ORDINANCE NO. 022-14
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
THE PERMANENT ADOPTION
OF BUS ROUTE #31 31st

WHEREAS, In Ordinance No. 016-58, 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 South 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, with a target ridership of 830 rides 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 Ordinance No. 019-42 authorized an experiment to introduce service during the morning peak period to evaluate demand from this market; and

WHEREAS, Ridership responded strongly to this improvement, achieving a level of ridership in Fall 2019 of 60% above ridership in the initial season of service in Fall 2016, had reached 98% of initial target ridership, continued to show strong growth prior to the pandemic, and has continued to receive strong support from the community; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Nos. 020-38 and 021-34 authorized additional experiments to provide time to review ridership trends in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has significantly impacted ridership levels on the Chicago Transit Authority’s bus and rail networks; and

WHEREAS, Ridership has continued to improve on route #31 throughout the course of the pandemic and the route continues to fill a need in the community, so it is recommended that the route be made permanent; and

WHEREAS, The cost to operate the #31 31st bus route on an annual basis is approximately $573,000.00; 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 adopt bus route #31 31st as permanent, operating as follows:

#31 31st

Operate westbound trips Monday through Friday, from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from the east terminal on E. 33rd Pl. between S. Rhodes Ave. and S. Vernon Ave., west along E. 33rd Pl. to S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., 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 and returning eastbound from the Ashland Orange Line Station terminal south along S. Ashland Ave. to S. Archer Ave., 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 the east terminal on E. 33rd Pl. between S. Rhodes Ave. and S. Vernon Ave.

SECTION 2. The #31 31st will become permanent upon Board approval.

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

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