Transportation and Public Way

## RESOLUTION

## BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has excellent public transportation; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all people within the City of Chicago have access to the many resources available in the City, from recreational opportunities to business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, young people also have a desire to move about the region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is the unit of local government created to conduct transit planning for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, and Pace; and

**WHEREAS**, the CTA is an independent governmental agency created by State legislation that operates one of the nation's largest public transportation systems and covers the City of Chicago and 35 surrounding suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Pace offer affordable, innovative, and environmentally responsible transit options for the residents of 274 municipalities in Cook, Will, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry counties; and

**WHEREAS**, these agencies are uniquely situated to provide safe transit options for the young people of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ward; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the members of the Chicago City Council, do call upon the RTA and its subsidiary agencies the CTA and Pace to create a pilot program of a minimum of one year to provide safe transportation to minors with pick-up and drop-off services for public events at a limited number of specified locations withing the 29<sup>th</sup> Ward, which may include libraries, parks, schools, or other public property. The pilot program, with input from the alderman and community representatives, should be designed to provide safe transit through known gang territory or where minors may not feel safe traveling by foot, bicycle, or existing CTA bus routes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we invite the relevant operational and planning leaders from RTA, CTA, and Pace to appear at the City of Chicago Committee on Transportation and Public Way every two months, starting with July 2025, to provide an update the establishment, progress, and success of the pilot program, until the successful termination of the pilot program, one year after it begins.

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