

ORDINANCE NO. 020-1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN  
EXTENSION OF BUS ROUTE  
# 157 TREETERVILLE/TAYLOR  
AS A ONE-YEAR PILOT

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority (“Authority”) continually reviews service and makes changes when appropriate to better serve the region’s population; and

WHEREAS, The #157 Streeterville/Taylor bus route currently operates weekdays between Ogden Avenue/California Avenue and Chestnut Street/Lake Shore Drive; and

WHEREAS, The corridor along Ogden Avenue west of California Avenue has seen job growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Introducing bus service on Ogden Avenue west of California Avenue was a key recommendation of a Quality-of-Life Plan conducted by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council for the North Lawndale community area; and

WHEREAS, At the request of the community, a feasibility study was conducted by Authority staff which indicated that there is support for bus service along this segment of Ogden Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The Authority strives to match service with demand and believes that extending bus route #157 along Ogden Avenue to the Pulaski Pink Line would better serve customers in this growing corridor and increase ridership; and

WHEREAS, The additional operating cost to implement the #157 extension to the Pulaski Pink Line for the one-year pilot extension is approximately Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) and has a target ridership of 700 additional average weekday rides; and

WHEREAS, The pilot for the #157 extension is scheduled to begin with the spring 2020 bus schedule change, and will continue up to, but not exceeding, the spring 2121 bus schedule change; now, therefore:

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

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SECTION 1. The President of the Chicago Transit Authority, or his designee, is hereby authorized to implement a one-year pilot to extend bus route #157 Streeterville/ Taylor as follows:

#157 Streeterville/Taylor

Operate certain westbound trips from the current east terminal to S. Ogden Avenue and S. California Avenue, continuing southwest on S. Ogden Avenue to W. Cermak Road, west on W. Cermak Road to S. Pulaski Road, north on S. Pulaski Road to the west terminal at the Pulaski Pink Line Station, operating over the station roadways and returning south on S. Pulaski Road to W. Cermak Road, east on W. Cermak Road to S. Ogden Avenue, northeast on S. Ogden Avenue to S. Washtenaw Avenue, and continuing northeast on S. Ogden Avenue to the present east terminal over and along the present eastbound route.

SECTION 2. This change shall be implemented when the necessary operating arrangements have been completed.

SECTION 3. The change shall be inaugurated as a one-year pilot lasting up to, but not exceeding, the spring 2021 bus schedule change. Staff shall elicit public comment during the course of the pilot and report its findings to the Board before the end of the pilot.

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

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Assistant Secretary

January 15, 2020

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