ORDINANCE NO. 020-119

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPERIMENTAL UNIVERSITY PASS (U-PASS) PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO (UIC) FOR CERTAIN PART-TIME STUDENTS FOR THE SPRING 2021 TERM

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 that provides unlimited rides on buses and trains operated by the Authority to eligible full-time students at participating accredited colleges and universities ("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 enter into short-term experimental programs with Schools for terms no longer than 180 days; and

WHEREAS, Per Ordinance No. 018-20, the Authority and the University of Illinois at Chicago ("UIC") entered into a pilot program for certain part-time students for the Fall 2020 term; and

WHEREAS, The Authority and UIC desire to continue the part-time pilot for the Spring 2020 term due to the success of the initial pilot, and an extension of the pilot’s term to longer than 180 days in duration requires additional Board approval; and

WHEREAS, The experimental U-Pass agreement for certain part-time students requires UIC to pay the Authority One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents ($1.25) per day for selected part-time students enrolled at the School each term plus the Five Dollar ($5.00) not-to-exceed cost of the Ventra card for each student, subject to any increased cost to the Authority for the Ventra cards; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:
SECTION 1. The Vice Chair of the Chicago Transit Board, or her designee, is authorized, pursuant to Section 7 of the Chicago Transit Authority Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Rules of Order due to the absence of a Board Chair, to execute an agreement with UIC for an extension of the pilot program for part-time UIC students enrolled in eight or more credit hours for the Spring 2021 term which contains such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the U-Pass Experimental Program Agreement attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 2. The Vice Chair, or her 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: 

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Vice Chair               Assistant Secretary

December 16, 2020              December 16, 2020