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Herb Nitz, Meeting Host, (by videoconference)

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: The June 8, 2022, Meeting of the Committee of Strategic Planning and Service Delivery.

DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

DIRECTOR LEE: Second.

MR. LONGHINI: Moved, and let's take the roll call vote for the quorum. Director Ortiz?

DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Here.

MR. LONGHINI: Director Lee?

DIRECTOR LEE: Here.

MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Barkley?

CHAIRMAN BARKLEY: Here.

MR. LONGHINI: We have a quorum of the Committee with three members present. Let the record show that Director Jakes is also here, is present.

CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Our first order of business today is the approval of the March 9, 2022, Committee Minutes. May I have a motion to approve?

DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

DIRECTOR LEE: Seconded.

MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz, seconded by Director Lee. Director Ortiz?

DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

1 MR. LONGHINI: Director Lee?

2 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.

3 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay?

4 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

5 MR. LONGHINI: The Minutes of March 9
6 at approved, three yes votes.

7 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Our next order of
8 business is the review of an ordinance authorizing
9 implementation of bus route number X4 Cottage Grove
10 Express. Mike Connelly?

11 MR. CONNELLY: Yes. Good morning. I'm
12 Mike Connelly your Chief Planning Officer. Staff are
13 recommending implementation of an overlay express bus
14 route on the number 4 Cottage Grove bus corridor.
15 Number 4 Cottage Grove route is a solid, heavily used
16 bus route which connects to the south side, and into
17 downtown, as well as providing well-used local service
18 along this vital corridor.

19 This route sees many very long bus
20 trips, which would benefit greatly from express bus
21 service. There are also many riders who utilize this
22 bus for short connecting trips, with many on's and
23 off's throughout the length of the Cottage Grove
24 corridor.

1 This combination of patterns suggests
2 an overlay express route while retaining full local
3 service, which is exactly what staff are recommending.
4 Almost half of the current riders board at the
5 potential express stops. This route has very strong
6 non-peak direction ridership, which calls for
7 implementation of bidirectional express service. Go
8 to the next slide.

9 The express route is proposed to
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11 operate between 95 Street on the south, through the
12 turnback on East Water Street, downtown, just south of
13 the intersection of Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue.
14 The express route will operate with half mile stop
15 spacing south of downtown. The usual bus route stop
16 spacing ranging from one-eighth to one-quarter of a
17 mile.

18 This will help to speed trips, and
19 reduce the travel time for express bus riders by
20 between nine and 17 minutes, depending on the length
21 of their trip. We can expect that this service
22 enhancement will lead to increased ridership, and will
23 fit in well with the current return to transit trends
24 that we've been seeing.

 The operation of an express route

1 compliments the Better Streets for Buses Initiative,
2 which we are working on with CTA. As with other
3 elements of the Better Streets for Buses Plan, such as
4 transit signal priority, or exclusive bus lanes,
5 express route implementation is intended to improve
6 bus operation, providing improved service for our
7 customers on the bus system.

8 The Cottage Grove corridor is also a
9 part of the Bronzeville Invest Southwest Corridor, and
10 helps to enhance the other investments which the City
11 of Chicago is putting into place. For CTA, the
12 Cottage Grove route is both a low-income route, and a
13 minority route.

14 This reflects CTA's commitment to
15 supporting equity in public transit service provision,
16 and the investment of 1.9 million of annual operating
17 funding towards its enhancement of bus service on the
18 south side. This map outlines both the local, and the
19 express bus routes on Cottage Grove Avenue.

20 The local is out in teal, and the
21 express route is shown as a purple line on this map.
22 The red dots that you can see are the express route
23 stops, which as I've mentioned, are at one-half mile
24 stop spacing south of Roosevelt. Staff are excited to

1 bring this south side route improvement proposal to
2 you. I'll be glad to answer any questions which you
3 may have. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Well first I'd like
5 to commend you on what this new route, the express
6 route. We're glad to see this in an area that is well
7 deserving of this, the volume is very high. I know on
8 the number 4 bus, so thank you very much for that.
9 Did you get any feedback from the community?

10 MR. CONNELLY: We've heard from people
11 throughout the service area at public meetings that
12 we've had, on both the Invest Southwest meetings with
13 the City and others that we've held, that people are
14 looking for improvements to bus service. That's
15 something that people mentioned not only to us
16 directly, but also in the survey work that we've been
17 doing.

18 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Any other comments
19 from any other Board member?

20 MS. ORTIZ: No. I second your comments
21 in terms of this being a really important route, and I
22 appreciate also the fact that it will be saving times
23 for other riders who are actually commuting for very
24 long distances into downtown, thank you.

1 DIRECTOR LEE: Quick question. I see
2 that the implementation date is August 22. Is there a
3 reason it's after kind of like the summer peak?

4 MR. CONNELLY: Yes. This
5 implementation date is set to be when our next union
6 work pick goes into effect. At these picks the
7 operators choose which routes they will drive, and
8 when we need to do our changes in correlation with
9 those picks.

10 DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Thank you Mike. May
12 I now have a motion to place this item on the omnibus
13 and recommend Board approval?

14 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

15 DIRECTOR LEE: Second.

16 MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz,
17 seconded by Director Lee. Miss Ortiz?

18 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

19 MR. LONGHINI: Ms. Lee?

20 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.

21 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay?

22 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

23 MR. LONGHINI: The motion is approved
24 with three yes votes sir.

1 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: And finally, may I
2 have a motion to adjourn?

3 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: So moved.

4 DIRECTOR LEE: Second.

5 MR. LONGHINI: Moved by Director Ortiz,
6 seconded by Director Lee. Director Ortiz?

7 DIRECTOR ORTIZ: Yes.

8 MR. LONGHINI: Director Lee?

9 DIRECTOR LEE: Yes.

10 MR. LONGHINI: Chairman Barclay?

11 CHAIRMAN BARCLAY: Yes.

12 MR. LONGHINI: The motion passes, and
13 the meeting is adjourned.

14 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at
15 10:13 a.m.)

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