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 previously operated 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 was support for bus service along this segment of Ogden Avenue; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, the Board authorized an experiment for the extension of bus route #157 along Ogden Avenue from California Avenue to the Pulaski Pink Line Station; and

WHEREAS, Due to the impact on ridership of the pandemic, in 2021 the Board adopted Ordinance No. 021-36 to allow a second experiment for the #157 extension to assess ridership; and

WHEREAS, The second experiment showed a positive ridership trend with the extension achieving its highest ridership in Fall 2021 with 241 average daily rides, and the recommendation is thus to make the extension permanent; and

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

WHEREAS, The additional operating cost to operate the #157 extension to the Pulaski Pink Line station is approximately Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($550,000.00) annually; 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 permanently adopt the extension of 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. The extension will become permanent upon Board adoption.

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

February 9, 2022           February 9, 2022