



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS)

Department: Transportation and Highways

Other Part(ies): Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (Pace)

Request: Approval of the Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement

Goods or Services: Fair Transit

Location: South Cook County

Section: 21-SCFTP-00-TD

Centerline Mileage: N/A

County Board District: 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 1/4/2021 - 1/4/2024

Fiscal Impact: \$2,700,000.00

Accounts: Motor Fuel Tax: 11300.1500.29150.521536

Summary: The Department of Transportation and Highways respectfully requests approval of the Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and Pace. Beginning in January 2021, Cook County and the region's transit agencies will launch a three-year pilot project to improve transit service for the residents of south suburban Cook and the south side of Chicago. The pilot will begin with a 50% fare reduction on the Metra Electric and Rock Island commuter rail lines and service improvements on the Pace 352-Halsted bus route. Implementation of more seamless fare transfers between transit operators is expected later in the three-year pilot. The County and transit operators will monitor the performance of the pilot continuously, adjusting the Pilot as needed to best suit transit riders. Comprehensive outreach and marketing activities will be conducted throughout the pilot to both educate interested and existing riders and receive feedback on the efficacy of the Pilot. Cook County will underwrite the costs for each participating agency. In case of Pace, the County will reimburse Pace in the event of revenue loss resulting from this Pilot and will pay for the cost of improvements on Pace Route 352-Halsted. This project fulfills the Department's priorities as outlined in the Long-Range Transportation Plan by improving transit accessibility, affordability, and service and promoting equitable investments in transportation.

