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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES UPGRADED SECURITY CAMERAS AS PART OF *SAFE AND SECURE* PROGRAM TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY ACROSS CTA SYSTEM

*Four Blue Line Stations to Receive Upgrades to High-Definition and Additional Cameras;
\$38 Million Program Funded by Innovative Ride-Hailing Fee*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today joined Chicago Police Department Superintendent Eddie Johnson and CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. to outline the latest improvements from the CTA's *Safe and Secure* program, a multi-faceted effort to increase safety across the CTA system and provide a more secure, comfortable traveling experience.

"This program delivers on Chicago's commitment to a world-class public transportation system that provides a comfortable, safe and secure experience for transit riders," Mayor Emanuel said. "Chicago is the first city in the nation to create a ride-hailing fee dedicated to transit, making it possible to continue to invest in the latest technology and improve the quality of life in our city."

Work is under way to upgrade old cameras to high-definition and add new cameras at four stations along the Blue Line: Clinton, LaSalle, Grand and Chicago. The work, which occurs during evening and overnight hours to minimize disruption on service, will be complete shortly after Labor Day.

"Data and technology coupled with stronger community and agency partnerships are the primary components of CPDs strategy to make Chicago a safer and stronger city," Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said. "These high definition cameras within the CTA system will be integrated into CPDs comprehensive crime camera network and provide a digital, high-definition layer of safety for the traveling public."

Through *Safe & Secure*, CTA will add 1,000 new cameras and upgrade more than 3,800 older-model cameras throughout the system. Additionally, new lighting, repairs and other improvements will enhance safety at all 146 CTA rail stations. New cameras will also be installed at more than 100 CTA bus turnaround locations and video monitors will be added to all CTA rail stations to aid personnel in monitoring station and customer activity.

"There is nothing I take more seriously than ensuring that every CTA customer and employee is safe on our transit system," CTA President Carter said. "*Safe and Secure* is an important investment

that allows us to build on the success of our past efforts and further strengthen our partnership with Chicago Police.”

CTA’s security camera network has doubled in size since 2011. The cameras, found at every rail station and on every bus and train, have been an important tool to help Chicago Police identify crime suspects and detect crime patterns. All of CTA’s buses and trains have multiple cameras. The newest buses have 10-14 cameras per vehicle depending on size.

Additionally, CTA has worked closely with the Chicago Police Department’s Public Transportation Unit to strengthen and deploy strategies to fight crime that include expanded police patrols, rail saturation missions and undercover operations. Since June 2011, CTA cameras have aided Police in the investigation, arrest and charging of more than 1,300 individuals.

CTA’s *Safe and Secure* is funded by a new, innovative fee on ride-hailing services championed by Mayor Emanuel, the first such fee in the country dedicated to public transportation improvements.

For more information on CTA security efforts, visit transitchicago.com/security.

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