

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: July 12, 2022

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

From: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

Topic: Amendment to a Metra Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of a Commuter Parking Facility.

PURPOSE

On December 14, 2021, the Village of Homewood and Metra signed an interim agreement allowing Homewood to operate the Metra-owned parking lot north of the Amtrak station while construction continued on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp and other improvements were being made to the former mass transit district lots. This agreement expired on June 30, 2022. The attached amendment Number 1 extends the Village's interim agreement with Metra until a comprehensive long-term Operations and Maintenance Agreement is completed in the coming months.

PROCESS

As part of the State-mandated winding up of the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District ("CSSMTD") the CSSMTD transferred its ownership of certain parking lot properties to the Village of Homewood. The Village of Homewood, Metra, and Amtrak are working together to construct several improvements at the Homewood commuter facility including a covered ADA ramp to the Homewood Station. The new ADA ramp displaced over fifty parking spaces. Metra has replaced the displaced spaces by building a new parking facility on Metra property, known as "Lot No. 6".

Homewood and Metra have been working on drafting and approving a long-term comprehensive Operation and Maintenance Agreement ("OMA") whereby the Village of Homewood will operate and maintain, Lot No. 6, and other related improvements. As part of this long-term agreement, Homewood acknowledges areas of encroachment onto Metra property which Homewood would be responsible for maintaining. Until the long-term agreement can be agreed upon by both Homewood and Metra, Homewood and Metra approved a temporary Operation and Maintenance Agreement on December 14, 2021. This agreement expired on June 30, 2022 and an extension to this agreement is now proposed. Our Village Attorney has reviewed the agreement and recommends approval.

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OUTCOME

The proposed extension of the interim agreement allows for the continued operation and maintenance of the Lot 6 and other related improvements. Homewood and Metra agree that this Interim OMA will begin on January 1, 2022, and will extend without interruption until it is replaced by the more comprehensive long-term OMA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding Source: N/A

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Cost: N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

Completed by Village Attorney

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Authorize the Village President to enter into an agreement with Metra; specifically, Amendment No. 1 to the Interim Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of a Commuter Parking Facility and a License Regarding Encroachment on Metra Property in the Village of Homewood.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Agreement amendment