

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, *Crain's Chicago Business* reported in February 2023 that the Chicago Greyhound terminal located at 630 West Harrison Street was acquired by a Connecticut investment firm that had put the property up for sale¹; and

WHEREAS, a 2023 report by the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development at DePaul University found that the Greyhound Terminal handled 55 buses daily, serving around 500,000 passengers who are disproportionately low-income, disabled, unemployed, and/or lacking access to a private vehicle²; and

WHEREAS, this report found that the City has failed to take adequate action to acquire the current Greyhound station or locate an alternate site; and

WHEREAS, former CDOT Commissioner Gia Biagi expressed a strong commitment to locating a permanent site for a Greyhound Station in the South Loop³; and


WHEREAS, currently, intercity bus companies are dropping passengers off haphazardly outside Union Station, creating pedestrian and traffic safety issues; and


WHEREAS, a world-class city such as Chicago should have a dedicated intercity bus terminal that is connected to other modes of transportation, including CTA, Amtrak, and PACE; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety should hold a hearing with transit experts and advocates, including representatives from CDOT, Amtrak, and Greyhound, to discuss the potential loss of the city's sole intercity bus terminal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City should assess the feasibility of measures to secure a permanent intercity bus terminal at 630 West Harrison Street as part of a larger mixed-use development at the subject property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city should assess the feasibility of connecting the Clinton Blue Line Station with 630 W. Harrison Street and Union Station via pedway to improve pedestrian safety and the experience of intercity bus and Amtrak passengers.


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¹<https://www.chicagobusiness.com/commercial-real-estate/alden-global-unit-hires-cbre-sell-greyhound-bus-station>

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<https://las.depaul.edu/centers-and-institutes/chaddick-institute-for-metropolitan-development/research-and-publications/Documents/Brief%20on%20Chicago%20Greyhound%20Terminal.pdf>

³ <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/6/26/23762618/greyhound-bus-station-chicago-terminal-transportation-department>