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2	CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
3	JANUARY 2021 FINANCE, AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE
4	BOARD MEETING
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6	Held Via Videoconference
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8	January, 13th, 2021
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12	567 West Lake Street, 2nd Floor,
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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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3	MR. DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President; MS. KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel;
4	MR. ALEJANDRO SILVA, Chairman; MR. KEVIN IRVINE, Director;
5	DR. L. BERNARD JAKES, Director; REV. JOHNNY L. MILLER, Director;
6	ALSO PRESENT:
7	MR. KRANTHI BALARAM,
8	Senior Information Technology Manager; MR. DONALD BONDS, Chief Transit Officer;
9	MS. TAMMY CHASE, Director of Communications and Media Relations,
10	MR. MICHAEL CONNELLY, Chief Planning Officer; MS. MICHELE CURRAN,
11	Vice President of Budget and Capital Finance; MR. JEREMY FINE, Chief Financial Officer;
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14	Purchasing and Supply Chain; MR. WILLIAM MOONEY,
15	Chief Infrastructure Officer; MS. APRIL MORGAN,
16	Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman; MR. HERB NITZ,
17	Director, Technology Engineering; MR. JUANPABLO PRIETO,
18	Director of Diversity Programs and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison
19	Officer.
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(Whereupon, the following
proceedings commenced at
9:34 a.m. via Zoom.)

THE COURT: Good morning. I'm Gregory Longhini. I'm the Secretary to the Chicago Transit On January 5th of this year, the Board office issued a notice of changed format of the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee and -- of the Chicago Transit Board and the Transit Board meeting itself scheduled for today, January 13th, 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation on December 11th of last year to address this emergency. Section 12 of the proclamation declares that in-person attendance of more than ten people is not feasible in light of public health concerns. This means that the Chicago Transit Authority public meetings occurring on January 13th, 2021 will take place only virtually.

In addition, Illinois Governor Pritzker's
Executive Order 2020-07 is extended by his
Executive Order 2020-37, as well as Illinois
Attorney General's guidance to public bodies on the
Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information



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- Act during the Covid-19 pandemic allow for public bodies to hold public meetings electronically to prevent the transmission of Covid-19.

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    Committee on Finance, Audit and Budget. Chairman
    Alejandro Silva, you may begin the meeting.
- 7 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Good morning.
- 8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning.
- 9 CHAIRMAN SILVA: I would like to call to order
  10 the January 13th, 2021 meeting of the Committee of
  11 Finance, Audit and Budget. Will the secretary call
  12 the roll?
- 13 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. Director Irvine?
- 14 | DIRECTOR IRVINE: Here.
- 15 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?
- 16 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.
- 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?
- 18 DIRECTOR JAKES: Present.
- 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?
- 20 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Here.
- 21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: And Chairman Silva?
- 22 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Here.
- 23 | SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva, the
- 24 | committee is here with all five members present.



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1	CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our first order of business is
2	the approval of the committee minutes of
3	December 16th, 2020. May I have a motion to
4	approve?
5	DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved.
6	DIRECTOR JAKES: Second.
7	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Irvine.
8	Seconded by Director Jakes.
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: I'm now going to take a
10	roll call vote on the December minutes. Director
11	Irvine?
12	DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes.
13	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?
14	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.
15	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?
16	DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes.
17	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?
18	DIRECTOR ROSALES: Yes.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva?
20	CHAIRMAN SILVA: Yes.
21	SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion is approved
22	with five yes votes and you may proceed to agenda
23	item number three, sir.
24	CHAIRMAN SILVA: The next order of business is



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SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SILVA: Chairman Fine.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman. Herb, let us know when -- when Jeremy is -- is ready to go.

MR. NITZ: You can proceed.

Good morning. I'm Jeremy Fine, your MR. FINE: Chief Financial Officer. And I'll be walking through November results today. Next page. For farebox and pass revenues we see those totals down approximately at the same levels that we saw for October. We're down about \$32,000,000 to budget on fare and pass totals. On reduced fare subsidy is flat to budget. And non-farebox totals are down about 3,000,000. So overall we're down about \$35,000,000 vis-à-vis the budget but again as we'll talk about here more in a moment CARES funding is the critical component to bridge the gap that's created because of the pandemic. The next The year-to-date numbers we see a similar trajectory on the various line items. Again fare and pass totals down about \$320,000,000. Reduced fare subsidy coming in basically on budget.



Non-farebox totals down about 25. So overall a little less than \$350,000,000 down to budget. But again the CARES funding is the critical component here as we've worked through 2020 and going into 2021. With regard to our expenses, we've done a good job to continue to constrain expenses as best we can. We've seen labor coming in slightly favorable to budget. A little less than \$3,000,000. Materials positive by a little over a half a million dollars. Fuel and power have been very strong performers for us throughout the year. And we see almost \$1,000,000 on both of those line Injuries and damages and security services items. coming in as expected. And then other expenses coming in favorable by about 1.1 million. overall for the month of November we were able to attain about 6.5 million dollars of favorability vis-à-vis -- vis-à-vis the budget. On the next page we see year-to-date expenses. You know, again, it's a very similar trajectory on the various lines where we see some very slight positive favorability on labor. Some slight but basically flat variance on materials. Fuel and power again very strong performers for



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us throughout the year. Injuries and damages and security services coming in basically as expected and then almost \$15,000,000 of favorability on other expenses. So with all of those rolled up together, we have attained over \$30,000,000, 31.4 million dollars of favorability over the course of the year. Again this is very helpful in allowing us to stretch those critical CARES dollars as far as we can into 2021. So again this has been a huge effort from the various departments here at CTA to ensure that we're, you know -- you know, maximizing our CARES dollars and, you know, minimizing our expenses as best we can.

Next page, please. With regard to our public funding. We see a similar trajectory as what we saw last month. Again sales tax down but obviously not down as significantly as it was earlier in the pandemic. We see some slight unfavorability here. About two and a half million. PTF down about 3,000,000. We have seen over the course of the last several months, you know, some positive trajectory in the real estate transfer tax from time to time so again we see that here, you know, for this month by about a half a million



So overall for the month we're down about dollars. 5.5 million. As you see on the next page, this translates into a little over \$100,000,000 of negative variance on a year-to-date basis but again, CARES funding is the critical component as well to help offset these gaps. With regard to CARES funding, on the next page we see for the month we'll draw down a little less than \$40,000,000. So on a year-to-date basis that will put us a little over \$400,000,000 drawn year-to-date. This equates to about half of what we received. We received about \$8,017,000,000 early in the pandemic. And, you know, again we've been able to stretch those dollars as best we can through 2020 so that we'll have some carryover into 2021. There was some good news at the end of the year with regard to another package being passed. we are still working with RTA on the timing and the eventual dollar allocation. We'll continue to keep the Board apprised as to those conversations but, you know, again nothing has been finalized yet with regard to the dollar allocations at this point. But it will obviously help us close, you know, a portion of our 2021 gap if not entirely. So again



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we'll continue to work with the RTA on those allocations. And we'll report back to the Board with further information as it becomes available.

Next page, please. With regard to the commodities. Fuel, power and natural gas, we see fuel -- you know, all three commodities, fuel, power and natural gas, locked in for where we need to be for 2021. We continue with the RFP process for both fuel and natural gas and will continue to look for opportunistic buys for future years on those two commodities. We'll continue to keep the Board apprised, you know, as to any updates on those commodity purchases as well. That concludes my report. I'm glad to answer any questions.

CHAIRMAN SILVA: Yes. Jeremy, can we understand the effect of the box in application for the ridership?

MR. FINE: So I -- I would ask Mike Connelly to also jump in with regard to ridership and, you know, what we've seen with regard to trends, you know, from the onset of the pandemic and then how that has been affected by the second wave and then what we would see potentially as -- as we move forward.

1 But -- but is the box seen. CHAIRMAN SILVA: 2 okay, helping, okay, in getting the ridership up? 3 So -- so we saw -- and we saw that MR. FINE: 4 on the front end of the pandemic we went from about 1.5 million rides a day. That dropped dramatically 5 6 at the outset of the first wave of the pandemic to 7 about 250,000 rides a day. That picked up as 8 people became more, you know, acclimated to the -- the procedures that they needed to follow to 9 10 remain as healthy as possible. You know, by 11 wearing masks and socially distancing. We saw ridership start ticking up where we saw about 12 13 500,000 rides a day. When the second wave of the Covid started, you know, coming out in the -- in 14 the fall during kind of the -- during that period, 15 16 we saw a ridership start to tick down a little bit. 17 Not -- not nearly as dramatically as what we had 18 seen previously. So we went from about 500,000 rides to about 440 or 450,000 rides a day. So it 19 20 did have some effect but albeit relatively modest 21 compared to the initial, you know, onset of 22 the -- of the virus. You know, obviously 23 with -- you know, with yet another, you know, kind 24 of tool in the tool box with regard to the -- the



vaccine, that will obviously, you know, again help people feel more comfortable in getting -- getting back out on the system, getting back out just in So again, you know, we're really on the front end of the vaccine rollout. You know, I believe that the -- that the -- that the second dose of the vaccine just started rolling out within the last week or so. So I don't know if we really have any additional information with regard to, you know, how that would -- how that is -- is impacting ridership per se. But as we, you know, continue to gather additional information and that cohort of people that are receiving the vaccine continues to grow, obviously we'll continue to post the Board as to those updates. But, you know, again it's -- you know, it's a -- it's a relatively small cohort that's received the vaccine and it's a relatively small cohort within that that's received the second dose so far. So we'll continue to post the Board as more information becomes available.

CHAIRMAN SILVA: Thank you.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales, do you have any questions?

DIRECTOR ROSALES: I do. This -- this one



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might be for Mike. Regarding the free mask pilot program, how is that going?

MR. CONNELLY: It's going very well on the -- on the buses. And -- and the -- the -- the mask dispensers have been installed in two locations on the buses. There was one on a bus I was on yesterday. And -- and I haven't seen anybody actually draw a mask out but the boxes are constructed very well to dispense one mask at a time and prevent touching the other masks that are in the dispenser. So it's -- it's a nicely set up It's right behind the driver's seat in an area that's not interfering with the seating or interfering with the -- the flip-up seats for wheelchair access either. It's -- it's tucked in out of the way and -- and still exactly very accessible to people coming into the bus.

DIRECTOR ROSALES: Okay. So well that's good to hear.

MR. CONNELLY: We've done another round of -- of distributing travel safety kits as well with masks and hand sanitizer and that went out starting this week. So -- so there is another several thousand that have been sent out to people



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on locations at bus and rail transfer points.

DIRECTOR ROSALES: Yeah. The first round got a really good PR response. The press seemed to like that which was good. I -- I saw it on a couple of different things. So that's -- that's good.

Hopefully people continue to respond positively to that. You know what, at least it motivates people to utilize the masks and to, you know, feel safer. I think I feel that it's cleaner. They can see that everything is clean but this is an added plus. I think that will help people.

So I'm curious, Jeremy, with regards -- it's good to hear that real estate transfer -- real estate transfer tax is slightly up. Is this a trend or what are you -- I mean I'm hoping it's a trend. Right?

MR. FINE: Yeah.

DIRECTOR ROSALES: But any indications there of what we might see coming up?

MR. FINE: Yeah. So, you know, I -- I don't know if we're quite ready to call it a trend yet. But, you know, two of the last three months we have seen positive favorability. So that is a good -- good news story. You know, it's really



kind of driven off of, you know, there's been a lot of -- you know, there was a lot of pent up, you know, residential real estate transactions that were kind of held so to speak, you know, from the front end of the pandemic. There was kind of a lull in people buying and selling houses. So I think that some of that is kind of the pent up demand in selling that was -- that was taking place after everybody kind of got comfortable and started getting back out and -- and selling property. other thing that we're really kind of watching is commercial sales. So, you know, we really want to see commercial sales starting to pick back up. You know, there's been a couple of buildings but, you know, we really want to see, you know, a larger trend on that. And again we'll be -- we'll continue to update the Board as we start seeing more information regarding commercial sales in the Loop and elsewhere but particularly in the Loop. DIRECTOR ROSALES: Good job on continuing

MR. FINE: It's a -- it's a group effort from everyone in the agency so.

expenses again. That's always very helpful. Thank



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1 DIRECTOR ROSALES: It is.

2 MR. FINE: We appreciate it.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine, any

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DIRECTOR IRVINE: Just -- no more questions but kind of following up with Director Alva Rosales' question about the -- or the comment about the mask dispensers. I just want to say, you know, thank you to Michael Connelly and your staff and everyone for getting those mask dispensers. The pilot out there. It's a good idea. I'm glad you're able to figure out how to do it. And if anyone is interested in -- in learning more about it, there was a really good presentation about the mask dispensers at the ADA Advisory Committee meeting on Monday which was an excellent meeting. It went for almost three hours. Very substantive with great -- great feedback and guestions from the ADA Advisory Committee members and I believe excellent responses from the staff. So there's a really good presentation about the mask dispensers and, you know, photos and -- and, you know, more information about it. So if anyone wants to do a deeper dive,



I'd definitely recommend you check that out. So thank you. No other questions.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Director Miller, any questions?

DIRECTOR MILLER: Well, yes. Just -- I don't know if this is to Jeremy or Dorval. You know, in light of CPS their movement on this past Monday getting the kids part back in school and the mayor was here on Friday and you could hear the continuous. How is that impacting -- you know, I know you don't have any numbers on it now but how is that impacting or is there any special movement CTA had been -- been involved with children going back to school?

PRESIDENT CARTER: Well, I think, Director
Miller, that the -- the students that are going
back to school right now are the special education
and lower grade school students who are not
necessarily the bulk of even our -- our school
ridership. So I don't think there's been any
really significant impact to that one way or the
other. Later I think in the beginning of February
they will start to bring back grammar school kids
and some of those kids may actually use CTA. So we



may see some slight increase. I think it's 1 2 important to point out a couple of things here. One, the ridership that we're expecting 3 from -- from students is really on the margins of 4 our overall ridership. This -- this is not going 5 to be a significant surge in ridership for CTA. 6 7 Secondly, and this is really even more important. 8 Remember that -- that students don't pay a full 9 So -- so from a revenue standpoint in terms 10 of Jeremy's view of the world we may be getting 11 more ridership but we're not really getting the revenue benefit out from that ridership that we 12 13 would get from obviously adult full-fare-paying customers or monthly pass customers which are 14 15 terrific revenue generators for us. Clearly Mike Connelly and his team have been working closely 16 with CPS making sure we're coordinating our 17 18 services based on what they're doing at the schools. They continue to -- to stay in contact 19 20 with CPS. But it's my understanding at least as it 21 stands right now the high school students would be 22 the ones that probably make up the biggest 23 ridership of -- of CTA are not coming back at all. 24 They're -- they're remaining in -- in virtual



- learning status for at least the foreseeable
  future. So I don't expect any -- any substantial
  change in our ridership numbers based on
  these -- these CPS ridership alone. And -- and,
  Mike, feel free to add anything to -- to what I
- 6 just said. But that's my general
  7 understanding.
  8 MR. CONNELLY: That's -- that
  - MR. CONNELLY: That's -- that's exactly
    the -- the case. It's the high school kids who
    really would have an impact and they are not coming
    back in any -- in any short order here. So we
    won't see that.
- 13 DIRECTOR MILLER: Okay. Thank you.
- 14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director -- thank you,
  15 Director Miller. Dr. Jakes, any questions?
- 16 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.
  - SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Chairman Silva, there are no further questions so we may now proceed to agenda item number four.
  - CHAIRMAN SILVA: The next order of business is review of an ordinance consenting to the assignment of a lease for property located at 1909-11 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Blue Line. Bill Mooney.



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Good morning. 1 MR. MOONEY: Bill Mooney, your 2 Chief Infrastructure Officer. Real estate staff is 3 recommending approval of an ordinance authorizing 4 the Chicago Transit Authority's consent to the assignment of a lease for the property located at 5 6 1909-1911 North Western Avenue. Chicago Transit Authority leases retail concession space at the 7 8 CTA's Western Blue Line Station to the Sala Pao 9 shop which operates a Thai restaurant on site. 10 Sala Pao Shop is requesting assignment of a lease 11 for their Cafe Station Corp. who will operate the space at the cafe. The assignment will not affect 12 13 the original terms of the agreement. Sala Pao Shop 14 will continue to be responsible for all rents and 15 expenses set forth in the lease agreement if the 16 Cafe Station Corp. is unable to fulfill their 17 commitment. Pursuant to the terms of the lease, 18 CTA must consent prior to any assignment of the I'll be happy to take any questions. 19 lease. 20 CHAIRMAN SILVA: I don't have a question. 21 Director Alva Rosales? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 22 **DIRECTOR ROSALES:** No questions. 23 Director Irvine? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 24 DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.



1 Director Miller? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2 No questions. DIRECTOR MILLER: 3 Director Jakes? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 4 No questions, Grea. DIRECTOR JAKES: SECRETARY LONGHINI: 5 Thank you. There are no further questions, Chairman Silva. 6 7 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Since there are no further 8 questions, may I have leave to place this item on 9 the omnibus for board approval? 10 DIRECTOR INVINE: So moved. 11 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second. 12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Irvine. 13 Seconded by Director Jakes. Chairman Silva, we may 14 now proceed to agenda item number five. 15 CHAIRMAN SILVA: The next order of business is 16 the review of an ordinance authorizing the transfer 17 of real property located at 4331-4359 West 18 Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Bill. 19 MR. MOONEY: Thank you. Staff recommends 20 approval of an ordinance authorizing the transfer 21 of real property located at 4301 West 22 Chicago Avenue in the city of Chicago. The City 23 seeks approximately 47,000 square feet of vacant 24 unimproved CTA property located at Kostner Avenue



and Chicago Avenue which is part of the CTA 1 2 Chicago Avenue Garage pocket. This plan is required to support the development of the City's 3 joint public safety training facility. As part of 4 5 the agreement the City of Chicago will be relocating the Chicago Avenue entrance for the 6 7 garage and creating a new signalized entrance for 8 CTA use. As well as providing an easement for said entrance to the CTA. In consideration for the 9 property the City has previously agreed to license 10 11 the CTA several City-owned parcels under ordinance 12 number 020-99. I'll be happy to take any questions 13 at this time. 14 I don't have a question. CHAIRMAN SILVA: 15 Director Alva Rosales? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 16 **DIRECTOR ROSALES:** No questions. 17 **SECRETARY LONGHINI:** Director Irvine? 18 **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** No questions. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller? 20 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. 21 And Director Jakes? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 22 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions, Greq. 23 We're finished with the SECRETARY LONGHINI:



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questioning, Chairman Silva.

1 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Since there are no further 2 questions, may I have leave to place this item on 3 the omnibus for board approval? 4 DIRECTOR INVINE: so moved. 5 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second. 6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Approved by Director 7 Seconded by Director Jakes. Chairman Irvine. 8 Silva, we may now proceed to contract number A-1. 9 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is contract A-1, uniform contract. 10 11 That's correct, Chairman. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 12 A uniform contract change order. 13 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Change order, yes. 14 Any questions, Chairman SECRETARY LONGHINI: 15 Silva? I don't have a question. 16 CHAIRMAN SILVA: No. 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales? 18 I guess the only -- I DIRECTOR ROSALES: No. 19 remember when this came up the last time and we 20 we're going to go -- we were going to try to go 21 into some of the communities and trying to get some 22 involvement with some of the stores that are in 23 some of the communities. Are we still working on 24 that?



1 MS. MCCORMACK: We are. We have required that 2 each -- the vendor that we select have three 3 different locations in the Chicagoland area so we're hoping that -- and they have to be north, 4 5 west and south. And we are in the process. We -- we hope to bring this to you for the full 6 7 procurement in the spring because we are having 8 oral presentations tomorrow. So we -- we did that. We also wanted to get different uniforms so that 9 our staff would have a choice and maybe get 10 11 something a little less expensive and increase 12 DB -- DBE participation so we're working on those and we're coming -- we're coming towards the end. 13 14 If we go with a different vendor, we'll need time 15 to transition. So that's one of the reasons we 16 asked for this extension. 17 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Great. Thank you. 18 **SECRETARY LONGHINI:** Director Irvine? 19 **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** No questions. 20 Director Miller? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 21 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. 22 Director Jakes? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 23 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions. 24 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva, there are



no further questions so we may proceed to contract B, as in boy, 1.

CHAIRMAN SILVA: Next order of business is contract B-1, a fuel -- a fuel contract.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Any questions, Chairman?

CHAIRMAN SILVA: Can you tell us, okay, if how do you see the market in fuel? I mean lately, okay, being, okay, the news, okay, that -- that fuel oil is going up.

MR. FINE: So I'll -- I'll jump in. Bill, I don't know if you have anything specific. But with regard to -- this is Jeremy Fine, your Chief Financial Officer. With regard to fuel in general, obviously there has been some volatility as you are indicating here lately. You know, historically though, you know, and recently we've been at historical lows. You know, we'll continue to look, you know, for opportunistic buys in our general portfolio. This is -- this contract in particular is a little different. And Bill can kind of highlight, you know, the -- the specifics around this contract but, you know, in general, you know, oil has been bouncing around. You know, there's a lot of factors into that. And, you know, again but



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in terms of historic levels we're still at, you know, relatively low pricing overall.

MR. MOONEY: So just to jump on with what Jeremy raised, this contract as well as the two are both piggyback contracts of the City's fuel contracts. These are for the vehicles that are in our non-revenue fleet. Most of our work equipment as well as sedans and jeeps and other vehicles we have. We buy -- we use a shared fueling site system with the City of Chicago. They -- they own and maintain these facilities which helps us save They're very, very expensive facilities to maintain on site so many, many years ago we actually bartered an agreement with the City to use their facilities. And we actually have a shared fueling site. It benefits everyone to have a shared fueling brokerage contract for that. also get benefit of the City's buying power. being part of their agreements and their kind of massive buying system for fire trucks and police cars and garage trucks citywide. It allows us to take some advantage of the economy of the scale there.

SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Bill. Any



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other questions, Chairman Silva? 1 2 No questions. CHAIRMAN SILVA: 3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. Thank you. 4 Director Alva Rosales? 5 No questions. DIRECTOR ROSALES: 6 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine? No questions. 7 DIRECTOR IRVINE: 8 Director Miller? **SECRETARY LONGHINI:** 9 No questions. DIRECTOR MILLER: Director Jakes? 10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 11 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions. 12 Thank you. Chairman SECRETARY LONGHINI: 13 Silva, we're finished. So we may proceed to 14 contract B-2. 15 No. That's what we did. B-2. CHAIRMAN SILVA: 16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: We just did -- I could be 17 I thought we just did B-1. We -- they're 18 both fuel contracts. 19 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Right. Okav. 20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: The first one was --21 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Okay. Got it. 22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Right. The next order of business is 23 CHAIRMAN SILVA:



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contract number B-2, an ethanol fuel contract.

1 Right. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 2 I don't have questions. CHAIRMAN SILVA: 3 SECRETARY LONGHINI: I'm sorry, Chairman. You 4 said you do or do not? 5 T don't. CHAIRMAN SILVA: SECRETARY LONGHINI: Okay. On the ethanol fuel 6 7 contract, B-2, Director Alva Rosales? 8 **DIRECTOR ROSALES:** No questions. SECRETARY LONGHINI: 9 Director Irvine? DIRECTOR IRVINE: 10 No questions. 11 Director Miller? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 12 No questions. DIRECTOR MILLER: 13 Director Jakes? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 14 No questions. DIRECTOR JAKES: 15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: All right. Chairman 16 Silva, we're finished with both fuel contracts. 17 may proceed to contract B-3. 18 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is contract number B-3, design-build facility 19 20 contract. I don't have questions. 21 Thank you. Director Alva SECRETARY LONGHINI: 22 Rosales? 23 **DIRECTOR ROSALES:** Yeah. I quess my only 24 question is with the proposed DBE subcontractors

for design how does -- could you explain to me a 1 2 little bit how that works again? 3 they're -- what you know. 4 MR. PRIETO: Yeah. Of course. So in order 5 to -- to create more opportunities for DBEs we 6 split DBE goals on design-build contracts with the 7 assignment DBE goal for design. In this case 8 there's a 30 percent goal on design and then a goal on the construction portion. For this contract 9 10 it's 27 percent. So in order to -- to address the qoal the prime needs to identify their design team 11 12 up front and -- and show their commitment to the 13 design goal which they have -- they have committed 14 to 30.07 percent on the design. Because they don't 15 know fully their packages and the design is not 16 complete, they can't price out the construction 17 DBEs. So they simply commit to meeting the 27 percent goal and we'll have packages that they 18 19 advertise as the design is complete so that the 20 DBEs could bid on it and other subs can bid 21 on -- on those packages. 22 DIRECTOR ROSALES: So all these DBEs that are 23 listed will be utilized?



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MR. PRIETO: Correct. They have committed to

those DBEs being used during the design portion. 1 2 Got it. DIRECTOR ROSALES: okav. Great. 3 Thank you. 4 Thank you. MR. PRIETO: Director Irvine? 5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 6 PRESIDENT CARTER: Director Rosales, I'd just 7 like to --8 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Sure. 9 PRESIDENT CARTER: -- supplement of what 10 JuanPablo was explaining to you. This concept of 11 separating our DBE goals for design and construction was actually a recommendation that we 12 13 got from the DBE architectural and engineering 14 firms who had noticed when we started doing 15 design-build contracts that the primes were basically backloading all their DBE achievement in 16 17 the construction side of the contract which meant 18 the -- the architect and engineering firms weren't really getting the benefit of the design work. 19 20 you know, I think shortly after I came here I met 21 with a group of them and they raised this issue 22 with me. And I sat down with -- with JuanPablo and sort of worked through how we could modify our 23



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procurements to basically maximize the DBE

1 participation. And this is something that I know 2 other agencies have now sort of patterned after us 3 as a -- as a best practice in terms of really utilizing the benefit of the design-build while 4 5 maximizing DBE participation. DIRECTOR ROSALES: Well, it's a big deal. 6 7 mean that's why I'm asking. 8 PRESIDENT CARTER: Yes. DIRECTOR ROSALES: Also that's why I'm asking 9 10 if these are lists that are actually being utilized 11 because in many instances on the tail end they try 12 to put a bunch and not all of them are used. 13 Right. So this allows us to PRESIDENT CARTER: 14 avoid that type of behavior and really hold the prime accountable for maximizing their DBE 15 opportunities throughout the entire contract. 16 17 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Okay. Great. Good to hear. 18 I'm glad to hear other agencies are also doing the 19 same. It's good. 20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Director 21 Irvine, any questions? 22 No questions. DIRECTOR IRVINE: Thanks. 23 Director Miller? SECRETARY LONGHINI:



DIRECTOR MILLER:

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No questions.

1	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?
2	DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.
3	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Chairman
4	Silva, there are no further questions so we may
5	move to contract B-4.
6	CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is
7	contract number B-4, a delivery service contract
8	change order.
9	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Any questions, Chairman?
10	CHAIRMAN SILVA: No questions.
11	SECRETARY LONGHINI: None. Director Alva
12	Rosales?
13	DIRECTOR ROSALES: No questions.
14	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?
15	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.
16	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?
17	DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.
18	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes?
19	DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.
20	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Chairman
21	Silva oh, wait a minute. We may now proceed to
22	contract number C, as in cat, 1.
23	CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is
24	contract number C-1, vending machine contract. I'd



just like to hear a little bit of the details, okay, of -- of what type of vending machines that we're talking about.

MR. FINE: Sure. This is Jeremy Fine, your Chief Financial Officer. This contract gives Canteen the exclusive right to provide snack food vending machines at employee locations on CTA property. The initial term of the proposed licensed agreement is for five years with two one-year options to extend. Canteen will pay a monthly percentage of 26.5 percent of all gross sales generated from the machines which is estimated to be approximately \$54,000 per year or \$270,000 over the five-year base term or \$378,000 over the seven-year full term with all options. Canteen will be responsible for the costs related to the installation. And Canteen was the higher of the two bids that we received. You know, that -- that came in and they offer extensive experience and capacity to manage a contract of this size. They are the current food vending machine provider for the CTA at employee locations. And, in addition, you may recall that they were also awarded the right to install PPE vending



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machines at CTA locations as well. So, you know, again Canteen has been a good partner for us in the food vending machines at employee locations. contract came in higher. You know, the bid came in higher than what we had previously received, you know, from the prior contract. So, you know, we're excited about that. Particularly in the middle of -- of a pandemic. I think that it just shows that, you know, the value proposition here we got additional percentage and -- and additional funding that will be generated from this contract that will go to the employee welfare fund as well. So again we're very excited about the continued relationship with Canteen but more importantly the additional funding and that funding going to the employee welfare fund.

CHAIRMAN SILVA: So they are exceeding our expectations?

MR. FINE: Yes. To date. You know, but again we continue to monitor, you know, them as well as all contracts to ensure that -- you know, that they continue to exceed expectations. But yes. They have and this contract -- this new contract is exceeding expectations as well. So we're excited.



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1	CHAIRMAN SILVA: Good. Thank you.
2	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales?
3	DIRECTOR ROSALES: No questions.
4	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?
5	DIRECTOR IRVINE: No questions.
6	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?
7	DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. Are there any
8	opportunity or any requirement for DBE
9	participation with this contract?
10	MR. PRIETO: Generally on on
11	revenue-generating contracts it's difficult to find
12	DBE participation. Since this is for operating the
13	vending machines, there are no subcontracting
14	opportunities.
15	DIRECTOR MILLER: Okay. Thank you.
16	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you, Director
17	Miller. Director Jakes?
18	DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions.
19	SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Chairman
20	Silva, there is no further questions on the vending
21	machine contract. You may proceed to contract F-1.
22	CHAIRMAN SILVA: Our next order of business is
23	contract number F-1, a change order to a
24	professional consulting contract. I don't have



questions. 1 Thank you. Director Alva 2 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Rosales? 3 4 No question. **DIRECTOR ROSALES:** 5 Director Irvine? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 6 **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** No questions. 7 Director Miller? **SECRETARY LONGHINI:** 8 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. 9 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes? 10 DIRECTOR JAKES: No questions. 11 Chairman Silva, we're SECRETARY LONGHINI: 12 finished with that item. You may proceed to 13 contract number G, as in girl, 1. 14 CHAIRMAN SILVA: The final order of business 15 is -- today is contract number G-1, a licensing and service support contract. I don't have a question. 16 17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Thank you. Director Alva 18 Rosales? 19 **DIRECTOR ROSALES:** No questions. 20 Director Irvine? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 21 **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** No questions. 22 Director Miller? SECRETARY LONGHINI: 23 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions. 24 Director Jakes? SECRETARY LONGHINI:

1 No questions. DIRECTOR JAKES: 2 All right. Approval of SECRETARY LONGHINI: the contracts. Chairman Silva, you may proceed to 3 4 6-A. CHAIRMAN SILVA: Since there are no further 5 6 questions on the contracts, may I have leave to 7 place all eight contracts on the omnibus? 8 **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** So moved. 9 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second. 10 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Irvine. Seconded by Director Jakes. Chairman, you may 11 12 proceed to 6B, as in boy. 13 If there is no further CHAIRMAN SILVA: 14 business to come before the committee, may I have a 15 motion to approve the omnibus and recommend the 16 omnibus for board approval? 17 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved. 18 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second. 19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is moved by 20 Director Irvine. Seconded by Director Jakes. 21 will now get a roll call vote. Director Irvine? 22 **DIRECTOR IRVINE:** Yes. 23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller? 24 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.



1 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes? 2 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Alva Rosales? 3 4 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva? 5 6 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Yes. 7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: The motion to approve the omnibus passes with five yes votes. So you may now 8 9 proceed to agenda item seven, sir. 10 CHAIRMAN SILVA: Finally, may I have a motion 11 to adjourn? 12 DIRECTOR IRVINE: So moved. 13 DIRECTOR JAKES: Second. 14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Irvine. 15 Seconded by Director Jakes. I'll take a roll call 16 vote. Director Irvine? 17 DIRECTOR IRVINE: Yes. 18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller? 19 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes. 20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Jakes? 21 DIRECTOR JAKES: Yes. Director Alva Rosales? 22 SECRETARY LONGHINI: 23 DIRECTOR ROSALES: Yes. SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Silva?

1	CHAIRMAN SILVA: Yes.
2	SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
3	with five yes votes. So we are adjourned from this
4	committee and we will begin the actual board
5	meeting in one minute.
6	(Which were all proceedings had
7	in the above-entitled cause at
8	this time.)
9	(Whereupon, the Finance, Audit
10	and Budget Committee meeting
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5	MARGARET E. MECKLENBORG, as an Officer of
6	the Court, says that she is a Certified Shorthand
7	Reporter doing business in the State of Illinois;
8	that she reported in shorthand the proceedings of
9	said meeting, and that the foregoing is a true and
10	correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken
11	as aforesaid, and contains the proceedings given at
12	said meeting via videoconference.
13	IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I have hereunto set
14	my verified digital signature this 14th day of
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