

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S
COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH
THE EQUITY IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, The Equity in Infrastructure Project ("EIP") was founded in 2021 to advance racial equity and support underserved communities and tackle the climate crisis at home and abroad through public agency contracting; and

WHEREAS, EIP exists to improve public contracting practices by creating more opportunities for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs), which include Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBEs") and Small Business Enterprises ("SBEs"), to build generational wealth and reduce the racial wealth gap by creating more prime, joint venture, and equity contracting opportunities for these firms; and

WHEREAS, EIP works to secure commitments from public agencies to increase the number, size, and scope of contracts going to HUBs by facilitating access and reducing barriers to compete for business in multiple markets; and

WHEREAS, EIP advances the spirit of Executive Order 14008, President Biden's Justice40 initiative, a Federal Government goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution; and

WHEREAS, EIP seeks to utilize the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law), Public Law 117-58, to build wealth in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, CTA, a leader in contract diversity, equity, and inclusion, signed onto EIP as one of the five "First Movers" – along with Denver International Airport, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Port of Long Beach, and Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) – to help shape the EIP pledge and identify initial projects of interest, working with the private sector, state and local governments, and the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, CTA's commitment to EIP will create opportunities for DBE firms through upcoming projects like the Congress Branch Phase I Improvements, All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP), and Red Line Extension; and

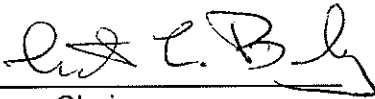
WHEREAS, CTA commits to continue to grow our race- and gender-neutral SBE program that allows us to set contracts aside so small businesses can compete among themselves; and

WHEREAS, CTA is currently working on an agreement with SEPTA that would allow each party to accept the other's SBE certifications to meet one of EIP's goals of facilitating access and reducing barriers for HUBs to compete for business in multiple markets; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chicago Transit Board hereby affirms the CTA's commitment to participate in the Equity in Infrastructure Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes the importance of advancing racial equity and supporting underserved communities through the CTA's current commitments in public contracting and further efforts to create more opportunities for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs).

Resolution No. R022-4
Adopted by the
Chicago Transit Board
October 14, 2022

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Chairman