

1 COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING
2 AND SERVICE DELIVERY
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4 IN RE THE MATTER:)
5 REGULAR MEETING)
6 OF MAY 12TH, 2021)
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10 Report of proceedings at the meeting of
11 the above-entitled cause, before Tabitha Watson, an
12 Illinois Shorthand Reporter, on the 12th day of
13 May, 2021, at the hour of 9:31 a.m., via
14 videoconference.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- KEVIN IRVINE, Chairperson
- ARABEL ALVA ROSALES
- JOHNNY MILLER

ALSO PRESENT:

- DORVAL R. CARTER, JR., President
- GREGORY LONGHINI, Secretary
- KAREN SEIMETZ, General Counsel
- MIKE CONNELLY
- BERNARD JAKES
- ALEJANDRO SILVA



1 (whereupon, the following
2 proceedings were had via
3 videoconference.)

4 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Good morning. I'm Greg
5 Longhini, Secretary to the Board of the Chicago
6 Transit Authority.

7 On May 5th, 2021, the office of the
8 Secretary of the Chicago Transit Board issued a
9 notice of changed format of the CTA Board and
10 Committee meetings that would take place on
11 May 12th, 2021.

12 On April 30th, 2021, Illinois Governor
13 J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order 2021-09
14 renewing the disaster proclamation in effect to
15 address the COVID-19 pandemic in Illinois.

16 Section 6 of the executive order continues
17 Executive Order 2020-07 as amended by Executive
18 orders 2020-33 and 2020-44 allowing public meetings
19 to proceed virtually and dispensing with the
20 requirements in the Illinois Open Meetings Act for
21 physical quorum. This means that the CTA public
22 meetings occurring today will take place only
23 virtually.

24 Because the disaster proclamation remains



1 in effect in the state of Illinois, the meetings on
2 May 12th, 2021 are being held electronically or
3 virtually pursuant to the amended provision of the
4 Open Meetings Act, Section 7(e), which allows for
5 virtual public meetings while the disaster
6 proclamation remains in effect.

7 We are now ready to begin the Committee on
8 Strategic Planning & Service Delivery.

9 Chairman Irvine.

10 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Good morning. I would
11 like to call to order the May 12th, 2021 meeting of
12 the Committee on Strategic Planning & Service
13 Delivery.

14 Will the secretary call the roll?

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes.

16 Director Alva Rosales?

17 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

18 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

19 DIRECTOR MILLER: Here.

20 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Hold on a second.

21 Director Alva Rosales, Director Miller, Director
22 Irvine. And we have -- I'm sorry. I don't have my
23 list here. Jakes isn't on -- we have a quorum with
24 three members. We have a quorum with three members



1 of the Committee present. I'm sorry. We don't
2 have the fourth one because Chairman Peterson is
3 gone. So we have a quorum with three members of
4 the Committee present. I got a little confused
5 when only three came up. So we have -- so we may
6 proceed, Director.

7 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thank you. Our first
8 order of business is approval of committee minutes
9 of May 13th, 2020. May I have a motion to approve?

10 BERNARD JAKES: So moved.

11 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Yes. Director Alva
13 Rosales?

14 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

15 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

16 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Irvine?

18 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Yes.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine, that
20 motion passes with three yes votes.

21 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thank you. Our next order
22 of business is the review of an ordinance
23 authorizing an additional experiment for bus route
24 31, 31st Street. Mike Connelly will present.



1 MIKE CONNELLY: Good morning. I'm Mike
2 Connelly, your Chief Planning Officer. When this
3 board acted last May to extend for one year the
4 experimental operation of the Number 31, 31st
5 Street bus, no one had any idea of what the year
6 ahead would hold. As we have moved through the
7 past 12 months of this pandemic period, we remain
8 positive about our transit operations and dedicated
9 to providing essential services to the community.

10 The ridership on the Number 31 is strongly
11 tied to the activity at the Illinois Institute of
12 Technology campus. This has not been a time of
13 strong attendance at that location, nor of many
14 activity in the surrounding area.

15 We come before you today to recommend a
16 one-year extension of the existing experiment. We
17 are optimistic that the upcoming year will provide
18 a better measure of the returning ridership that we
19 expect to see throughout the CTA system. With the
20 pandemic powerfully affecting all CTA service and
21 deeply depressing movement and therefore transit
22 use, this is not a propitious time to make
23 permanent changes to the CTA system, even for a
24 well-received route like the Number 31.



1 It will continue to serve our customers
2 and given the region's status in the COVID
3 spectrum, considerations of what the CTA systems
4 will look like post pandemic are best left to the
5 future.

6 The staff are recommending the Board
7 approve ordinance before you, which should extend
8 the current route operation for one year from
9 mid-June of 2021 to mid-June of 2022. I will be
10 making the same recommendation for the other two
11 ongoing experimental routes that began in the
12 spring of last year, the realignment of the 52
13 Kedzie route and the 94 California route, as well
14 as for the extension of the bus route 157
15 Streeterville/Taylor bus into Ogden and Pulaski and
16 for the same reasons.

17 I'd be happy to answer any questions that
18 you have at this time.

19 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: I don't have any
20 questions. I appreciate that we're continuing the
21 experiment and thanks to you and your team for your
22 work on that.

23 Anyone else have any questions?

24 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.



1 BERNARD JAKES: No questions.

2 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: No questions. Just
3 also glad to see that we're giving them -- these
4 routes the opportunity to see how they do now in a
5 different -- with different circumstances. So glad
6 to see this. Thank you. No questions.

7 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thanks. Since there are
8 no further question, may I have leave to place this
9 item on the omnibus for board approval?

10 BERNARD JAKES: Moved.

11 DIRECTOR MILLER: Seconded.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded.

13 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thank you. The next order
14 of business is review of an ordinance
15 authorizing -- do we have to vote on that, Greg?

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: No. Not until the end.

17 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: That's right.

18 The next order of business is review of an
19 ordinance authorizing an additional experiment for
20 the realignment of Bus Routes Number 52
21 Kedzie-California and Number 94 South California.
22 Mike.

23 MIKE CONNELLY: Good morning, again. Mike
24 Connelly, your Chief Planning Officer.



1 Staff are recommending that the Board
2 approve the ordinance before you which would extend
3 the experiment on the Number 52 and 94 for one year
4 from mid-June of 2021 through mid-June of 2022.
5 I'd glad to answer any questions. Thanks.

6 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: I don't have any
7 questions.

8 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

9 BERNARD JAKES: No questions.

10 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: No questions.

11 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thank you. Since there
12 are no further questions, may I have leave to place
13 this item on the omnibus for approval?

14 BERNARD JAKES: So moved.

15 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded.

17 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Thank you. Our final
18 order of business is a review of an ordinance
19 authorizing an additional experiment for the
20 extension of Bus Route Number 157,
21 Streeterville/Taylor.

22 Mike.

23 MIKE CONNELLY: Good morning. Again, Mike
24 Connelly, your Chief Planning Officer.



1 Staff are recommending that the Board
2 approve the ordinance before you, which would
3 extend the experiment on the Number 157 for one
4 year from mid-June of 2021 into mid-June of 2022.

5 I'd be glad to answer any questions for
6 you.

7 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: I don't have any
8 questions. Thank you.

9 DIRECTOR MILLER: No questions.

10 BERNARD JAKES: No questions.

11 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: No questions.

12 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Since there are no further
13 questions, may I have leave to place this item on
14 the omnibus for approval?

15 BERNARD JAKES: So moved.

16 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

17 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved and seconded.

18 Chairman Irvine, I would like to say
19 something. I sort of made a mistake here in terms
20 of the motions since Director Jakes is not on this
21 committee. But what I would like to do for the
22 vote we're about to take on the omnibus, I would
23 like Director Alva Rosales to move it and Director
24 Miller to second it. I apologize for that. So the



1 vote, we -- we've got that done.

2 All right, Director Irvine. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: You're welcome. So do you
4 want to reread that or just for the omnibus?

5 SECRETARY LONGHINI: You can just ask for the
6 motion to approve the omnibus. That's fine.

7 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Okay. Since there's no
8 further business before -- no further business to
9 come before the Committee, may I have a motion to
10 approve the omnibus and recommend the omnibus for
11 board approval?

12 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: So moved.

13 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Motion by Director Alva
15 Rosales and seconded by Director Miller. I will
16 now take a rollcall vote.

17 Director Alva Rosales?

18 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

19 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

20 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

21 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine?

22 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Yes.

23 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion to place all
24 these items on the omnibus for approval and



1 recommend board approval is approved with three yes
2 votes. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: You're welcome. And,
4 finally, may I have a motion to adjourn?

5 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: So moved.

6 DIRECTOR MILLER: Second.

7 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Moved by Director Alva
8 Rosales and seconded by Director Miller. I'll take
9 a rollcall vote.

10 Director Alva Rosales?

11 DIRECTOR ALVA ROSALES: Yes.

12 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Director Miller?

13 DIRECTOR MILLER: Yes.

14 SECRETARY LONGHINI: Chairman Irvine.

15 CHAIRPERSON IRVINE: Yes.

16 SECRETARY LONGHINI: That motion is approved
17 with three yes votes and I apologize for that
18 confusion. Thank you.

19 (which were all the proceedings
20 had in the above-entitled
21 cause.)

22 (Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.)

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5 Tabitha Watson, being first duly sworn, on
6 oath says that she is a court reporter doing
7 business in the state of Illinois and that she
8 reported in shorthand the proceedings of said
9 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 on said date.

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