

ORDINANCE NO. 026-66

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A
PERMANENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT
WITH COMCAST AND ASTOUND FOR
THE RED LINE EXTENSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority (“Authority”) is undertaking a project to build stations and extend rail infrastructure on the Red Line, also known as the Red Line Extension Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, The Project will extend the Red Line from the existing terminal at 95th/Dan Ryan to 130th Street and include four new stations near 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street, with multimodal connections at each station including pedestrian, bike, bus, and park & ride facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Project will reduce commute times for residents, improve mobility and accessibility, and foster economic development, where stations may serve as catalysts for neighborhood revitalization; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority Act, 70 ILCS 3605/6 (eff. June 1, 2026), permits the Authority to acquire, construct, own, operate, and maintain a public service transportation system in the area; and

WHEREAS, Comcast and Astound have existing aerial utilities currently in conflict with the Project’s path; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to accommodate the Project, Comcast and Astound have agreed to relocate the utilities to a joint duct bank on CTA right-of-way in the vicinity of South 114th Street and South Wentworth Avenue, as shown on Exhibit A hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Comcast and Astound joint duct banks shall be made in, on, over, under, and through the entire width and length of the areas owned by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Comcast and Astound requires the Authority to agree to permanent easements of the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost associated with the Authority granting a permanent easement to Comcast and Astound and both will indemnify the Authority in the event of specified environmental obligations or violations during the term of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary and in the best interests of the Authority and the public for the Authority to enter into a permanent easement agreement with Comcast and Astound, attached as Exhibit B; now, therefore:

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, or designee, is authorized to execute a permanent easement agreement to allow for Comcast and Astound to relocate their existing aerial utilities to a joint duct bank on CTA right-of-way in the vicinity of South 114th Street and South Wentworth Avenue, as shown on Exhibit A hereto, and as outlined substantially in conformance with Exhibit B hereto.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Board, or designee is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

June 10, 2026

Secretary

June 10, 2026