

ORDINANCE NO. 018-20

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING
A UNIVERSITY PASS (U-PASS)
PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR 2018-
2023 WITH PARTICIPATING
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority" or "CTA") provides public transportation in the Chicago metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, After a pilot program, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 000-20, dated February 7, 2000, adopting a permanent University Pass ("U-Pass") Program that provides unlimited rides on buses and trains operated by the Authority to eligible full-time students at participating accredited colleges and universities ("Schools") located in the Authority's service area in exchange for each participating School paying a daily fee to the Authority for every full-time student enrolled at the School, regardless of whether the students use Authority services; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2013, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 013-28, which authorized the Authority to enter into the current five-year agreement with participating Schools; and

WHEREAS, The Authority wishes to enter into another five-year agreement to extend the U-Pass Program through the Summer 2023 school term; and

WHEREAS, The U-Pass Program has increased new ridership on the Authority's buses and trains by requiring that the participating Schools provide a U-Pass to each eligible full-time student and include the cost of the U-Pass as a regular part of the School's tuition or fees; and

WHEREAS, In Ordinance No. 010-21, dated February 10, 2010, the Chicago Transit Board determined that the specific cost per day for each U-Pass after 2010 would be set by the Transit Board; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Authority extended the U-Pass Program to include full-time students of certificate-granting schools that report student enrollment numbers to the Illinois Board of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, The new U-Pass agreement requires each participating School to pay the Authority One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents (\$1.25) per day for every full-time student enrolled at the School each term plus the Five Dollar (\$5.00) not-to-exceed cost of the Ventra card for each student, and permits the Authority to pass on to the Schools any increased cost of Ventra cards after the first year of the agreement; and

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WHEREAS, The new U-Pass agreement includes a provision to authorize short-term experiments which could increase ridership, enhance the program and inform broader new ridership initiatives, provided that the experiment does not decrease the U-Pass cost; and

WHEREAS, The U-Pass Program has proven very successful, and the Authority and participating Schools wish to continue the program; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes a new 2018–2023 U-Pass Agreement to begin with the Fall 2018 term and extend through the Summer 2023 term.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Board, or his designee, is authorized to execute, with each participating School, a five-year U-Pass Agreement which contains all terms of participation by the Schools in the U-Pass Program and the Authority's obligations under the program, a mutual termination provision, and such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the CTA U-Pass Contract attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 3. The cost of the U-Pass to each participating School commencing with the Fall 2018 term shall be One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents (\$1.25) per calendar day for every full-time student enrolled at the School each term plus a not-to-exceed cost of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per Ventra card. The agreement gives the Authority the option to pass on to the Schools any increased cost of Ventra cards after the first year of the agreement.

SECTION 4. The President, or his designee, is authorized to implement short-term experimental programs to increase ridership and further enhance the U-Pass Program for terms of no longer than 180 days and will apprise the Transit Board of such programs as needed, provided that such experimental programs shall not reduce the cost as established in Section 3.

SECTION 5. The Chairman, or his designee, is further authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

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SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

March 14, 2018

Assistant Secretary

March 14, 2018