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3 DECEMBER 2020 FINANCE, AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE
4 BOARD MEETING

5
6 Held via videoconference

7 On

8 December, 16th, 2020

9 at

10 9:30

11 at

12 567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor,
13 Chicago, Illinois 60661

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16 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS via
17 videoconference had in the above-entitled cause
18 held at the Chicago Transit Authority Headquarters,
19 567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, Illinois,
20 Chairman Alejandro Silva, presiding.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 MS. ARABEL ALVA ROSALES, Vice Chair;
3 MR. GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary;
4 MR. DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President;
5 MS. KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel;
6 MR. ALEJANDRO SILVA, Chairman;
7 MR. KEVIN IRVINE, Director;
8 DR. L. BERNARD JAKES, Director;
9 REV. JOHNNY L. MILLER, Director;

10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 MR. JEREMY FINE, Chief Financial Officer;
12 MS. CAROLINE GALLAGHER,
13 Chief Strategy, Data and Technology Officer;
14 MS. ELLEN MCCORMACK, Vice President
15 of Purchasing and Supply Chain;
16 MR. WILLIAM MOONEY,
17 Chief Infrastructure Officer;
18 MR. HERB NITZ,
19 Director, Technology Engineering;
20 MR. JUANPABLO PRIETO,
21 Director of Diversity Programs and
22 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison
23 Officer.
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1 (whereupon, the following
2 proceedings commenced via Zoom
3 at 9:30 a.m.)

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning. My name is
5 Gregory Longhini. I'm the Board Secretary of the
6 Chicago Transit Authority. On December 9th, 2020,
7 the Chicago Transit Board, Office of the Secretary,
8 issued a notice of changed format of meetings of
9 the Committee on Finance, Audit and Budget and the
10 Chicago Transit Board meeting, both scheduled for
11 December 16th, 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
12 The Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a
13 disaster proclamation on November 13th, 2020 to
14 address this emergency. Section 12 of the
15 proclamation declared that in-person attendance of
16 more than fifty people is not feasible in light of
17 public health concerns. This means that the
18 Chicago Transit Authority public meetings occurring
19 on December 16th, 2020 will take place only
20 virtually. Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker's
21 Executive Order 2020-07 was extended by his
22 executive order through 20-37, as well as Illinois
23 Attorney General guidance of public bodies, of the
24 Opening Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information



1 Act for the Covid-19 pandemic. It allows for
2 public bodies for the public meeting electronically
3 and prevents transmission of Covid 19. Chairman
4 Silva, we are ready to begin the Finance, Audit and
5 Budget Committee meeting.

6 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Good morning.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning.

8 CHAIRMAN SILVA: I'd like to call to order the
9 December 16th, 2020 meeting of the Committee of
10 Finance, Audit and Budget. Will the secretary call
11 the roll?

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. Director Miller?

13 MR. MILLER: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

15 DIRECTOR JAKES: Here.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

17 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Here.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

19 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Present.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director -- or Chairman
21 Silva?

22 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Here.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman, we have a quorum
24 with five members of the Committee present. And



1 let the record show that myself and General Counsel
2 Karen Seimetz are in the CTA headquarters here at
3 567 West Lake Street. You may proceed, Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our first order of business is
5 the approval of the Committee minutes of
6 November 18th, 2020. May I have a motion to
7 approve?

8 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Move and seconded by
11 Directors Jakes and Miller of the motion on the
12 minutes. Director Miller?

13 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

15 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

17 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

19 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Yes.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva?

21 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Yes.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion is approved.

23 Sir, you may proceed.

24 CHAIRMAN SILVA: The next order of business is



1 the finance report. Jeremy Fine.

2 OFFICER FINE: Good morning. Jeremy Fine, your
3 Chief Financial Officer, and I'll be giving an
4 overview for October. On the next page we see
5 system-generated revenues. We see farebox and pass
6 totals down about 37 million dollars. This tracks
7 approximately what we've seen over the last several
8 months but slightly down to that due to the second
9 wave of Covid starting to take effect in October.

10 The non-farebox totals are down about 3 million so
11 overall down about 40 million for the month of
12 October to our budget. On the next page you see
13 the year-to-date numbers. A similar trajectory on
14 the various lines. We see fare and pass total is
15 down about 288 million. The reduced fare subsidy
16 coming in on budget and the non-farebox totals down
17 about 22 million. So overall the total revenues
18 are down about 310 million dollars on a
19 year-to-date budgetary basis. But again the story
20 is we'll talk about in a moment is CARES funding.
21 CARES funding has been the critical component for
22 us to be able to bridge the gaps that are created
23 both here as outlined on system-generated revenues
24 as well as what we'll talk about in a moment on



1 public funding.

2 On the next page we outline our expenses.
3 Again for the month of October we've done a good
4 job of continuing to control our expenses as best
5 we can. This is allowing us to stretch those
6 critical CARES dollars as far as we can into 2021.
7 You see here for October we see labor expenses
8 slightly favorable to the budget as well as
9 materials. Fuel and power continue to be a strong
10 performer for us throughout the year. And other
11 expenses come in favorable as well. So we end up
12 the month of October about six and a half, slightly
13 less. A million dollars favorable to budget. You
14 see this carrying over on the year-to-date slide as
15 well. Year-to-date expenses we see slight
16 unfavorability on a year-to-date basis on labor and
17 materials but essentially flat. Fuel and power, as
18 I mentioned, have been very strong performers
19 throughout the year as is other expenses. So
20 overall we've saved to budget about 25 million
21 dollars. But if you -- this helps us offset a
22 portion of the shortfall that we saw on the revenue
23 side so on a net-net basis, on a year-to-date basis
24 we're negative about 285 instead of the 310 that



1 were shortfall on revenues alone. So again this
2 has been a concerted effort throughout the
3 department here at CTA to control expenses as best
4 we can allowing us to stretch those critical CARES
5 dollars as far as we can into 2021.

6 On the next page we outline our public
7 funding. As you can see here, we are slightly
8 unfavorable but it has regained a little bit of a
9 foothold over -- over the months since the outbreak
10 of Covid. So we see sales tax down about 4 million
11 dollars as is PTF. The real estate transfer tax is
12 down a little over a million. So we end up the
13 month at about nine and a half million dollars, 9.4
14 million dollars down on the budget. On a
15 year-to-date basis we see a similar trajectory on
16 the lines and we have an unfavorable balance on a
17 year-to-date basis of slightly under 100 million
18 dollars. Again CARES funding has been the critical
19 component to help us bridge the gap for the
20 shortfalls that we're seeing both on
21 system-generated revenues as well as public
22 funding.

23 On the next page we talk about CARES Act
24 draws. As you may recall, we received 817 million



1 dollars of total CARES funding. We've drawn down a
2 little over 350 million dollars total on a
3 year-to-date basis or about 45 percent. So again
4 we talked about last month as part of our budget in
5 an expectation to be able to have some of the CARES
6 funding, you know, carry over into 2021. We're
7 still on track for that. So again, you know, we've
8 been able to control expenses allowing us to drag
9 these CARES dollars out as far as we can and will
10 continue to do that through the remaining portion
11 of the year as we close out November and December.

12 On the next page we talked about the three
13 commodities that we purchase: Fuel, power and
14 natural gas. We're in the process of doing RFPs
15 for both fuel and natural gas. So once we complete
16 those processes, we'll be able to lock in future
17 years beyond 2022 for each of those commodities.
18 You know, with regard to power, we're already
19 locked in through 2024 but again we will look for
20 opportunistic buys particularly on fuel and natural
21 gas as we move forward as we get those RFPs set up
22 and allow us to start purchasing in those outer
23 years. That concludes my report for the month of
24 October. I'm glad to answer any questions.



1 CHAIRMAN SILVA: I mean the way it looks, okay,
2 it looks okay that we're going to make it okay this
3 year. Do you feel comfortable also that we can
4 make it?

5 OFFICER FINE: Yes. You know, we will continue
6 to have CARES funding to staunch any of the
7 shortfalls that we see with regard to
8 system-generated revenues or public funding. It
9 will be critical though for 2021 to receive
10 additional CARES funding as we move into budget
11 year 2021. But yes. We will -- we will be able
12 to, you know, bridge with the CARES funding that we
13 have received to date through budget year, calendar
14 year 2020.

15 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Thank you.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Rosales, any
17 questions?

18 DIRECTOR ROSALES: No questions. Just a
19 comment. Again just really great on what is being
20 done on the side of expenses. You know, to be 25
21 million in the positive that's a great feat.
22 Especially during these very difficult times. And
23 then to contain with regards to the public funding
24 so that we're not -- we're spending as little as we



1 can and then extending it as much as possible. I
2 have a quick question though. With regard to
3 power, those numbers that we've already looked at
4 power with regard to the electrical buses that's
5 all included in -- in that in what we're going to
6 be doing? That spend includes that because I know
7 that's a couple of years out. We're already set
8 there.

9 OFFICER FINE: Yes. So anything with regard
10 to, you know, novation from diesel to, you know,
11 battery power, you know, electric buses, we would
12 be novating, you know, the cost accordingly between
13 the budget lines.

14 DIRECTOR ROSALES: That's all set. Great.
15 Great work. Thank you.

16 OFFICER FINE: Thank you.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine, any
18 questions?

19 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Thanks, Greg.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Sure. Director Jakes?

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

23 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: There are no further



1 questions on this matter, Chairman Silva, so we may
2 proceed to agenda item number four.

3 CHAIRMAN SILVA: The next order of business
4 since -- since there are no further questions, may
5 I ask to place this item on the omnibus for Board
6 approval?

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: No. Chairman Silva,
8 we -- we don't need to place the finance report.
9 It's already been accepted by the Board so we can
10 just move on to number four, the first ordinance.

11 CHAIRMAN SILVA: The next order of business is
12 the review of an experimental University Pass,
13 U-Pass, Program agreement with the University of
14 Illinois and Chicago UIC for certain part-time
15 students for the spring 2021 term. Jeremy and
16 chair approval.

17 OFFICER FINE: Thank you. I'm Jeremy Fine,
18 Chief Financial Officer. And good morning. Today
19 for your consideration I present an ordinance for
20 an extension of the University of Illinois at
21 Chicago UIC part-time U-Pass pilot program for the
22 spring 2021 term. Per the pilot program graduate,
23 undergraduate and part-time students taking between
24 eight and eleven credit hours are eligible to



1 receive a U-Pass. UIC participated in the U-Pass
2 pilot during the fall of the 2020 term which was
3 successful and UIC expressed interest in continuing
4 the pilot for an additional semester. Over 1100
5 part-time students were issued U-Passes during the
6 fall 2020 term and expect -- and we expect a
7 similar number in the spring. Consistent with the
8 entire U-Pass program and due to Covid-19, U-Pass
9 schools are allowed to selectively enroll students
10 that want a U-Pass and not the entire student
11 population. (Inaudible) pilot is consistent with
12 the full-time program and will continue at \$1.25 a
13 day. I'm glad to answer any questions you may
14 have.

15 CHAIRMAN SILVA: How do you account for the
16 remote classes?

17 OFFICER FINE: So how have we -- how have we
18 accounted for those?

19 CHAIRMAN SILVA: I mean you are giving the pass
20 for people -- for people that is taking remote
21 classes?

22 OFFICER FINE: Yeah. So if students want to
23 opt in to the U-Pass program whether it's as part
24 of this pilot for part-time students or full-time



1 students because of the pandemic we've allowed
2 folks to opt in. There still is a fair number of
3 participants both on the full-time program as well
4 as this part-time pilot. Because students -- you
5 know, because classes have, you know, kind of
6 evolved throughout the period sometimes depending
7 on which school you're talking about, you know,
8 students have still had some classes on site from
9 time to time. They also have laboratory work as
10 well as being able to access the libraries. So
11 there is a need for students to be able to traverse
12 back and forth, you know, throughout the --
13 throughout the city to get to their schools on a
14 regular basis. And again we've seen tremendous
15 support in participation in the part-time program
16 here at UIC, you know, which is kind of evidence of
17 the fact that students still are needing to get
18 back and forth to -- to their respective
19 university, in this case UIC, throughout the
20 pandemic. So we expect that to continue through
21 the spring semester and, you know, again I think
22 that's bolstered by the fact that UIC and the
23 students that have been participating found this a
24 very successful program and one that they wanted to



1 continue into that spring semester.

2 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Do we have many, many other
3 universities, okay, or we don't have a plan yet?

4 OFFICER FINE: So yes. You know, we have a
5 large cadre, you know, of participants on the
6 full-time program. We're running two pilots
7 currently, you know, on the part-time program. One
8 with City Colleges of Chicago and one here with
9 UIC. Because of the success of both of those
10 programs, those part-time programs, other schools
11 are starting to notice and are inquiring about
12 running a pilot with them as well. So I think
13 we'll be back to the Board in relatively short
14 order hopefully with some additional schools that
15 want to participate in this program as well. You
16 know, obviously with the Covid situation a lot of
17 schools are still evaluating, you know, things but,
18 you know, again we expect to come back to the Board
19 in relatively short order with some additional
20 schools that have expressed interest in the
21 program.

22 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Thank you.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

24 DIRECTOR ROSALES: No questions. Just 1100 is



1 quite a few. That's a good number.

2 OFFICER FINE: You know, we were -- we were
3 very excited about that number as was the -- as was
4 the school. So, you know, again that's been a very
5 successful program even in the -- even in light of
6 the current pandemic. It's been very successful
7 and it's been a big assistance to the students that
8 need to get back and forth as well as just
9 providing an additional service here at CTA. So
10 we're very excited about it.

11 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Thank you.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

13 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

15 DIRECTOR JAKES: Jeremy, this -- so this
16 program will be revisited every semester?

17 OFFICER FINE: Yes.

18 DIRECTOR JAKES: That becomes contractual?

19 OFFICER FINE: Yeah. And eventually we will
20 morph it into something that's longer term but
21 again we're trying to, you know, feed the need of
22 the various schools that are participating in the
23 pilot, understand ridership trends and things like
24 that and then once everything kind of settles down



1 we'll be working on developing a longer term
2 solution. But again right now the pilot is working
3 well for both the schools as well as CTA. So again
4 it's -- this will be extended for the spring. You
5 know, again once things settle down post-Covid
6 we'll be evaluating it longer term.

7 DIRECTOR JAKES: Great job. Thank you, Jeremy.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller, any
9 questions?

10 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Chairman
12 Silva, since there are no further questions -- I'm
13 sorry. That concludes the questions, Chairman
14 Silva, for this matter.

15 CHAIRMAN SILVA: So since there are no further
16 questions, can I place item on the omnibus for?
17 Board approval?

18 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

19 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded by
21 Directors Miller -- or Directors Jakes and Miller.
22 So, Chairman Silva, can we now proceed to agenda
23 item five?

24 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is



1 the review of an ordinance authorizing an amendment
2 to a sublease between Sterling Racine, LLC and
3 Shipbob, Inc. for property located at 120 North
4 Racine Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Bill Mooney.

5 MR. MOONEY: Bill Mooney, Chief Infrastructure.

6 Good morning. Staff recommends approval of an
7 ordinance authorizing an amendment to a sublease
8 between Sterling Racine, LLC and Farpoint
9 Development, LLC for property located at 120 North
10 Racine Avenue. On August 12th, 2015, the Transit
11 Board approved a ten-year lease with Sterling
12 Racine, LLC for 84,879 square feet on the first and
13 second floors of the city-owned building --
14 CTA-owned building at 120 North Racine. On
15 February 14th, 2018, the Board approved a two-year
16 sublease between Sterling Racine, LLC and
17 Shipbob, Inc. with the sublease being amended
18 multiple times with the latest per ordinance number
19 19-107 to November of 2019. Sterling Racine has
20 requested CTA's consent to amend the current
21 sublease with Shipbob reducing the sublease to
22 11,775 square feet and extending the terms of the
23 sublease to January 31st, 2022. Sterling Racine
24 will continue to be responsible for all rent and



1 expenses as set forth in the lease agreement
2 including its proportionate share for building
3 operating expenses and all applicable taxes and
4 utility fees. Sterling Racine is required to
5 obtain the CTA's consent prior to subleasing which
6 cannot be unreasonably withheld. I'll be happy to
7 be take any questions at this time.

8 CHAIRMAN SILVA: I don't have any questions.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Rosales?

10 DIRECTOR ROSALES: No questions.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

12 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

16 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva, there are
18 no further questions on this matter.

19 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Seeing there are no further
20 questions, may I place this item on the omnibus for
21 Board approval?

22 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

23 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded.



1 Chairman Silva, you may proceed to agenda
2 item five. I'm sorry. To number six. Number six.

3 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is
4 the review of an ordinance authorizing an amendment
5 to the Small Business Enterprise, SBE, Program
6 within the Authority's Disadvantaged Business
7 Enterprise, DBE, Program. Tom McKone and Juanpablo
8 Prieto.

9 MR. PRIETO: Good morning, Directors.
10 Juanpablo Prieto, Director of Diversity Programs.
11 I present for your consideration today a
12 recommendation to adopt an amendment to the CTA
13 small business program. As a recipient of federal
14 funds, CTA is required to operate a disadvantaged
15 business enterprise or DBE program. The DBE
16 regulations also require each agency to include a
17 race and gender neutral element to facilitate
18 competition by small businesses. In 2012, CTA
19 amended its DBE program to include a mechanism to
20 foster small business participation. And in 2013
21 established a small business enterprise Program to
22 provide contracting opportunities for small
23 businesses by setting aside certain contracts only
24 for small businesses to bid as primes and by having



1 prime contractors on large construction contracts
2 identify portions of the contract that will be
3 subcontracted only to small businesses. CTA
4 verifies small business enterprises or SBEs using
5 the DBE criteria and size standard and accept the
6 owner's social disadvantage. All DBE firms are by
7 definition small businesses and are automatically
8 qualified as SBE firms. CTA also accepts SBE firms
9 for Metra and PACE which use the same SBE
10 certification standards. Since 2013, CTA has
11 awarded seventy-six SBE set-aside contracts for
12 over 26 million dollars and, in addition, awarded a
13 20 million dollar task order-based engineering
14 contract to aid SBE firms. Staff recommends
15 amending the small business program to, one, create
16 two limit categories, one for blanket contracts and
17 another for definite-quantity contracts and, two,
18 increase the limits to 5 million dollars per year
19 for blanket contracts and 5 million dollars per
20 contract for definite-quality contracts. This will
21 allow staff to identify and recommended more
22 contracts for the inclusion of the Small Business
23 Enterprise Program as we also continue to reach out
24 to small businesses to encourage them to



1 participate. I'm happy to answer any questions.

2 CHAIRMAN SILVA: The DBEs that become SBES are
3 allowed to take loans, okay, from the government?

4 MR. PRIETO: Yes. And, in fact, we have a
5 program called building small businesses that helps
6 firms find capital, access to capital and has
7 helped firms complete the paperwork and find
8 resources during -- during Covid as well.

9 CHAIRMAN SILVA: So -- so -- so they -- they
10 are getting, okay, I mean big advantage, okay, for
11 them, okay, to become SBE certified?

12 MR. PRIETO: Yes. We -- we encourage all small
13 businesses to seek certification. You know,
14 through our small business program we're able to
15 set-aside contracts for only small businesses to
16 compete which gives them a chance to become a prime
17 contractor with CTA which helps them increase their
18 capability and capacity.

19 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Thank you.

20 MR. PRIETO: Thank you.

21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

22 DIRECTOR ROSALES: If this increase goes into
23 place, how are you going to communicate it? What
24 are some of the outreach work that you're going to



1 do?

2 MR. PRIETO: We'll continue our outreach
3 program to let firms know that we have this program
4 and that we've made the increase. We also
5 communicate regularly with our small businesses
6 through our diversity management system. So once
7 this is -- if it's approved, we will communicate
8 that out to our small businesses through that as
9 well.

10 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Do you think this will help
11 more -- more businesses -- will attract then more
12 businesses because opportunities are better?

13 MR. PRIETO: Yes. By increasing the limit,
14 we're able to set aside more contracts which gives
15 firms opportunity to prime on these contracts and
16 brings more firms into -- into our small business
17 program.

18 DIRECTOR ROSALES: I think the other thing,
19 Juanpablo, is that a huge deal and I know this as a
20 business owner that having on your -- it's not your
21 resume but your capabilities statement that you
22 have been a prime of something really goes a long
23 way to open the doors to get you other business
24 apart from CTA. That it really is a feather in



1 your cap as a business owner and it opens up all
2 kinds of other opportunities then because you've
3 been a prime so that's a huge thing.

4 MR. PRIETO: Yeah. It tends to be a chicken
5 and an egg. Right. You can't get the opportunity
6 because you don't have the experience. This
7 program allows firms to get that kind of experience
8 so that they can apply for larger -- larger
9 contracts either with us or other entities.

10 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Great. Thank you.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

12 PRESIDENT CARTER: Greg?

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: President Carter?

14 PRESIDENT CARTER: A couple of points I want to
15 make to -- to questions you're asking and also to
16 JP's presentation. Obviously this will marry
17 nicely with our business development program that
18 we have in place currently and that will be another
19 opportunity for us to get the word out about the
20 program and the fact that part of the perks of the
21 business some of the programs prepare people to
22 take on CTA, you know, public contracts and
23 obviously not just a sub but also a prime. The
24 other thing is in light of your comment I also want



1 to talk to our comps team about whether we can do
2 some targeted advertising or announcements.
3 Particularly in minority-owned newspapers and
4 others that let people know about the program in
5 general but also about our desire for them to do
6 business with CTA. I think that may also help to
7 your point of getting it out in the community more.
8 And I also think it helps us with the broader
9 messaging about CTA it wants to welcome minority
10 DBEs, small-owned businesses to basically do
11 business with us and can create an avenue for JP
12 and his team to engage businesses in this -- in
13 this program and other programs going forward.

14 DIRECTOR ROSALES: That would be great. I mean
15 because if we're doing this type of expansion and
16 giving more opportunities, the more people know
17 about it, the more they can take advantage of it.
18 So that's great.

19 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yeah. As our former
20 chairman used to say, bad news travels everywhere
21 and good news travels nowhere. This is definitely
22 good news.

23 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Uh-huh.

24 PRESIDENT CARTER: So I want to make sure it



1 travels to as many places as possible to get the
2 word out about what we're doing.

3 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Great. Thank you.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, President
5 Carter. Director Irvine, any questions?

6 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions. Good work.

7 MR. PRIETO: Thank you.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

9 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions. Ditto to what
10 Director Irvine said.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: And Director Miller?

12 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. Good job.
13 Good job. President Carter had really just
14 answered my questions about it. Thanks.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva, there is
16 no further questions.

17 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Seeing that there are no
18 further questions, may I have leave to place this
19 item on the omnibus for Board approval?

20 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

21 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded by
23 Director Jakes and Miller. Chairman Silva, we're
24 finished now with the ordinances so we may proceed



1 to contract number A1.

2 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is
3 contract A1, labor, materials and equipment
4 contract.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Any questions, Chairman
6 Silva?

7 CHAIRMAN SILVA: No. I don't have any kind of
8 questions.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

10 DIRECTOR ROSALES: No questions.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

12 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

16 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Since there is no further
18 question, Chairman, you may proceed to contract A2.

19 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is
20 contract A2, contract for transmission rebuilding.
21 I don't have questions.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Director Alva
23 Rosales?

24 DIRECTOR ROSALES: No. Just a thanks to -- is



1 it Z4 Ecomat Transmission for -- they were at 0 DB
2 requirement and they found a two percent so thanks
3 to them. Kudos to them for doing that. That's
4 all.

5 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yeah. We did a little bit
6 of pushing on that one.

7 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Thanks for that.

8 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yeah.

9 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Sparks some creativity there
10 so that's always good. Thank you.

11 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

12 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.

13 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

14 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions, Greg.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Director
16 Miller?

17 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Since there
19 are no further questions, Chairman Silva, we may
20 proceed to contract B, as in boy, one.

21 CHAIRMAN SILVA: The next order of business is
22 contract number B1, a construction services
23 contract. I don't have a question.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales, do



1 you have questions?

2 DIRECTOR ROSALES: No questions.

3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

4 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

6 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

8 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: There are no further
10 questions on this matter, Chairman Silva, so we may
11 proceed to contract D, as in dog, one.

12 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is
13 contract number D1, a planning consulting service
14 contract. No questions.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

16 DIRECTOR ROSALES: What is the DBE
17 participation on this contract?

18 MR. PRIETO: The current participation is at
19 23 percent. This is an extension to while we get
20 through the procurement of the newer -- of the
21 newer contract and we're going to be placing task
22 order-based goals on the new contract. This is one
23 of the last contracts that still has an overall
24 goal on the contract.



1 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Okay. And also just a
2 comment. I let it go by but our contract B1 with
3 the MID-CON, you know, all of those, so the average
4 goal is normally 22.73 and you achieved -- we've
5 achieve 42.68 so great job there too.

6 MR. PRIETO: Thank you.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Any more questions?

8 PRESIDENT CARTER: Director -- Director
9 Rosales, that -- that goal achievement is also part
10 of our efforts to try to really focus on original
11 task order and set goals relative to that task
12 order. You may recall that's a change that we made
13 to our policy when you put the MID-CON contract in
14 place and intended to achieve exactly the result
15 that you're seeing here. It allows us to tailor
16 the DBE expectation to each individual task order
17 when we award to the company in the MID-CON
18 program.

19 DIRECTOR ROSALES: It's obviously effective and
20 if there's anything that we can duplicate I'm sure
21 you'll be doing that on other contracts so.

22 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yes. JP will certainly let
23 you know we're planning to duplicate this in all
24 similar type of contracts going forward. In fact,



1 we've already done it in a number of them. So the
2 more of these contracts come before the Board you
3 will see similar provisions in them to allow us to
4 do the same approach.

5 DIRECTOR ROSALES: That's great. That's great.
6 Thanks.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine, any
8 questions?

9 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

11 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions, Greg.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

13 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: There are no further
15 questions on that matter but hold on one second.
16 Nevermind. Nevermind. I thought it was something
17 that was urgent for this. There's no more
18 questions on D1, consulting contract. So,
19 Chairman Silva, we may now proceed to contract
20 number G, as in girl, one.

21 CHAIRMAN SILVA: That's great. Our final order
22 of business today is contract number G1, a software
23 licensing, maintenance and support contract. What
24 is the participation of DBEs in this one?



1 MR. PRIETO: This contract is for licensing of
2 software so there are no subcontracting
3 opportunities here. So we did not -- we were not
4 able to place a DBE goal on this.

5 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Alva Rosales?

7 DIRECTOR ROSALES: No questions.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

9 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.

10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

11 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

13 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: There are no further
15 questions, Chairman Silva. You may proceed to
16 number 7A.

17 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Seeing there are no further
18 questions on the contracts, may I have leave to
19 place all five contracts in the omnibus?

20 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

21 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Jakes
23 and seconded by Director Miller. Chairman Silva,
24 you may proceed to number 7B.



1 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Since there is no further
2 business to come before the Committee, may I have a
3 motion to approve the omnibus and recommend the
4 omnibus for Board approval?

5 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

6 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is moved by
8 Director Jakes and seconded by Director Miller.
9 And now I'll take a roll call vote. Director
10 Miller?

11 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

13 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

15 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?

17 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Yes.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva?

19 CHAIRMAN SILVA: May I have a motion to
20 adjourn?

21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva, you need
22 to vote on the motion.

23 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Sorry. Since there is no
24 further business to come before the committee --



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman -- Chairman
2 silva?

3 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Yes.

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: You vote yes on that
5 motion to approve the omnibus? I didn't catch it.
6 Yes? Chairman silva, just say yes.

7 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Yes.

8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. Okay. We've now
9 got. We've now got the vote -- the vote done and
10 the motion is approved with five yes votes.
11 Chairman, so we may proceed now to agenda number
12 eight.

13 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Finally, may I have a motion
14 to adjourn?

15 DIRECTOR JAKES: So moved.

16 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded the
18 motion to adjourn. Director Miller?

19 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?

21 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.

22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

23 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.

24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?



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DIRECTOR ROSALES: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva?

CHAIRMAN SILVA: Yes.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion to adjourn passes with five yes votes. We will take a five-minute break until the start of the December 16th CTA Board meeting. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SILVA: Thank you.

(which were all proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at this time.)

(Whereupon, the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.)



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