WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") 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; and

WHEREAS, The U-Pass Program provides unlimited rides on buses and trains operated by the Authority to eligible full-time students at participating accredited colleges and universities and other accredited post-secondary, degree-granting institutions that report student enrollment to the Illinois Board of Higher Education ("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 14, 2018, the Chicago Transit Board approved Ordinance No. 018-20, which authorized the Authority to enter into the current five-year agreement with participating Schools; and

WHEREAS, Due to COVID-19, Schools have experienced unique enrollment challenges with most or all students learning online and not requiring travel to campus; and

WHEREAS, To encourage Schools to continue participation in the U-Pass Program during this time, Staff recommends offering flexible U-Pass contract terms to Schools through the conclusion of the Summer 2021 academic term, such as but not limited to permitting Schools to pay the daily fee only for selected full-time students and permitting students who are attending only online classes to participate in the U-Pass Program; 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 administratively waive certain enrollment requirements or amend U-Pass agreements as needed during the COVID-19 pandemic through the Summer 2021 academic term to encourage continued School and student participation.
SECTION 2. 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 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after
its passage.

APPROVED:                 PASSED:
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Chairman              Assistant Secretary
August 12, 2020                    August 12, 2020