

CTA Modernization Act

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Referred to: Committee on Transportation and Public Way

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CTA MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT STATIONS AND BUS STOPS

WHEREAS, Reliable and accessible public transportation is important to the residents, workers and visitors of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Some CTA stations and bus stops require improvements to lighting, accessibility, cleanliness, passenger information and other basic infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Modernizing these facilities can improve safety, accessibility and the experience of Chicago residents using public transportation; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The City of Chicago shall establish a CTA Modernization Program to support the improvement of CTA rail stations and bus stops located within the City of Chicago.

SECTION 2. Funding.

(a) The program shall be funded through legally available City capital funds, federal or state grants, transportation-related funds, intergovernmental agreements, and other funds that may lawfully be used for eligible modernization projects.

(b) Nothing in this ordinance shall require the City to create a new tax, increase an existing tax, or transfer funds from the Chicago Transit Authority without the approval required by law.

(c) Any City funds allocated to the program shall be subject to the City's annual appropriation process and all applicable state and federal requirements.

SECTION 3. Eligible Modernization Projects.

Funds may be used for:

- (a) Installing and replacing outdated or inadequate LED lighting at CTA rail stations, platforms, stairways, entrances, pedestrian areas and bus stops.
- (b) Repairing and modernizing elevators, escalators, ramps and other accessibility infrastructure.
- (c) Repairing or replacing platform heating systems and other passenger comfort infrastructure where appropriate.
- (d) Improving real-time arrival information, digital signs, public announcement systems and other passenger information technology.
- (e) Improving the cleanliness, appearance and basic condition of stations, including masonry repairs, deep cleaning and other necessary repairs.
- (f) Improving bus stop infrastructure, including lighting, shelters, signs, seating and accessibility features where appropriate.
- (g) Other physical modernization projects approved as part of the annual program allocation.

SECTION 4. Annual Review and Allocation.

- (a) The Committee on Transportation and Public Way shall conduct an annual review of the CTA Modernization Program and the proposed use of available funds.
- (b) The Department of Transportation and Public Way, in coordination with the appropriate City departments and the Chicago Transit Authority, shall provide the Committee with a proposed list of projects, estimated costs, funding sources and expected completion dates.
- (c) The Committee shall review and make recommendations regarding the allocation of available program funds. Final City appropriations shall remain subject to approval by the City Council.
- (d) Priority should be given to facilities that have gone the longest without a major capital improvement, facilities with significant accessibility or safety needs, high-use locations and areas that have not recently received major modernization investments.

SECTION 5. Implementation.

- (a) The City shall work with the Chicago Transit Authority and other appropriate agencies to identify eligible projects and available funding.
- (b) To the extent permitted by applicable law and available funding, restoration and modernization projects selected under this program shall be scheduled for implementation or have begun during the first full fiscal year following the effective date of this ordinance.
- (c) Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent the City or CTA from continuing projects that were already scheduled, funded or underway before the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Annual Public Report.

The Department of Transportation and Public Way shall provide an annual report to the Committee on Transportation and Public Way and make the report available to the public. The report shall include:

- (a) The amount of funding available and the sources of that funding;
- (b) Each project receiving funding;
- (c) The amount allocated to each project;
- (d) The location and type of each modernization project;
- (e) The status of each project; and
- (f) Projects planned for the following fiscal year.

SECTION 7. Coordination with CTA.

The City shall coordinate implementation of this ordinance with the Chicago Transit Authority. Nothing in this ordinance shall be interpreted to alter the independent legal authority, powers or responsibilities of the Chicago Transit Authority.

SECTION 8. Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions or applications of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after passage and publication.

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