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2 MEETING of the
3 CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
4 Held on
5 August 12, 2020
6 At
7 10:48 o'clock a.m.
8 via Zoom videoconference.
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13 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had
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15 teleconference, Terry Peterson, presiding.
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ATTENDEES:

PRESIDENT: DORVAL CARTER
CHAIRMAN: MR. TERRY PETERSON
SECRETARY: MR. GREG LONGHINI
GEN. COUNSEL: MS. KAREN SEIMETZ

BOARD MEMBERS:

REV. JOHNNY L. MILLER
MR. KEVIN IRVINE
MS. ARABEL ALVA ROSALES
REV. DR. L. BERNARD JAKES
MR. ALEJANDRO SILVA



1 (Call to order 10:48 a.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: I would like to call to
3 order the regularly scheduled meeting of the
4 Chicago Transit Board for August 12, 2020.

5 will the secretary call the roll.

6 MR. LONGHINI: MR. LONGHINI: Director Alva
7 Rosales?

8 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Here.

9 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

10 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Here.

11 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

12 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.

13 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

16 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Here.

17 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

18 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Here.

19 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson, we have a
20 quorum with all seven members of the Board
21 present.

22 And let the record show that President
23 Dorval Carter and General Counsel Karen Seimetz
24 are also present.



1 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All right. Thanks, Greg.

2 The first order of business is public
3 comment.

4 Greg.

5 MR. LONGHINI: Yes, sir. We have one public
6 comment speaker, Rylen Clark. And I will now turn
7 it over to Rylen Clark to address the Board via an
8 audio call.

9 Rylen.

10 MS. CLARK:

11 Good morning to the members of the CTA
12 Board. My name is Rylen Clark. I am from Chicago
13 and I have lived in the Chicagoland area for most
14 of my life. I have extensive experience in
15 peer-to-peer nonprofit organizations though they
16 primarily focused on at risk youth at drop-in
17 centers such as Center on Halsted and Broadway
18 Youth Center in the Lakeview area.

19 I currently work at Active Transportation
20 Alliance as a Bus Organizing Fellow. As a Bus
21 Fellow, I have been collecting public input on how
22 to make bus service work better for South and West
23 side community residents.

24 The speed and reliability of CTA buses in



1 Chicago, an ever-present problem, has been
2 amplified by COVID-19. Active Transportation
3 Alliance is calling for a roll out 10 miles of bus
4 lanes before the end of 2020 as well as funding
5 and construction 20 additional miles by the end of
6 2021. We ask you members of the CTA board to make
7 bus lanes a priority. This is instrumental in
8 ensuring that bus trips are reliably able to
9 connect folks to schooling, jobs, family, and
10 healthcare.

11 A key to equity is affordability. Active
12 Trans has proposed a Fair Fares program, making
13 transit free for youth under 19 who qualify for
14 free/reduced lunch, and reduced fares for
15 low-income individuals. Around 20% of riders make
16 less than \$20,00 a year, which in turn makes them
17 spend 6% of their income on transportation.

18 A 50% fare discount could potentially save someone
19 \$630 a year. Bussing to and from school is not
20 available to every district and not all students
21 attend schools nearest them. Charging
22 youth adds another barrier as to why they cannot
23 access a better education and is harmful. We urge
24 the board to explore ways to make transit more



1 affordable for low income families during this
2 unprecented economic crisis. We also heard from
3 riders that their concerns around health and
4 safety have also been heightened thanks to the
5 Coronavirus. Universal masking is one of the
6 simplest ways to make sure everyone riding public
7 transit can be safe.

8 Unfortunately, masks are not something
9 that everyone has access to. The CTA should
10 encourage universal mask wearing by expanding the
11 “Travel Healthy Kits” program at busy bus stops
12 and stations and by installing mask dispensers on
13 buses and trains. The operator union ATU241 has
14 recently launched a petition to encourage more
15 mask wearing on transit due to their concerns
16 around low compliance. Providing a mask for every
17 rider is a way to combat those concerns. With
18 regards to safety on transit, CTA has a contract
19 with the Chicago Police Department for 10 million
20 per year to patrol CTA. There was a recent
21 police shooting on CTA after the Mayor announced
22 an increased police presence back in March. Police
23 accountability is a topic that is repeatedly
24 brought up, and the time has passed to where we



1 must urgently discuss and implement alternative
2 methods of keeping transit riders and
3 operators safe . We call upon the CTA Board to
4 review the contract with CPD and begin a public
5 engagement process with transit riders and
6 operators about what safety on transit means to
7 them.

8 In an unprecedented move, the City of
9 Chicago and transit agencies decided to
10 discontinue all its services with little to no
11 warning for thousands of Chicagoans around the
12 city at the end of May and early June. There have
13 also been rolling more localized shutdowns during
14 protests. From nurses to gas station workers, to
15 protestors and people just trying to get to the
16 grocery store hundreds, potentially thousands have
17 been left stranded around Chicagoland. The
18 decision to shut down transit with little
19 notice has prevented people from taking needed
20 trips and shows no regard for those who rely on
21 the system for their everyday essential needs. We
22 call upon the CTA board to address when and how
23 these decisions are made and to prevent future
24 situations where riders are left stranded.



1 I found that many transit riders I spoke
2 with avoided transit because of fears regarding
3 health and safety. Getting the conversation
4 started about ways transit can improve not only
5 prioritizes riders and drivers but makes transit a
6 more enjoyable experience overall. Working within
7 the South and West sides and acknowledging the
8 disparity those communities face and implementing
9 change to support them is the main goal of Active
10 Trans. And we are hopeful that the CTA board will
11 address our calls for action and do everything in
12 its power to make these changes.

13 Thank you for your consideration of these
14 matters.

15 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Ms. Clark, one, as Chair
16 of the Board, let me thank you for sharing your
17 comments with the CTA Board. We appreciate that.
18 Thank you.

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

20 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Real quick. Ms. Clark,
21 would you mind just providing your comments in
22 writing? Between the audio feed and you were
23 talking a little bit rapidly, it was a little hard
24 to catch every word you were saying.



1 And just a reminder for all of us not to
2 speak too fast because the realtime captioner is
3 going to have a heck of a time staying on top of
4 people talking too fast. So thank you.

5 MR. LONGHINI: Let me respond, Director
6 Irvine. I was the one who had told her Rylen that
7 it was three minutes. But I have a copy of the
8 speech that was presented to me, so I will make
9 sure I provide that everybody. But Rylen was sort
10 of doing what I asked, which was to keep it to
11 three minutes. So you're right, there's a little
12 bit of a conflict there. So I want to take some
13 responsibility, Director Irvine.

14 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thank you, Greg. And yeah.
15 I it's -- I would rather go an extra minute and we
16 understand everything the speaker is saying for
17 sure.

18 MR. LONGHINI: That's fine. we'll keep that
19 in mind as we move forward.

20 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Appreciate it.

21 MR. LONGHINI: So, Rylen, thank you.

22 And I also want to note that I have other
23 written comments from Jermaine Gooding that were
24 sent to me from also Active Transit Alliance. And



1 I will be distributing that after the meeting is
2 over.

3 So that concludes the public comment
4 section of today's meeting.

5 THE COURT: Thanks, Greg.

6 The next order of business is approval of
7 the July 15, 2020, Board minutes.

8 The minutes were previously distributed.

9 I will now entertain a motion to approve
10 the minutes of the regular Board meeting of
11 July 15, 2020.

12 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: So moved.

13 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: Unmute yourself,
14 Director Miller.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Reverend Miller, are you there?

16 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Second. I'm sorry.

17 MR. LONGHINI: The motion to approve the
18 minutes has been moved.

19 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Second.

20 MR. LONGHINI: And now seconded.

21 I'll take a vote on the motion to approve
22 the minutes. Director Alva Rosales?

23 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

24 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?



1 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

2 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

3 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

4 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

5 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

6 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

7 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

8 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

9 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

10 MR. LONGHINI: Motion to approve the minutes
11 from July passes with seven yes votes.

12 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

13 The next order of business is executive
14 session. It is my understanding that we're having
15 executive session today.

16 Karen.

17 MS. SEIMETZ: Yes, Chairman. We will be
18 having executive session pursuant to Section 2,
19 Paragraph C, subparagraph 6 of the Illinois Open
20 Meetings Act.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Thanks, Karen. I will now
22 entertain a motion to recess into executive
23 session for the reasons stated by Counsel.

24 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: So moved.



1 MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Chevere.

2 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Second.

3 MR. LONGHINI: Seconded by Director Miller,
4 the motion to recess into executive session.

5 Director Alva Rosales?

6 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

7 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

8 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

9 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

10 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

11 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

12 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

13 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

14 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

16 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

17 MR. LONGHINI: Motion to recess into executive
18 session is approved with seven yes votes.

19 So we are now in executive session.

20 (Recess.)

21 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: I will now entertain a
22 motion to return to open session.

23 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: So moved.

24 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Second.



1 MR. LONGHINI: That motion was moved by
2 Director Chevere, seconded by Director Miller.

3 Director Alva Rosales?

4 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

5 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

6 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

7 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

8 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

9 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

10 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

11 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

12 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

13 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

14 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

15 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman, that motion to move
16 back into open session is approved with seven yes
17 votes.

18 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

19 The next order of business is Board Item
20 No. 4A.

21 Karen.

22 MS. SEIMETZ: Thank you, Chairman.

23 This is a recommendation of real estate
24 and the Law Department for the Board to authorize



1 a first amendment to the sublease with wishbone
2 Chicago, LLC, of ground floor space that is
3 located at 567 West Lake in Chicago.

4 The amendment moves the base rent to a
5 revenue based model to address the capacity
6 restrictions because of the coronavirus pandemic,
7 but which as a model which will achieve the
8 original agreed upon rent plus inflation when
9 capacity restrictions are no longer in place.

10 The wishbone will continue to be
11 responsible for its previously agreed upon share
12 of building expenses.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you, Karen.

15 I will now entertain a motion to approve
16 an ordinance authorizing a first amendment to a
17 sublease with wishbone Chicago, LLC of ground
18 floor space located at 567 West Lake, Chicago.

19 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: So moved.

20 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Second.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Chevere,
22 seconded by Director Miller. I'll conduct a roll
23 call vote.

24 Director Alva Rosales?



1 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.
2 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?
3 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
4 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?
5 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
6 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?
7 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
8 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?
9 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.
10 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?
11 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.
12 MR. LONGHINI: The wishbone lease is approved
13 with seven yes votes, sir.
14 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All right. Thanks, Greg.
15 The next order of business is Board item
16 No. 5A, an ordinance appointing a trustee and an
17 alternate to the Board of trustees of the
18 retirement plan for the Chicago Transit Authority
19 employees.
20 May I have a motion to approve?
21 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: So moved.
22 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Second.
23 MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Chevere,
24 seconded by Director Miller.



1 I'll take a roll call vote.

2 Director Alva Rosales?

3 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

4 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

5 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

6 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?

7 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

8 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

9 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

10 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

11 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

12 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

13 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

14 MR. LONGHINI: That motion to approve

15 wishbone -- I'm sorry that was the Board of

16 trustees, Agenda No. 5A, passes with seven yes

17 votes, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

19 The next order of business is a report

20 from the Committee on Finance, Audit and Budget.

21 Director Silva.

22 DIRECTOR SILVA: The Committee on Finance,

23 Audit and Budget met earlier this morning via Zoom

24 video teleconference. The Committee approved the



1 July 15, 2020 minutes.

2 The Committee reviewed the finance
3 report.

4 The Committee also reviewed the following
5 five ordinances:

6 An ordinance adopting an amended budget
7 to calendar year 2020;

8 An ordinance amending ordinance 019-103
9 approving the Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Capital
10 Improvement Program;

11 An ordinance authorizing an amendment to
12 University Pass, U-Pass, contract item during the
13 COVID-19 pandemic;

14 An ordinance authorizing an agreement
15 with the Union Pacific Railroad Company for
16 preliminary engineering services on the Red Line
17 Extension Project;

18 An ordinance authorizing an
19 intergovernmental agreement with the City of
20 Chicago through its Department of Planning and
21 Development for the Red Line Extension Project
22 Transit-Supportive Development Comprehensive Plan.

23 The Committee also reviewed six
24 purchase -- seven purchase and sales award



1 recommendations.

2 The Committee placed all five -- all five
3 ordinances and all six contracts on the omnibus.

4 That concludes my report, Chairman
5 Peterson.

6 MR. LONGHINI: Just to clarify that last
7 sentence, we placed six contracts, not all of
8 them, but six contracts on the omnibus, Chairman
9 Peterson.

10 And that did conclude his report.

11 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All right. Thanks, Greg
12 and Director Silva.

13 May I now have a motion to approve the
14 omnibus as stated by Director Silva?

15 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: So moved.

16 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Seconded.

17 MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Chevere,
18 seconded by Director Miller.

19 Roll call on the omnibus.

20 Director Alva Rosales?

21 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

22 MR. LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

23 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

24 MR. LONGHINI: Director Miller?



1 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

2 MR. LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

3 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

4 MR. LONGHINI: Director Chevere?

5 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Yes.

6 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Peterson?

7 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes.

8 MR. LONGHINI: The motion to approve the
9 omnibus passes with seven yes votes, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thanks, Greg.

11 The next order of business is the
12 construction report. I think we've got Bill
13 Mooney and Juan Pablo.

14 MR. MOONEY: Good morning. Bill Mooney
15 Infrastructure Officer. Joining me today will be
16 Juan Pablo Prieto and Chris Bushell.

17 I'll start with Blue Line signals upgrade
18 between Jefferson Park and O'Hare. The project
19 continues to move forward, on budget and tight to
20 schedule.

21 We have continued to advance fieldwork
22 activities in preparation for the delivery of
23 relay houses over the last couple of months, last
24 month, as well as advancing design packages for



1 the relay house fabrication itself.

2 The most notable activity since we last
3 met was we received delivery of the Jefferson Park
4 relay house, which is our first of the relay
5 houses that are coming to the site. And we had a
6 couple of big weekends of activity out near
7 Rosemont Yard where we've been digging in a bunch
8 of underground infrastructure, similar to what I
9 shared with you last year, a bunch of underground
10 duct banks and foundation.

11 So if we slide forward a few slides to
12 slide 5, I was talking about those activities.

13 Slide 6, the first of the pictures. So
14 here is the relay house at Jefferson Park being
15 craned onto the right-of-way and set on the
16 foundations that we installed last year for it.

17 Over the next month or so, this house is
18 getting all the cables we've been burying in the
19 underground are being nested to this house, and
20 the apparatus is in this house. And we will begin
21 the commissioning process and cutover in the
22 upcoming months.

23 On slide 7, here are some of the
24 activities out by Rosemont I mentioned. Here they



1 are excavating for a foundation and connection to
2 a duct bank.

3 And slide 8 is again the duct bank
4 installation. They've dug -- On the left portion
5 of this picture, they've dug an underground trench
6 where they then poured in conduits and concrete to
7 encase those conduits for future cable runs to
8 other apparatuses on the wayside and also on the
9 way back to the relay houses and the
10 interlockings.

11 My next project is our Logan Square
12 station rehab. As the activities have focused
13 again mostly on the elevators in these months,
14 I'll move forward to slide 12 on the photos for
15 the elevators.

16 The new elevator cab, this is the
17 mezzanine to platform elevator that's currently
18 being rehabbed is in place, and they've installed
19 the doors. The picture here shows you the new
20 doors in place. They have the foundation, and
21 they're building out the upper structures of this.

22 And on slide 13 here is the pump and
23 hydraulic pump that drives this elevator as well
24 as the pit where they've now installed all the



1 piping for that elevator, kind of -- this is the
2 motor that brings the elevator up and down, this
3 big cylinder that lifts it into place. And this
4 is the new infrastructure that will support that
5 as part of this rehab. They are coming very close
6 to finishing this unit and putting it in service.
7 At that time, they'll take the second unit out and
8 begin the rehab there.

9 My next project are electric bus charging
10 stations. The project remains on budget and tight
11 to schedule. As I mentioned in prior months, most
12 of the activities at Chicago Garage and Chicago
13 Austin are tied to completion and finalizing the
14 commissioning and training and getting ready to be
15 put in service towards the end of this month.

16 All of the major field activities have
17 shifted over to Navy Pier at this point. They've
18 begun major foundational work for the building
19 itself and are continuing to install various
20 conduit duct banks and mast foundations for the
21 charging units.

22 Moving to the pictures on slide 17, this
23 is the main conduit run coming from the vaults
24 where all the masts kind of connect through



1 ultimately coming back into the building. And you
2 can see on the picture on the right, this is where
3 that conduit runs duct up into the building where
4 that building will be built ultimately. The
5 substructure work they're building there.

6 On slide 18, they've begun -- they've
7 poured the foundational wall on the left. This is
8 the foundation for the walls for that structure
9 that's being built. And on the right, they're
10 actually encasing those duct runs I showed you in
11 the last picture in concrete. This project at
12 Navy Pier is moving very rapidly and changing kind
13 of daily.

14 My next project I'll be advancing towards
15 is our systemwide traction power upgrades which I
16 introduced a couple of months ago. The project
17 remains on schedule and on budget. It's
18 progressing very well.

19 Moving forward to slide 21, we've
20 completed work at 17 Substation, Harding
21 Substation, and Washington Substation, and they're
22 currently working at Lotus Substation.

23 On slide 22, this is the transformer on
24 the left being delivered via flatbed truck from



1 the factory to the Washington Station. And on the
2 right side of this photo shows you the new
3 transformer in place and connected at Harding.

4 And on the left slide, on slide 23,
5 there's the control wiring for -- this is the
6 cabinet, this is the brains that kind of tells the
7 transformer what it's doing how to behave being
8 wired up. And on the right is the metal bus bar
9 that connects the rectifier and the transformer
10 units being reconnected on that new unit.

11 Advancing to my final project today,
12 before I turn it over to Chris, this is our new
13 project before the Board. This is our 98th Rail
14 shop bridge deck and drainage replacement project.
15 It has an approximate budget of \$5.2 million with
16 a construction contract of approximately \$3
17 million. The construction contractor is Illinois
18 Constructor Corporation. In this, we are
19 rebuilding a bridge connection to our two
20 multistory rail shop at 98 Yard.

21 I'll move forward and show you some
22 pictures of this. So what you're seeing in this
23 picture on slide 27 is this bridge, which at this
24 point has run its useful life and needs structural



1 complete replacement. The project replaces this
2 bridge, the canopy entirely, as well as the
3 interior to the penthouse, that top floor of that
4 building, which is where all the deliveries come
5 through and come out of the building to a freight
6 elevator. That floor in there takes on a major
7 portion of the structural load of that building.
8 It also has seen its wear and is severely damaged
9 and needs upgrading.

10 So most of the activity to date has been
11 focused on that interior portion of the penthouse.
12 So on slide 28, the pictures on the left show you
13 demolition of that concrete floor in that
14 penthouse area. This is inside the building right
15 outside that bridge. And then they formed in a
16 new concrete floor with a new structural kind of
17 network to it. And they ultimately poured
18 concrete and set that floor. And they've
19 completed that activity at this point, and they
20 are now moving forward to the actual bridge work
21 on the exterior of the building?

22 Any questions for me at this time? If
23 not, I'll turn it over to Chris Bushell.

24 MR. LONGHINI: This is Greg first.



1 Chris, before you begin, I want to ask
2 the sign language interpreters, it's time for them
3 to make a change. So Elisabeth is going to turn
4 it over to Rivka. So we're going to give that
5 about 15 seconds, and then please begin.

6 Thanks. Chris, you may begin.

7 MR. BUSHELL: Directors, Chairman, President,
8 General Counsel, I hope you're all well.

9 RPM design build contract is on -- on
10 budget, tight to schedule due to COVID related
11 impacts. That said, we continue to -- hold right
12 there for a second, Bill on slide 31. We continue
13 to progress the design. The design is roughly
14 60 percent complete. Many of the most important
15 packages relative to the structure of the various
16 bridges and stations are being completed at this
17 point. We are in the final interdisciplinary
18 review, and some of my slides will kind of show
19 how we're doing that.

20 In terms of the bypass, we're close to
21 completing most of the columns. The foundations
22 are done. We're putting columns on top of it and
23 awaiting the installation of steel in the fall.

24 We are making big strides relative to



1 the -- what we're calling the pre stage work.
2 This is mostly the installation of two major
3 interlockings on the north and south side of the
4 Lawrence and Bryn Mawr segment. One was at
5 Montrose. You saw pictures of that in my last
6 report. The current one that we're working on is
7 the Thorndale interlocking, and you'll see
8 pictures of that in the report, as well as over my
9 shoulder. My background is actually more advanced
10 than some of the photos you'll see.

11 But if we could continue those photos,
12 Bill, that would be great.

13 So you've seen a couple of versions of
14 this. This is how the computer sort of generates
15 and takes the drawings that we create of the
16 individual systems and then first automatically or
17 through processing checks for various conflicts
18 between those systems, between traction and power,
19 structure, communications. Then we go through a
20 manual review of that as well.

21 One of the most challenging aspects of
22 transit work in general is to make sure all these
23 systems are acting together. This is an integral
24 part of that in the RPM project.



1 Next slide, please.

2 I mentioned structural work on the
3 bypass. We have -- you've seen pictures of the
4 various columns. Those columns as the bypass
5 wends its way north and west turn into a -- more
6 of an integrated system with the Ravenswood
7 branch. You can see here work on the Ravenswood
8 branch columns where the bypass will ultimately
9 come back and join this structure south of
10 Southport, significantly south of Southport in the
11 Lakewood Seminary area.

12 Next slide, please.

13 Also I mentioned Thorndale. This is the
14 installation of the duct bank. I sort throw it
15 out there to demonstrate the complexity of our
16 work similar in context to some of the pictures
17 you saw with Bill on the Blue Line signal project,
18 you know, making sure that all these duct banks
19 are in the right area supplying the various pieces
20 of equipment, and then doing that next to adjacent
21 service is really the substantive challenge that
22 Bill and I face in executing the various capital
23 projects, particularly through deep infrastructure
24 projects like the signalling system.



1 Next slide, please.

2 More pictures of Thorndale. The work has
3 continued 24/7 over the last month at Thorndale.
4 We did three weeks at Montrose and four at
5 Thorndale. We have worked very closely with the
6 neighborhood to keep noise to the contract
7 required limits and have received very few
8 comments or impacts relative to that. So it's
9 been a good operation.

10 Next slide, please.

11 So this is a new slide. Some of you have
12 heard me talk about segmented box cars. That is a
13 type of bridge we're building in the Lawrence to
14 Bryn Mawr area. These are two of those segments.
15 The casting of these bridge segments has started.
16 We have roughly 16, 17 of the segments done. We
17 will at the end of this project cast nearly a
18 thousand of them associated with the bridges and
19 the stations in the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr site of
20 RPM Phase 1. So you can kind of see those
21 segments here being moved to a storage area.

22 Next slide.

23 So advanced contracts, the demolition
24 contracts are closed, as I said last month, and we



1 are in the process of wrapping up the utility
2 work.

3 We can go to the slide showing the
4 photographs.

5 We are doing miscellaneous demolition
6 related to some ComEd work, although ComEd is
7 really substantially complete with their efforts
8 for us.

9 Next, please.

10 Various cable poles. We're for the most
11 part taking care of some copper and copper
12 splicing. Again, in the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr
13 segment, most of the utility work in the
14 Red/Purple bypass area is complete.

15 Next.

16 So we have been busy with our various
17 community outreach. Much of it has been focused
18 on Thorndale. On a big piece of work like that in
19 a vibrant community along Broadway, you can expect
20 that we've done a lot of outreach. We've had very
21 successful Zoom meetings similar to the ones here.
22 I sort of call them the Hollywood Squares meetings
23 for those of you that go back that far. But we
24 have used this same tool to reach out to the



1 communities, take their questions. Where we
2 couldn't answer their questions directly, we
3 posted them back on our website. That has
4 generally been a very successful effort. We
5 continue to do miscellaneous business outreach
6 just beyond as indicated by the bullet points
7 here.

8 And of course we're really busy on the
9 diversity front, both in terms of workforce
10 development as well as maximizing participation
11 relative to SBE and DBE.

12 I'll turn it over to Juan Pablo to talk
13 more about those efforts.

14 MR. PRIETO: Thank you, Chris.

15 Good morning, Directors. This is Juan
16 Pablo Prieto, Director of Diversity Programs.

17 We continue with our outreach to the DBE
18 community and to individuals from economically
19 disadvantaged areas. Since the last Board
20 meeting, we have held another construction talk
21 session with the Roofers and Waterproofers
22 Local 11 as we toured their training facility and
23 answered questions from viewers.

24 We also held another session of our



1 Building Small Businesses program and conducted
2 17 one-on-ones to help participants find access to
3 financial resources. To date, including assisting
4 with CARES Act funding, the program has helped
5 firms receive over 4.4 million in funding, which
6 also includes funding for working capital and
7 equipment loads.

8 Turning to the next slide, I would like
9 to highlight our efforts on the workforce front
10 with RPM. As a reminder, CTA has contracted two
11 workforce partners on the RPM Project, the Chicago
12 Workforce Partnership and Hire 360.

13 The entire team, CTA, Walsh Floor, their
14 subcontractors, and the workforce partners
15 continue to help connect individuals from
16 economically disadvantaged areas with training and
17 workforce opportunities.

18 Next slide, please.

19 One of our successes so far has been
20 through Rail Works, a subcontractor to Walsh
21 Floor. Rail Works have hired 15 individuals to
22 work on RPM. And of those 15 individuals, nine
23 were EO eligible, meaning they were under or
24 unemployed, four are apprentices with Laborer's



1 Local 76 and are earning hours towards their
2 journey worker status, and 11 are from
3 economically disadvantaged areas.

4 Another highlight of our efforts is our
5 Track to Trades program. This program is a
6 partnership between CTA, Walsh Floor, Senn High
7 School, which is just west of the RPM footprint,
8 and Job Corps.

9 Through Track to Trades, we offer four
10 interactive sessions for students to learn more
11 about the construction industry, how to prepare
12 for a career in construction, and provide
13 information and access to partnership
14 opportunities.

15 The sessions ran from May 21st through
16 June 24th covering trade apprentices (audio
17 failure) construction, trade applications
18 processes, and résumé and interview preparation.
19 Ten students participated, and so far, three
20 students have been accepted into Job Corps
21 corporation and are pursuing apprenticeships. Job
22 Corps continues to work with the other seven
23 students to help them turn in their applications.

24 That concludes my portion of the report.



1 I'd be happy to answer any questions.

2 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: I'm just curious if
3 the Perez, are those twins, Emmy and Natalie
4 Perez?

5 MS. CLARK: That's a good question. I can
6 find out.

7 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Just curious.

8 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: I don't have a question.
9 Sort of a question.

10 I was a little bit surprised, Chris, in
11 your remarks. Because I would assume with people
12 having to shelter in place, the last few months
13 staying home, that we would have received more
14 complaints regarding noise in the neighborhoods,
15 you know, folks having to work on their computers
16 and all of that. So I was happy to hear that we
17 haven't. But I was a little surprised with folks
18 being home now a lot more and our projects
19 starting at 6:00 in the morning and into the late
20 afternoon that we didn't receive a few more
21 complaints regarding the project.

22 MR. BUSHELL: Chairman, we have worked on this
23 project very hard to manage the impact to the
24 community in a bunch of different ways.



1 As you've heard, a lot of our outreach
2 has focused around minimizing the impact to
3 businesses in and around our stations or in and
4 around our major construction. The footprint of
5 this project is much larger than ones CTA has
6 generally done in the past. So that outreach has
7 been very important.

8 Similarly, in terms of the noise and the
9 impacts of construction to residences, both people
10 working at home and people who are at home in the
11 middle of the night, most people, we have worked
12 to phase the work in such a way that where we're
13 trying more noise, we're trying to do the work
14 away from sensitive receptors or, generally
15 speaking, residences. So if we have an option in
16 a given block, we will start during the day in the
17 residential areas and then move in the overnight
18 into areas that have no residences or just
19 commercial.

20 So we are cognizant of our work planning
21 and the impact it has to the different areas in
22 the project.

23 We monitor the noise as well. So we make
24 sure the contractor is complying with the both



1 noise and vibration requirements. So that
2 planning effort has paid off and has minimal
3 impact and maximum awareness of what our
4 activities are. Knock on wood, we're still early
5 into the project, but I will say that the
6 installation of the two interlockings is one of
7 the more difficult aspects of this project. In
8 many ways, the success of RPM is built on our
9 success in 2020.

10 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All right. Thanks, Chris.

11 Any other questions for Chris or Juan
12 Pablo?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Hearing none, thank you
15 guys, Bill, Juan, and Chris for that.

16 The next agenda item is new business. Is
17 there any new business.

18 MR. LONGHINI: Yes. But before we go into
19 business, I'm looking at my stopwatch here, it's
20 time for a change in the sign language
21 interpreters. So Rivka can turn it over to
22 Elisabeth. Thank you.

23 And it's my understanding that the next
24 is -- I'm going to turn it over to President



1 Carter. He wants to talk about the Red Line
2 Extension Project.

3 President Carter.

4 PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you, Greg.

5 As each of you are aware, the Red Line
6 Extension is a very important project to both
7 Chairman Peterson and myself. And I know each of
8 you care deeply about it as well. RLE is
9 something that's been discussed for decades in one
10 form or another. We've made more progress in the
11 past few years towards this long-awaited goal than
12 at any time in the agency's history.

13 We have been working to position RLE for
14 a federal grant for several years. Last year, we
15 earmarked 310 million in our Fiscal Year 2020
16 budget for engineering and design work needed to
17 position the project to apply for federal funding.
18 It was the single most significant funding
19 contribution the CTA has ever made towards the RLE
20 project.

21 We also awarded a \$38.3 million contract
22 to plan our engineering and final environmental
23 work in February.

24 The RLE project is a very personal



1 project to me. I can remember as a teenager
2 taking a long CTA trip to Mendel High School on
3 the far south side that required me to take the
4 No. 67 bus to the Red Line, the Red Line to 95th
5 Street, and then transferring to another bus, the
6 34, to complete my trip. It was a trip that not
7 only was very long but could also be very
8 unpleasant when the hawk is blowing in your face
9 and you're waiting for a bus or train.

10 So the progress we make towards making
11 RLE a reality will be personally among the most
12 important work I do at CTA. But I am not alone.
13 Chairman Peterson has continually pushed our staff
14 to remain focused on this project. His continued
15 interest in how to keep the community informed
16 about our work resulted in his suggestion, along
17 with the infamous admonishment that good news
18 travels nowhere, and bad news travel everywhere.
19 CTA, based on his suggestion, created this
20 excellent video that thoughtfully explains the RLE
21 project and the benefits that that project will
22 bring to the far south side, and includes not only
23 the Chairman and myself, but several important and
24 influential community stakeholders who share what



1 this project means to them and their communities,
2 and includes a vision for the investment and
3 development that up the RLE project which, with
4 the Board's approval today of the IGA with the
5 City for the Transit-Supportive Development Plan
6 will allow us to begin the process of working with
7 the City to further clarify and develop that
8 vision through additional public outreach and
9 feedback.

10 So I want to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for
11 your wonderful idea. I think this video, which
12 clearly describes CTA's vision for the RLE
13 project, speaks volumes on behalf of the project
14 and will help carry our message to people who we
15 may otherwise be unable to reach.

16 I would like to also thank CTA's Chief
17 Planning Officer, Mike Connelly, and his Red Line
18 Extension team, which includes Leah Mooney, Sonali
19 Tandon, and Marlise Fratinardo for their work on
20 this video.

21 I would also like to applaud the efforts
22 of the RLE contractors who helped put this video
23 together, including CDL Smith, Red Resources,
24 Goodman Williams Group, and Visualized Concepts,



1 Inc., which I should note that both Red Resources
2 and Goodman Williams Group are DBE firms.

3 I am pleased to announce that we will
4 launch along with this view the RLE Facebook page
5 tomorrow, which will give those following the
6 project another place to get information about our
7 progress and how the project is moving forward.

8 So needless to say, it is a very exciting
9 time for RLE. Without further ado, I'm very proud
10 to unveil our new Red Line Extension video at this
11 time.

12 (Video played.)

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Great job. Great job,
15 Dorval.

16 PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: I saw the early version
18 without some of these interviews, and that is just
19 incredible. And what I would say to the
20 communication team, continue to push it out.

21 And one of the things we're doing here at
22 Rush, and I don't know if we have the ability to
23 do it, we were talking with some of our front line
24 workers who don't always have access to the



1 computer, so we're looking to develop an app on
2 their cell phone so that they can get the
3 information, you know, regardless, if they're
4 taking a patient out for blood tests.

5 So I don't know if we've got the ability
6 to do it for our customers. But I think an app
7 where, again, sort of meeting people where they
8 are and finding a way to share this vision for the
9 south side is just huge. So great job. Great
10 job.

11 PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you, Terry. And
12 we'll follow up on the app idea.

13 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Any other comments?

14 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Great job. Great job.
15 Great job. Long time coming. Well deserved.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Thank you, President Carter.

17 I'm not going to, before I move on a
18 little bit here. It's time to make another
19 change. We've gone on a while. There have been a
20 lot of changes, a change of our sign language
21 interpreter.

22 So Elisabeth, you can turn it over to
23 Rivka. Give that a few seconds.

24 And then we're still in new business. I



1 believe, Chairman Peterson, there was something
2 that you wanted to say.

3 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Yes. I think it's a good
4 segue way, having watched the video, to say that I
5 know that a lot of you know that this is my last
6 Board meeting. My term is up at the end of the
7 month. And while it's a -- you know, sort of a
8 painful -- I won't even say painful, a little
9 sadness. Because I would say for the last
10 11 years, the CTA has been sort of like my second
11 family. But as I shared with all of the directors
12 yesterday, I feel that the agency is in great
13 hands with the Board, the management team, and I
14 think now is a perfect time to step away.

15 Again, this has been an incredible honor
16 for me, a blessing for me. I can't believe how
17 fast 11 years have gone by.

18 I want to especially thank the directors,
19 again, for making me a better chairman, for
20 supporting me during the time that they've been on
21 the Board. I've said this before, I want to thank
22 Dorval, who's been like a brother to me in working
23 with him. It never felt like working coming to
24 CTA. It always felt like the family getting



1 together and trying to figure out how to make
2 things better for others.

3 And I also want to thank Greg Longhini.
4 Greg and I have known each other almost my
5 30 years in public service. Greg actually
6 interviewed me when I was going to work for
7 Valerie Jarrett back in 1994.

8 I want to thank April. I'll tell you
9 this. She has been a blessing. And I've got to
10 thank Karen for allowing her to come down and
11 serve as my chief of staff. Janice, Adrian. I
12 know I'm going to get in trouble, because I'm
13 going to miss someone. But I did write down
14 names. Nora. Veronica.

15 I really want to thank Karen, who early
16 on in my career, put up with me calling her Gayle.
17 I want to thank her for her patience. For those
18 who don't know the inside joke, Gayle was my
19 former general counsel at CHA. And I would be in
20 meetings with Gayle -- with Karen, and I would
21 say, Gayle this, Gayle that.

22 So Karen has been not only general
23 counsel, but she's been a friend.

24 Veronica, who I've known for years.



1 Tom McKone. Brian Steele. Steven
2 Mayberry. Gerald Nichols. Ellen McCormack.
3 Jeremy Fine. Juan Pablo. Geisha. Mike Connelly.
4 Bill Mooney, Junior. Chris Bushell.

5 And I could go on and on. Like I said,
6 it's been like a family. As I said to a lot of
7 directors, I don't believe in saying good-bye. I
8 will talk with you later. All of you have my cell
9 number. If you ever need Rush services, don't
10 hesitate to call. If there's anything I can ever
11 do, I'm sure I'll find some other way to serve
12 this great city we live in.

13 But again, I just wanted to personally
14 thank all of you and tell you this -- as I look
15 over my 30-year career, this has been one of the
16 highlights. And I can't thank God enough for
17 blessing me and providing me with the honor to
18 have served all of these years in public service.

19 So again I want to say thank you.

20 I'll turn it back over to Greg now. And
21 I'll say this before I give it to Greg: If I
22 missed anyone, blame it on my head, not my heart.
23 I just wanted to name some of the individuals who
24 put up with me and made me a better chairman as



1 well beyond just a director.

2 So with that, Greg.

3 MR. LONGHINI: And, Chairman, don't get up
4 yet, because we're not done. I'm going to now
5 turn this over to President Carter, who I think is
6 going to show us something else to watch.

7 Dorval.

8 PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you, Greg. And I
9 brought my box of tissues here to make sure I get
10 through this momentous occasion.

11 I do have a video to show you, Terry,
12 sort of a representation of your time here at CTA.
13 But before I show the video, I want to say a few
14 personal remarks of the impact you've had on me in
15 our personal relationship.

16 One of the consequences of the work that
17 I do as president is I work closely with the
18 Chairman of the Board. It's true that no matter
19 who holds the title of president or Board
20 chairman, that relationship is critical.

21 As all of you know, I've been around CTA
22 a very long time. And I've had the opportunity, I
23 counted this up last night, I actually have worked
24 with six different chairmen of CTA over the course



1 of my career. So it's from that vantage point
2 that I would like to share this one opinion: In
3 my personal view, there is no finer example of a
4 true committed public servant than our Chairman,
5 Terry Peterson.

6 what you may not be aware of is that
7 Terry and I first met each other in Washington,
8 D.C., in a conference room of the city's lobbying
9 office when he was the head of Chicago Housing
10 Authority. And he, of course, was in Washington,
11 D.C., because he was fighting for additional
12 funding from Congress to support CHA's programs.

13 while he served as the Executive Director
14 of CHA, served as alderman, and has obviously had
15 many notable achievements in government, I just
16 want to touch on how committed he has been to
17 serving the people during his time here at CTA.

18 For Terry, it has never been enough that
19 we have DBE goals in our contracts. You certainly
20 heard him talking about that even today during our
21 Board meeting. He wants the biggest goal
22 possible. Like me, he wants that goal met and
23 preferably exceeded. Terry has always used the
24 phrase that the goal is the floor, not the



1 ceiling. And he has worked tirelessly to make
2 that phrase a reality during his time here at CTA.

3 Terry has also wanted to know what the
4 people in our Second Chance Program have been
5 doing as they go through this program and whether
6 they really have a shot with real employment with
7 CTA if they do excellent work. And he has always
8 pushed for that.

9 There are people working today who have
10 no idea that there is a direct line between their
11 working here at CTA and Terry's constant urging
12 for us to look for the all stars and hire them
13 into full-time permanent jobs. And many of those
14 employees can thank Terry's persistence in
15 supporting the Second Chance Program and ensuring
16 that it was meeting its overall goals for the
17 ultimate benefits that have come to those
18 employees.

19 Terry knows, like any committed public
20 servant, that somewhere beyond the policies you
21 create lie the people in the neighborhoods you
22 serves. From the Red Line Extension to the Red
23 Line South reconstruction project, to the growth
24 of our Diversity Programs department, he has



1 always placed Chicago and its communities at the
2 heart of each decision he's made and we've grown;
3 and as we have grown, have invested in the CTA.

4 As he knows my deep admiration for Terry
5 goes well beyond our respective professional
6 responsibilities. Terry is my good friend. And
7 to say that I will miss working with him is a
8 gross understatement.

9 Many of you don't know this, but when
10 Mayor Rahm Emanuel asked me to become president of
11 the CTA, the first question that I asked was was
12 Terry staying around as chairman.

13 I knew how important it was to have a
14 chairman in that seat who would work closely with
15 me and who would appreciate and understand from
16 Terry's unique position the challenges that come
17 with being a head of a major agency in the city of
18 Chicago. And I can honestly say now at the end of
19 this tenure that Terry never let me down.

20 He was the voice of reason and calm when
21 I was upset and mad about any number of things
22 that were frustrating me here at CTA. And I could
23 always count on Terry to be a person to help me
24 refocus my perspective on the bigger picture and,



1 even more importantly, lend a helping hand to help
2 me achieve the goals that I was trying to
3 undertake.

4 while our friendship will easily survive
5 his departure, CTA will lose a champion. In the
6 five years that we stood shoulder to shoulder
7 constructively fighting for our customers and the
8 communities that we serve, I cannot imagine a
9 better partner.

10 Terry, please know that as you move
11 forward in whatever your next chapter may be, your
12 legacy will forever loom large across the CTA
13 system.

14 So on behalf of the CTA family of
15 employees and customers, thank you for your
16 leadership, your strength of character and
17 conviction, and for the vision you shared with us
18 as we sought to make CTA a better agency for our
19 customers and for the communities that we serve.
20 You leave this agency a much better one than when
21 you found it. And we are forever grateful for
22 your leadership.

23 Now let me show you a little video to
24 show our appreciation. We have a really great



1 tribute video. Hopefully, I'll be able to show it
2 now. If not, I'll get it around to everybody.

3 There we go.

4 This could be an indication, Terry, that
5 you shouldn't leave.

6 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: while Herb is working on
7 that, thank you. I know we're going to be in
8 touch. I've got your cell number. I know where
9 you live.

10 PRESIDENT CARTER: Maybe we should have the
11 other Board members speak. If we get the video
12 going again, we'll interrupt.

13 MR. LONGHINI: That's a good point, President
14 Carter.

15 So at this point, I'm going to turn it
16 over to the No. 2 person, the Vice Chair.

17 Is it going on now?

18 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Looks like.

19 MR. LONGHINI: O we're going to play the video
20 now.

21 (Video played.)

22 MR. LONGHINI: That was wonderful. Thank you
23 all.

24 At this point, we're going to turn it



1 over to the vice chair, Director Alva Rosales,
2 who's going to have to run a few meetings here, it
3 looks like coming up. So get some practice right
4 now, Arabel.

5 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you. And the
6 video was great. It was (audio interference.)

7 I have to tell you that, and I know we
8 spoke yesterday, Terry, I am very sad that you're
9 leaving. All the things that have been said about
10 you ten fold should be repeated. I think
11 everywhere you go in Chicago, your leadership
12 precedes you because everything from being an
13 alderman to where you're at now at the CTA, and
14 looking at your bio, I was very happy to see
15 you're part of Leadership Greater Chicago Alumni.
16 Me too. So I love that.

17 But really, you're an empathetic leader.
18 wherever you go, you care about people, you care
19 about what you're doing. Your leadership has
20 shown here at the CTA. I'm glad, and I was very
21 happy to hear that you're not going anywhere, so
22 we can reach out to you if we have to, and you're
23 just a phone call away. But more than anything I
24 think you're a great human being. And that's



1 something that can't be taught. That's something
2 that everyone perceives. I mean, here at the CTA
3 you bring out a smile when people hear your name.
4 Rush Hospital, the same thing. And I am a big fan
5 of Rush.

6 So thank you for everything you've done
7 throughout the years, and especially here at the
8 CTA. It has been a pleasure to get to know you.
9 I knew so much of you before, but to really get to
10 you know now in this position.

11 I know that there's other directors. I'm
12 going to call on a few of them and just ask if
13 they want to say thank you or what they want to
14 say.

15 But the video, our words, I think, cannot
16 fully express how grateful we are to you.

17 So I'll go to Director Silva.

18 DIRECTOR SILVA: Can you hear me?

19 Yes. It has been an honor to serve with
20 you during your 11 years at CTA. It has been a
21 great experience and made me very proud to be your
22 friend. And I admire your leadership in CTA and
23 in Rush that I think is almost the same amount of
24 years. I wish you all the very best, a successful



1 and health and retirement. And I'll say to you:

2 (Speaking Spanish.)

3 DIRECTOR SILVA: Thank you for everything
4 you've done for CTA.

5 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Director Jakes.

6 DIRECTOR REV. JAKES: So you know if I had any
7 influence, of course, Chairman Peterson, I would
8 try to use my influence to see if you could stick
9 around for a little while longer. But after we
10 talked I entered into contemplation. And I
11 listened to you sharing your story about being a
12 little boy in Tennessee. And I said to you
13 yesterday about how I followed your career for
14 years and years and years. And even when we got
15 off the phone yesterday, the first thing that
16 popped in my mind was to whom much is given, much
17 is required. And you've been given a lot. But
18 the question then raised -- the question that
19 raises itself was, why were you given so much?
20 And the answer is real simple. And it's because
21 God could trust you with it, Terry. And because
22 God could trust you with it, you have done a
23 marvelous job. You've made God proud. You've
24 made your family proud. You've made black men



1 proud. And you've just made Chicago proud. So
2 I'm happy for you. Sad to see you leaving this
3 part. But just know, man, like you said, we have
4 your cell number. Just don't block me when I call
5 you.

6 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: I won't. Thank you.

7 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Thank you.

8 Director Chevere.

9 DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
10 for welcoming me to the Board with open arms
11 almost a year ago and for being the epitome of
12 what it means to be in public service. I have
13 seen you in the public eye for many, many years.
14 We've both been there. And you're, just like I
15 said, you're the epitome of public service.

16 So thank you for your service, and a
17 happy retirement, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you.

19 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Director Miller.

20 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Thank you so much.

21 Just an opportunity to say thank you to Terry and
22 for your leadership on the Board. And you and I
23 go way back beyond our coming on the Board. It
24 was a joy to be able to come and be a part of this



1 Board following Reverend Robinson, another close
2 friend of yours. And we go back. Because of
3 Terry, I had the opportunity to present Mayor
4 Daley at his reelection. And Terry and I worked
5 together at CHA and further back. You have
6 history in this city, and we're so appreciative of
7 what you've done and what you're doing. He called
8 me yesterday and told me this would be his last
9 meeting. And in the midst of his call, he was,
10 like, I need you to make a call. I've got to take
11 a family out to Pres-St. Luke. I got a problem,
12 one deceased, and one need to know. And Terry got
13 me in. So he's still working.

14 I just want to say thank you, love you
15 for your work. Continue. And wherever the Lord
16 take you from here, we're just happy for you.
17 Hate to see you leaving the Board, but happy about
18 you and your career.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you.

21 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Director Irvine.

22 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thanks Arabel. Terry, I've
23 been on the CTA Board now for about eight -- a
24 little more than eight and a half years. And it



1 has really been one of the greatest honors in my
2 life and privileges to serve alongside you for
3 that whole time. I didn't have really experience
4 in public service before being on this Board. And
5 I feel like I got a master class in leadership and
6 public service and serving with empathy and heart
7 and passion from watching you do your work all
8 these years. And I've learned so much. And I
9 also -- you have been so supportive of so many of
10 the initiatives that really make CTA such an
11 important part of the city, including
12 accessibility for people with disabilities.

13 And it's just been -- it's been really
14 fantastic to serve with you, to see your heart, to
15 see you in action, to see how you connect with
16 people who speak before the CTA. And the
17 connections you have in the community that I kind
18 of -- I knew about more anecdotally before we got
19 to serve together, but to see it in action month
20 after month has been fantastic. I've learned so
21 much from you. And I think I've got one more year
22 left on the Board before my term ends. And I
23 think there are going to be many times where we're
24 going to be saying, what would Terry say? what



1 would Terry do? How would Terry -- How would
2 Terry dig into this thorny topic or this issue?
3 And how would he respond when someone comes before
4 the Board about something they're really concerned
5 about?

6 And we're all in your heart, and you're
7 in ours. And it's carrying us. And I think it's
8 going to carry the CTA for a long time beyond the
9 time you were at CTA. And I just feel really
10 fortunate that now I work at Rush, I get to
11 continue working with you. But I'm sincerely and
12 seriously going to miss you working at CTA this
13 year.

14 So thank you. Thank you. And enjoy your
15 time when you don't have this on your plate.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Arabel, before we move on, I
17 want to make one final sign language switch.

18 I see Elisabeth working a lot. So
19 Elisabeth, do you want to wrap up and turn it
20 over.

21 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Let me know when
22 you're ready.

23 MR. LONGHINI: I think we're ready.

24 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Karen, I know you also



1 want to say a few words. So please go ahead.

2 MS. SEIMETZ: Chairman, I want to thank you
3 for the privilege of having worked with you at CTA
4 for almost ten years now. CTA has been so
5 fortunate really to have your guidance.

6 I do think you might have glossed over
7 not calling me by my correct name because I think
8 everyone should understand that that actually went
9 on for about a year, including in public meetings
10 where we had to correct the record. But it's all
11 water under the bridge now. I really enjoyed
12 working with you on both a personal and
13 professional level. And, Terry, I can only say
14 may the road rise to meet you, and I know that our
15 roads will continue to cross. Thank you.

16 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Terry, again, thank
17 you so much. Again, words cannot express,
18 although we've heard some -- quite a few, makes me
19 want to cry. We're happy for you. I think all of
20 us are so happy for you because we want the very
21 best for you, because you deserve that. But we're
22 definitely, definitely going to miss you.

23 And thank you for your service. I think
24 I'll send it back to President Dorval, and we'll



1 wrap up.

2 PRESIDENT CARTER: Thank you. I don't think
3 anything more to add beyond what we already said,
4 Terry, other than, you know, I do -- I did notice,
5 and I think it's somewhat ironic that the last
6 project that you worked on here would be the Red
7 Line Extension. And one of the main focuses of
8 the Red Line Extension was to attach rail to the
9 Altgeld Gardens, which is obviously a CHA
10 property. So you've kind of come full circle and
11 connected all the dots as you're so good at doing
12 as, Chairman. So your legacy is going to live for
13 decades. And that, I think, is the most important
14 gift that you gave to CTA and the city of Chicago.
15 And I look forward to being able to celebrate the
16 successes of your work in years to come. So thank
17 you.

18 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: Thank you. Thank you,
19 Dorval. Thank you, everyone.

20 It is no -- it's not a pleasant sight to
21 see a 60-plus-year-old man cry. So I'm not going
22 to say much more than what I already said. I
23 spoke with each of you, like I said, I'm hoping
24 things get better with the pandemic. Because I



1 will work with Dorval to see, hopefully before the
2 end of the year, if I can do a dinner with each of
3 you and just, again, thank you in person.

4 But again, this has just been an honor
5 and blessing for me. And I think Pastor Jakes
6 said it best, to whom much is given, much is
7 required. So I think that's how you have to
8 approach public service. There used to be an old
9 gospel song ...

10 DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: It's all right. It's
11 all right.

12 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: My grandmother would sing,
13 it said, "No cross, no crown." If you're not
14 willing to be able to shoulder the cross, then you
15 can't expect to wear the crown at the end of this
16 life.

17 So again, thank you. I'm going to stop.

18 Greg, is there any other business to come
19 before this Board?

20 MR. LONGHINI: There is no other new business,
21 sir.

22 CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All right. With no
23 further business to come before the Board, may I
24 have a motion to adjourn.



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DIRECTOR J. CHEVERE: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

DIRECTOR REV. MILLER: Second.

CHAIRMAN PETERSON: All those in favor, say
"aye."

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRMAN PETERSON: We are adjourned.

(whereupon, the Meeting of the
Chicago Transit Board adjourned
at 12:50 p.m.)



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