

ORDINANCE NO. 026-92

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A
PILOT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH
STREET SAMARITANS FOR A CRISIS
INTERVENTION SAFE RIDE
SPECIALIST PILOT UNDER THE
CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S
INNOVATION STUDIO PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority's ("Authority") Planning and Innovation Department ("Department") seeks to solve some of the Authority's biggest challenges by piloting innovative tools and processes, and on December 13, 2023, the Chicago Transit Board authorized the creation of the Innovation Studio Program (the "Innovation Studio"), per Ordinance No. 023-146; and

WHEREAS, The Innovation Studio enables the Department to establish a dedicated and expedited avenue to quickly assess innovative solutions, incorporate cutting-edge technology, and improve internal processes through pilots, prototypes, and/or proof of concepts ("POCs") in partnership with private industry, nonprofits, or other appropriate organizations; and

WHEREAS, Street Samaritans was selected from the submitted proposals to pilot proactive outreach and engagement of riders experiencing mental health crises and behavioral health crises, and substance use disorders and connect those riders with wraparound services and other care opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has reviewed and verified the proposal in compliance with Ordinance No. 023-146 and recommends that the Board enter into a Crisis Intervention Safe Ride Specialist pilot program agreement with Street Samaritans for a term of one (1) year which requires the Authority to pay Street Samaritans a stipend in the amount of up to One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Eighty-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,285,081.00); and

WHEREAS, the agreement requires Street Samaritans to indemnify the Authority, and permits the Authority to terminate the agreement at any time; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board and the President or Acting President of the Authority, or their designees, to enter into a Crisis Intervention Safe Ride Specialist agreement with Street Samaritans for a pilot under the Authority's Innovation Studio which requires the Authority to pay Street Samaritans a stipend in the amount of up to One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Five

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Thousand Eighty-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,285,081.00), has a term of one (1) year, requires Street Samaritans to indemnify the Authority, and such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Pilot Program Agreement for Services and Supplies with Street Samaritans, attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Board and the President or Acting President of the Authority, or their designees, are 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

Secretary

August 12, 2026

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