



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** Chicago Transit Authority (“CTA”), Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authority to execute agreement and accept donation of land

**Goods or Services:** Donation of land and fulfillment of other agreed mitigation measures to offset environmental impacts and closure of an access road relating to proposed new Red Line Extension 130<sup>th</sup> Street station adjacent to Beaubien Woods

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Date of Execution to December 31, 2033 or four (4) years after the beginning of Revenue Service on the Red Line Extension, whichever date is later

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A. Revenue Generating

CTA to provide the following to the Forest Preserves under the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement:

1. Donation of 7.6 acres of land immediately adjacent to Beaubien Woods (the “Property”), at no cost;
2. Payment of \$250,000.00 for ecological restoration within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of the Intergovernmental Agreement or CTA’s acquisition of the Property, whichever date is later;
3. Reimbursement of trail construction costs in an amount Not to Exceed \$315,000.00; and
4. Subsidized Forest Preserves signage and advertising at or near the proposed CTA Red Line station and on other buses and trains per the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

**Accounts:** Grant Revenue to Professional Services 51010.520830; Special or Cooperative Programs 51010.521313; and Land Improvements 51010.560019

**District(s):** 5

**Summary:** On August 15, 2021, the CTA confirmed its concurrence with certain mitigation measures outlined by the Forest Preserves of Cook County to offset diminished access to, and noise and vibration impacts to approximately seven acres of Forest Preserves land at Beaubien Woods Boat Launch property. The mitigation measures were negotiated as part of an environmental assessment of the impact of the proposed federally funded transit project on public recreation and wildlife resources.

The land parcels to be donated are currently owned by the City of Chicago but are anticipated to be conveyed to the CTA under a separate agreement to be approved by the Chicago City Council in November 2023. An Ordinance regarding the subject parcels is the subject of a separate Board Item No. 23-0515. The \$250,000.00 payment to the Forest Preserves for ecological restoration for habitat enhancement and beautification of expanded Beaubien Woods Boat Launch land will encourage use and enjoyment by community residents and visitors arriving by public transit. The trail connection to be constructed by the Forest Preserves and reimbursed by the CTA will connect other public open space and recreation facilities on 133<sup>rd</sup> Street serving the Altgeld Gardens community with a new river-edge public gathering space completed by partner organizations. Final intergovernmental agreement is subject to legal review and approval.