

ORDINANCE NO. 019-42

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
AN ADDITIONAL REVISED
EXPERIMENT FOR BUS ROUTE
#31 31st

WHEREAS, In Ordinance No. 016-058, the Chicago Transit Board authorized the implementation of bus route #31 31st as a 180-day experiment; and

WHEREAS, The #31 31st bus route, operating from the Lake Meadows Shopping Center located at 33rd Street and S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to the Ashland Orange Line Station, provides transportation along the 31st Street corridor, thus increasing the mobility of area residents; and

WHEREAS, The route was implemented September 6, 2016, and had a target of 830 riders per day; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Nos. 017-23, 017-61, 018-3, 018-34, and 018-77 authorized experiments to provide additional time to determine if the target ridership could be reached; and

WHEREAS, Ridership reached 81 percent of the ridership goal in November 2017, and since then has remained relatively stable, and the route has continued to receive strong support from the community; and

WHEREAS, The community has requested earlier service to attract the commuter market and improve ridership; and

WHEREAS, In response to community requests, staff recommends an extension of the experiment, continuing with the current hours throughout the summer, and with earlier service starting at 6:30 a.m. beginning September 1, 2019, with a new target ridership of 1107 daily rides; and

WHEREAS, The cost to operate the #31 31st bus route for this additional experiment is approximately \$575,000.00; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. The President of the Chicago Transit Authority, or his designee, is hereby authorized to implement an experiment for Bus Route #31 31st, operating as follows:

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Operate eastbound trips Monday through Friday, from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. until the fall bus schedule change in September 2019 and then from approximately 6:30 a.m to 7:00 p.m. from the Ashland Orange Line Station terminal south along S. Ashland Ave. to S. Archer Ave., continue northeast on S. Archer Ave. to S. Lock St., southeast on S. Lock St. to W. 31st St., east on W. 31st St. to S. Wentworth Ave., south on S. Wentworth Ave. to W. 35th St., east on W. 35th St. to S. State St., north on S. State St. to E. 31st St., east on E. 31st St. to S. Rhodes Ave., south on S. Rhodes Ave. to E. 33rd St., west on E. 33rd St. to S. Rhodes Ave., south on S. Rhodes Ave. to E. 33rd Pl., west on E. 33rd Pl. to S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., returning north on S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. to E. 31st St, west on E. 31st St. to S. State St., south on S. State St. to W. 35th St., west on W. 35th St. to S. LaSalle St., north on S. LaSalle St. to W. 31st St., west on W. 31st St. to S. Lock St., northwest on S. Lock St. to S. Archer Ave., southwest on S. Archer Ave. to S. Ashland Ave., north on S. Ashland Ave. to the Ashland Orange Line Station terminal.

SECTION 2. The bus route shall be operated as an experiment lasting up to, but not exceeding, the summer 2020 bus schedule change in June 2020. 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 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

May 8, 2019

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