ORDINANCE NO. 023-119

WHEREAS, The Regional Transportation Authority (“RTA”) has executed a contract with Nearmap for an aerial photography subscription; and

WHEREAS, The RTA and its partner agencies, the Chicago Transit Authority (“Authority”), the Commuter Rail Division of the RTA (“Metra”), and the Suburban Bus Division of the RTA (“Pace”), utilize aerial photography extensively to assist with daily responsibilities that include mapping, field data collection, and infrastructure management; and

WHEREAS, One of the strategies outlined in Invest in Transit, the 2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan, is to collect and share more transit-related data; and

WHEREAS, It is more cost effective for the RTA to purchase an aerial photography subscription on behalf of itself, the Authority, Metra, and Pace than for each entity to procure subscriptions separately; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a competitive bidding process conducted by the RTA, Nearmap was selected as the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, The RTA has entered into a two-year agreement with Nearmap (the “Nearmap Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, RTA and the Authority wish to enter into an intergovernmental agreement which will allow the Authority and its contractors to access the aerial photography subscription services at no cost to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has expressed the need for and can benefit from the use of an aerial photography subscription; and

WHEREAS, The agreement requires the Authority to indemnify RTA; and

WHEREAS, Cooperation between and among governmental agencies and entities through intergovernmental agreements is authorized by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.); and
WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the Authority to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with RTA for access to an aerial photography subscription; 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 authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Regional Transportation Authority for access to the RTA’s Nearmap aerial photography subscription, at no cost to the Authority, which has a term commencing on the date of execution through August 2, 2024, or until such earlier time as the Nearmap Agreement is terminated, whichever occurs first, requires the Authority to indemnify the RTA, and contains such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Regional Transportation Authority and the Chicago Transit Authority attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Board and the President of the Authority, or their designees, are 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:  

Chairman  
October 13, 2023

PASSED:  

Secretary  
October 13, 2023