. Here's another example of a wayside apparatus. This is a wayside trip or stop machine.

This helps us protect against some unwanted train movements.

Next slide. And here's some of the circuits that are going on -- that are connecting back to that room that I'm talking about being built, the relay room, and the wayside parts. This is a pretty big interlocking, and there's a bunch of temporary kind of circuits that facilitate around things. So this is that temporary rack.

Next slide. Our next project is our Irving Park station escalator canopy replacement. The project is



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quickly coming to a close, as we've started the full escalator installation and the completion of the canopy at this point.

I'll show you some photos of this work. Similar to what you saw on the Irving Park side of the station, the escalator that was being installed at Pulaski. Pulaski had a historic escalator that had become structurally deficient and was actually removed and replaced with some temporary stairs to continue to allow flow through that end of the station.

We've now removed those temporary stairs and are installing the escalator. It's brought in multiple pieces overnight, similar to what you saw in Irving Park. It hung on a built-in pantry system that kind of allows them to adjust it and then bolt it into place fully.

Next slide. Here's some of the nighttime work with the canopy. They're installing purlins, and you've seen similar things here which are actually kind of substructural components that the new blue canopy gets attached on. They're about 80 percent or so complete with the canopy at this point. They're coming into the finish line with that one.

Next slide. This is our Kedvale, Edmunds, and



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Sacramento tactical traction power upgrade. We've completed all work at Kedvale at this point as far as traction power work. There is some roofing that we'll be doing as the weather is breaking kind of here at the back portion of the summer. All the work is really focused at Sacramento at this point in time.

So we'll move to some of those photos. So here's the brand new breakers that are the last kind of components for Kedvale. These are the breakers that facilitate the power going on and off from Commonwealth Edison to the building itself. They're very similar to the breakers in your house other than they're supersized because we use a lot more power.

Next slide. Here is the first line up going into Sacramento. So this is the rectifier. This is what converts the AC power to DC power, and I've shown these similar line ups going on at other substations, but this is the line up going on at Sacramento.

Next slide. My next projects are nonrevenue rail vehicle maintenance facility. We've made some really great progress in the last month on the underground, so we can move kind of towards these photos.

Most of this is around the foundation work. So



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this is -- we are doing helical piles on this project, which is kind of unique. We have not often done these. You'll hear Chris or I talk about caissons, which is where we drill a hole and we put in a metal cage and then pour concrete around it with a series of liners that ultimately become the foundational into -- the very deep foundation work.

This is actually a little different. We actually have a screw drill bit that goes down, and as the drill bit kind of comes back out, it inserts concrete into that hole. And in some cases they may use a cage liner as well.

And so this is actually the testing of one of those helical piles. So they drilled a series of test piles and then they had to test them for full loading. They loaded up this apparatus to 560 tons -- I'm sorry, 760 tons, and that was kind of the threshold for that test pile. So they built this big thing and then stacked a bunch of weight on it, so it was kind of an interesting test on site.

Next slide. And what you're seeing here is actually the pil they had that apparatus set up on. So then post that loading, once it cleared the test, they inspected it and they actually did kind of ultrasonic



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testing on it to make sure there weren't any fatal failures within the concrete itself before they blast it. And the rig that does this work is very similar to what we see on caisson drilling.

Next slide. And then kind of the other big activity going on on site is the underground storm retention system. So I've talked a little bit about this in a couple previous slides.

We're installing a series of 84-inch storm water pipes buried into the foundation perimeter of the site that will allow us to retain 1.5 times the storm water for the sites. So one of the community benefits of this project is we're actually exceeding under the sustainability ordinance what we are required to hold on site for water retention. So the community as a whole will benefit as we are holding more water on site in major rain events, and it will help with drainage around the community.

So there are two east-west 84-inch lines running through the northern edge of the site, and then there's two north-south running lines that are 84 inches that run kind of along the eastern edge of the site. These then tie into the overall drainage system on site and then ultimately to the main source system, as it will



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slowly allow water to come out of the site after a storm.

Next slide. This is our Barry, Damen & Canal traction power upgrade. Most of the work right now has been focused really on Damen, as it has been first out of permitting. As we're starting to prep on Barry, you'll see some photos around that.

We can move forward. Here's some more of the site exploration work at Damen, so as we've now moved toward the underground foundational work here, we've started exposing the foundations of the adjacent buildings of the elevators structure, identifying any substructures that may be there that would interfere with the drilling of the caissons on this site.

Next slide. Here they are prepping the Barry site. So similar to what you saw last month in the Damen site, they installed construction site fencing with green mesh to keep the site clean and secure from the rest of the community as they start to get their activities mobilized on site.

And my final project for today is a refresh and renew. So since we last met, we completed the work at Morgan and California on the green light. We've began work at Harlem on the O'Hare branch, and we'll be moving



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into Fullerton and California over the next couple of weeks. We've completed 88 of the 92 painting stations, so those will be coming off shortly as we finish up the last of those stations. It's been a really successful program.

One of the contracts that the Board approved today at FAB [phonetic] was actually for as contractor — that's a maintenance contractor. This would be a contractor that we would do SBE painting through going forward. We think it's been a successful program coupled with the overall refresh and renew, and we're going to work to try and continue some portion of that in the years to come.

So let's go to some of the photos. My favorite before and after lighting photos and the impact of lighting upgrades on these stations. So on your left is the before at California on the Green Line, and the right is the after. As you'll note, these upgrades really impacts the footprint of the station and the overall corner that we occupy there and the approaches, which is really important.

Next slide. Here again is kind of a side view.

I would just kind of call to the footprint again at

ground level; right? So how big of different it is,



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just that outputting light from the edge of the station to the area directly below the station and that public sidewalk and the walkup where you may not get as much from street lighting because of the footprint from the station. The upgraded lighting really does make a huge impact.

Next slide. And nothing's like a good cleaning. So here's a good example of part of the programs. We coupled with the power wash crews, and they come in and do a really heavy detailed cleaning of the before and after the work as we're there to help facilitate our work as well as, you know, the end product of it. I think it speaks for itself here, really, the impact of that deep, heavy cleaning that goes on.

Next slide. This is Morgan, so one of our newer stations, and part of this program is really about deep inspections. So we identified through process here that we were getting some air and water infiltration off the canopy, so we actually upgraded the gutter system here, installed some new gutters and gutter run up to better correct that work. And then we've now actually removed the ceiling and are in the process of replacing the ceiling that was damaged because of this air and water run off. So it's really important to be able to get



inhere, get into the deep confines of the station, dig 1 2. up there, and make sure we're identifying all the defects before they become really bad failures for us. 3 Next slide. And, you know, here's another kind 4 of deep safety defect. So this is actually an 5 6 interesting situation that exists on some of the highway stations where we interface with CDOT or IDOT roadways. There is sometimes a property line dispute where there 8 9 is somewhat of a gap in there, so here we've come in and created some additional security fencing so that nobody 10 has the opportunity to be able to throw anything down to 11 12 the streets below or the tracks below. This is at UIC 13 Halsted. 14 Next slide. Again, some of the LED upgrades and 15 the impact on the station footprint there. 16 I'll pause at this point to be able to take any 17 questions. 18 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: No questions. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Seems that there's none, 20 sir. 21 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you, Mr. Mooney. We will now call on Chris Bushell and JuanPablo 22 23 Pieto to make their RPM and diversity presentations. 24 VICE PRESIDENT BUSHELL: Thank you, Chairman



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The RPM Phase 1 design build contract continues on budget and tight to schedule. There's been a lot of activity since our last report on the bypass.

If we could go to the slide, that would be great. So one of the big things on the bypass, you've seen us install various foundations systems, drilled shaft of caissons. So that work is continuing on the bypass. This actually is not directly the bypass itself, but you can see to the right that's kind of the bridge over. We call this the bridge under. This is the tracks associated -- or the foundations, rather, associated with the future modernized four track corridor which goes from Belmont up towards Addison and passes underneath the bypass itself.

Next. So kind of continuing this same with the bridge under, again, you see the bridge over, the bypass on the left -- on the right. You see the beginning of the new bridge that is really going to be the four track corridor. We're obviously building it on the west side of the tracks while we continue to provide service on the east.

I think this is an interesting picture because you can kind of see on the existing train at the tail



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end of it how it sort of curls around and then it curves just beyond that leading into the Addison station. One of the most important things this project seeks to do in this particular bridge is really to straighten those curves so that we can provide greater speed and reliability to the trains that will go under it, obviously at this point red and purple trains.

So I think a slide that really illustrates how that new infrastructure will work and what the alignment looks like that -- and a little bit too the reason why we moved the Vautravers building, because as you all know and have seen from the videos, where that bridge is being installed right now, that's actually where the Vautravers building sat before we moved it.

Next slide. So the signal box girder in the Lawrence, Bryn Mawr segment continues. You can kind of see in the background here behind me the inside of that box girder but really the most important part obviously is the outside of the box girder where we're going to run trains. But that installation is continued, and actually we're working additional shifts to advance that further.

If we can go to the next slide. For the reason we want to install the traction power and the



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signal system on top of that girder, so that work is beginning. You can see the installation of the track. We call it broadly speaking the jewelry is getting installed on the bridge right now. So we can see the track installation.

Next slide. So I'm going to talk a little bit more about some of our community activities. At the start of RPM, we made a commitment to support hundreds of businesses in the project footprint. These are neighborhoods that include Uptown, Edgewater, Andersonville, and Lakeview East.

We created an innovative Open for Business campaign in 2019. Initially, this featured a lot of fairly standard things that were, you know, large banners in the local communities, signage at the rail stations and on the buses. We moved pretty aggressively into some more innovative things as COVID really hit, promotional posts on CTA, RPM media accounts. We created and are creating YouTube videos for individual businesses featuring their owners in an effort to really strengthen those businesses and to minimize impact associated not only with our project but also with the pandemic as a whole.

We kind of moved in and we distributed flyers,



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door hangers, and window decals promoting shop local, again, trying to take this program to new levels that really supported the businesses and the communities around the project.

So we are expanding this Enjoy Local program in various ways. We have included some of these Facebook live promotional videos featuring both the Edgewater Mexican Cafe and the African Safari import. Those have been very exciting. We've had some good hits on those websites.

We're also launching an RPM Open for Business
Ambassador Program to personally engage with businesses
in the project, and we have co-hosted, as noted in here
-- we have co-hosted the new Bryn Mawr Market Street
Festival on July 22nd. We'll do a second one later this
month. We had nine local businesses with booths,
children areas with balloons, face painting, life music
from the School of Rock and more than 500 people
attended the July 22nd event.

So we're continuing to look for innovation as well as communicating clearly about the impacts of construction to both the community as well as to our ridership, but, again, looking for innovative ways to support local businesses in these trying times.



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And after JuanPablo, we have a couple of slides that show some of the graphics associated with those Enjoy Local campaigns. I'll think you'll enjoy the graphics.

Go ahead, JuanPablo. Thank you.

DIRECTOR PRIETO: Thanks, Chris.

Good morning, Directors.

JuanPablo Prieto, Director of Diversity Programs.

The CTA continues to meet with a contractor monthly to discuss DBE and workforce outreach and compliance. We also continue to send out opportunities from the prime contractor to the DBE community so they're aware of the trade packages that are still available on the project and how to submit their bids.

We also send open career opportunities with the prime and their subs to our workforce partners, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership and Hire360 so they can refer interested and qualified candidates.

In july we hosted our next session of our Construction Talk series, which allows participants to go on a virtual tour of an apprentice facility, hear from our apprentice training staff and from current apprentices.



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This session was with the sheet metal workers,

Local 173 in their facility in Bellwood, Illinois. The

video is uploaded to our CTA Doors Opening YouTube

channel for anyone that may have missed the event or

wants to watch it again. We have a great Q&A session

with participants.

As of July 31st, DBEs have been awarded over

\$228 millions between the design and construction packages, and this accounts for 84 unique DBE firms, 32 of which are new to CTA.

On the workforce side, 1,554 unique individuals have worked over 823,000 labor hours and earned over \$47 million.

That concludes my portion of the report. I'll turn it back over to Chris.

VICE PRESIDENT BUSHELL: Thank you, JuanPablo.

If we could advance to some of the next slides.

So just to give you an idea of the flavor of some of the graphics and other materials that we're putting out of the project, I wanted to put these two slides in here. This is hardly a regular Open For Business campaign where the Department of Transportation — Chicago Department of Transportation puts up signs saying "local business is open here."



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We have not only reached out more aggressively to the communities and made them partners in this effort, but we have also used various methods of social media, Facebook Live, and other methods to reach people during the pandemic and after as they start to come out and enjoy the neighborhoods around them.

So we're trying to build on that with innovative ways to connect with them, and, of course, as we connect with them on businesses, we also then can connect with information about impacts to service, impacts to the community where we happen to be digging our caissons or doing other types of work that may be intrusive.

As people come to us for information on those local businesses, they then get also information that helps with their travel, helps with their plans in the neighborhood, when to expect noise or construction.

Next slide, please. Again, here's a little bit of Enjoy Local. So I just wanted to provide a little bit more information about our outreach program and how it fits in with our larger strategy of community engagement, so I thank you. That concludes my report.

CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Well, Chris, I understand that you are retiring and that this will be your last RPM report before the Board. I want to congratulate you



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on your 15 years of dedicated service to the Chicago Transit Authority.

Your leadership and experience has been instrumental in the success of major CTA construction projects through the years, not the least of which RPM project. You also present to the board thorough and informative reports on the progress of RPM, and through the course of the project developed creative partnerships across departments to engage the community and to promote opportunities for small businesses.

You may recall a few months ago I had the opportunity to see the impact of your leadership when I took the first ride over the red purple bypass, that cold, cold morning. During the ride I had an opportunity to meet with you as well as members of your team who exhibited great professionalism and pride in their work, which is reflective of your leadership and the example that you demonstrated.

Congratulations on your retirement and on a job well done and thank you on behalf of all members of CTA.

President Carter, would you like to have a few words?

PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you, Chairman.

Ladies and gentlemen of the board, as you know,



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when an accomplished and long tenured employee leaves the Authority, it's always bittersweet. With their departure, we lose the knowledge, abilities, and comradery of an experienced and dedicated worker and colleague, but we also have the chance to celebrate their accomplishments and wish them the best as they move on to the next chapter in their life and forge new opportunities that may lay ahead.

On behalf of the CTA family of employees and the many CTA customers who benefited from his contributions to the CTA, it is my pleasure to congratulate Chris Bushell, your chief of red purple modernization project -- as he always introduced himself -- as he retires from our great agency.

Before coming to work at CTA, Chris worked for the Chicago Public Schools and the City Department of Construction and Permits. His experience in government and capital construction made him an invaluable asset from the second he walked through our doors in July of 2007 to join us as Director of Power & Way maintenance. December of 2008, less than a year and a half later, he was named Vice President of Power & Way, and in only six months, April 2009, he was again promoted and began a nine-year term as the Chief Infrastructure Officer.



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Since April of 2018, he has been the chief of the red purple modernization project.

Through his time with CTA, no matter what his title -- no matter what title he has held, Chris has played a critical role in our successful efforts to make the CTA system more modern, more reliable, and more accessible.

Chris has been an excellent steward of many CTA capital investments and has established an exceptional track record and reputation in our industry. Among the many large and impressive signature projects he has worked on are the red line south track and station reconstruction project, the loop track and signal renewal project, the Wilson station reconstruction project, and the Dan Ryan 95th Station Improvement Project, which was the crown jewel that he gifted me when I first started as president of CTA.

That is just a small sampling of his many contributions to the CTA. In fact, wherever you live or work in the city, at any given time, there's a high likelihood that evidence of Chris and his team's efforts are only blocks away.

Because Chris is truly among the elite at what he does, his absence will be felt, but he leaves in his



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wake a group of colleagues, friends, and associates who know that he is a special kind of leader, that is a trait necessary to shepherd the billions of dollars in CTA projects that Chris has overseen during his 15 years, which he has done with expertise and instilled confidence in everyone who has worked with him.

Having Chris at the helm of major projects like RPM, the 95th Dan Ryan project, and other capital investments across the system has always been reassuring to me as a CEO. I am thankful for his professionalism as well as his dedication to CTA.

On a personal note, I have worked with Chris for a great part of the 15 years he has been at CTA and certainly remember his first day here when he came to work in our agency.

I can also tell you that for anyone who has worked at CTA, an outsider coming into our agency always faces a certain level of headwind before he is, quote, accepted by the organization, particularly in the infrastructure department which consists of a long of long-term career employees who are hardworking, you know, get your hands dirty on the system, making things work.

Chris assimilated into that group faster than



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anyone I have ever seen in my entire career, and the reason was he immediately showed his passion and dedication for the work that we do here at CTA and his intention to be committed to it.

In fact, there were more than a few occasions when Chris would show up at significant meetings with the president or other senior staff in which someone who gently remind him that there is an expectation that you wear a suit and tie when you attend our events, something that Chris was never really able to accomplish because he was always in overalls, shirts, and work boots because he lived, breathed, and stayed out on the system.

Chris, I know that you're going to be missed by all of your friends, colleagues, coworkers, and subordinates. I'm going to miss you personally. It has been an honor to work with you over these many years.

I have told the story on more than one occasion that the whole reason the Red Purple Modernization project exists is Chris coming to me many years ago and basically telling me if we don't make a multibillion-dollar investment into the red line, it's going to fall down. I looked at him like, "Where the heck am I going to get the money to pay for something



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And it's a direct result of that conversation that there's a whole new federal program called the core capacity program that funds projects specifically like RPM that started based on a conversation that Chris had with me 15 -- not 15 years ago, maybe 12 years ago -- in which he presented me with the problem and said "Boss, I'll build it, but you got to find a way to pay for it," which thankfully I was able to do and thankfully we have the RPM project now as a result of that.

Chris, I wish you Godspeed in your new endeavors. As I tell -- as I say to everyone who retires from CTA, you never really leave. You're always a part of our family. We look forward to seeing you again in the future in whatever endeavor you may ultimately pursue.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you. I'd like to leave it open to any other board members that might want to share.

DIRECTOR SILVA: I've been many of those years together, Chris, and I really will miss -- we will miss you. I thought a lot about you right from the very beginning. Congratulations.



Thank you, Alejandro. 1 VICE PRESIDENT BUSHELL: 2 DIRECTOR SILVA: Thank you. 3 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Thank you for your long years of service. I can very clearly see that your expertise 4 will be missed even in my shorter tenure than those who 5 have worked with you for a longer time. I can see your 6 commitment and your expertise in all of the work that you do. I wish you well. 8 9 Thank you, Director. VICE PRESIDENT BUSHELL: DIRECTOR MILLER: Chris, thank you so much for 10 11 your service and your work. You're going out with a 12 You had the most beautiful presentation today. 13 You're going out with a bang. You're going to be 14 We just thank you. Continue your great work missed. 15 wherever the Lord leads your path. 16 VICE PRESIDENT BUSHELL: Thank you, Director. DIRECTOR JAKES: Congratulations, Chris. Enjoy 17 18 your retirement. 19 VICE PRESIDENT BUSHELL: Thank you, Director. 20 Well earned. DIRECTOR LEE: 15 years is a long 21 We'll see you on the trains. Thanks, Chris, and time. 22 good luck. 23 VICE PRESIDENT BUSHELL: Thank you, Director. 24 PRESIDENT CARTER: Mr. Chairman, before Chris



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speaks, there is one other thing I forgot to mention.

There is one other thing about Chris that you may not know that also has an impact on CTA, and that is he is a real architect geek. He loves coming up with innovative architectural designs and schemes and loves working on the creative side of construction.

The other mark that Chris left on CTA is the unbelievably beautiful designs that have been implemented at not only 95th Street terminal but Wilson station, the Belmont terminal -- or Belmont Station and others where the genius of that work was his working with the architectural community to come up with really outside-the-box and creative thinking that then translated into the designs that we have at CTA here today.

So many of you know that I'm a big, big proponent of art on transit, and there's no better artistry that we have then the design of many of our facilities, and Chris is the person that not only exposed me to that but got me as excited as he was about that aspect of his work, that to be quite honest with you I probably wouldn't have paid that much attention to beforehand.

So that's another legacy that he has left for us



1	that not only impacts our entire system but impacts me	
2	personally.	
3	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you.	
4	Chris.	
5	VICE PRESIDENT BUSHELL: Well, all I can say,	
6	Directors, Chairman, President, is thank you for the	
7	opportunity. It was a pleasure, and it was an honor. I	
8	would recommend CTA service to anybody. It is an agency	
9	with tremendous history, but more important than	
10	history, it is one of the lynchpins to a sustainable and	
11	healthy city. Having a good transportation system is	
12	really the backbone to success for us as a city.	
13	So thank you, again. It was an honor and a	
14	pleasure.	
15	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you.	
16	Our next order of business is new business.	
17	Greg, is there any new business?	
18	SECRETARY LONGHINI: No, sir.	
19	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Since there's no further	
20	business to come before the Board, may I have a motion	
21	to adjourn the Chicago Transit Board Meeting of August	
22	10th, 2022.	
23	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.	
24	DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.	



1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz,		
2	seconded by Director Miller.		
3	Director Jakes.		
4	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.		
5	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller.		
6	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.		
7	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Lee.		
8	DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.		
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Ortiz.		
10	DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.		
11	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Silva.		
12	DIRECTOR SILVA: Yes.		
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay.		
14	CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.		
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved		
16	with six yes votes, so we are adjourned, sir.		
17	(12:08 p.m., proceedings concluded.)		
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10	had at the foregoing meeting;	
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12	transcript of her shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid	
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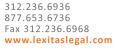
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