

ORDINANCE NO. 018-37

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR
VENTRA CARDS FOR RTA'S SPECIAL
FARE PROGRAMS

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

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Authority (the "RTA") provides financial review and oversight of the Authority, the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Metra"), and the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Pace"); and

WHEREAS, RTA administers special fare programs that allow participants to pay reduced fares or ride at no cost on Authority, Metra, and Pace transit services; and

WHEREAS, On March 13, 2013, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 013-32, which authorized entry into a five (5) year intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with RTA for the purchase of Open Standards Fare System ("OSFS" or "Ventra") fare media cards to be utilized by RTA for its special fare programs; and

WHEREAS, RTA and the Authority wish to continue making Ventra cards available to participants in RTA's special fare programs and have agreed to terms for a new IGA; and

WHEREAS, The new IGA will continue until either party terminates the agreement upon 90 days' notice; and

WHEREAS, The Authority, through the OSFS Vendor, will continue to provide Ventra cards to RTA and RTA will reimburse the Authority for the cost of each Ventra card; and

WHEREAS, The Authority retains the option to increase the cost of Ventra cards when a cost increase is imposed upon the Authority by the OSFS Vendor; and

WHEREAS, The Ventra card shall continue to be the accepted form of fare payment for all participants in RTA special fare programs on the transit systems of the Authority, Pace, and Metra; and

WHEREAS, The agreement contains a mutual indemnification clause; and

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WHEREAS, Cooperation between and among governmental agencies and entities through intergovernmental agreements is authorized by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.); now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Transportation Authority for the Authority to provide Ventra cards to the RTA for RTA to distribute to participants in RTA-administered special fares programs.

SECTION 2. The IGA provides that RTA will reimburse the Authority for the cost of Ventra cards provided to the RTA, includes a mutual indemnification clause, permits either party to cancel the agreement upon ninety (90) days' notice, continues until either party terminates the agreement, and includes such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Regional Transportation Authority and the Chicago Transit Authority attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 3. The Chairman, or his designee, is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

May 9, 2018

Assistant Secretary

May 9, 2018