AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A 180-DAY EXPERIMENT TESTING EXPRESS AND LOCAL SERVICE MIX ON WESTERN AVENUE, GARFIELD BOULEVARD, AND IRVING PARK ROAD

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority continually reviews routings and service levels and makes changes when appropriate to better serve customers and increase ridership; and

WHEREAS, In order to serve the region’s public transportation needs, the Chicago Transit Authority must restructure the way service is provided along certain routes; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown that an improvement in the ratio of express to local service on certain express routes will improve service for the Authority’s customers; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes the President to make the following changes on the following routes:

#49 Western and #X49 Western Express, #55 Garfield and #X55 Garfield Express, and #80 Irving Park and #X80 Irving Park Express

Change the ratio of express and local service by increasing the level of express service and reducing the local service.

SECTION 2. These changes shall be implemented when the necessary operating arrangements have been completed.

SECTION 3. The changes shall be inaugurated as an experiment for up to 180 days. Staff shall elicit public comment during the course of the experimental demonstration project and report its findings to the Board at the end of the project.

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

APPROVED: ___________________________    PASSED: ___________________________

Chairman                                   Assistant Secretary

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