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General Bulletin

TO: Bus Operators Operating Routes #9 Ashland and #X9 Ashland Express

SUBJECT: Transit Signal Priority Technology Installation on Buses at 74th Street Garage

EFFECTIVE: SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2016

To help reduce the amount of time buses spend waiting for traffic signals on the #9 Ashland and the #X9 Ashland Express routes, the buses assigned to these routes are now equipped with Transit Signal Priority (TSP) technology. This will allow TSP-equipped buses to communicate with traffic signal equipment at the intersections listed along Ashland Ave. Green lights at some of the affected intersections will be extended by several seconds to let the bus through the intersection. At other intersections, the red light will be shortened to reduce the time buses wait at the intersection.

Operation of the TSP system is automatic. The system is activated when the Operator logs onto AVAS. Northbound buses 90 seconds or more behind schedule and southbound buses 60 seconds or more behind schedule will automatically begin requesting signal priority at the TSP-enabled intersections between 95th and Cermak. In most cases, the Operator will not notice any change in the duration of the traffic signals although their duration will actually have changed.

NOTE: In some cases the traffic light will stay green even after the pedestrian countdown signal on the cross street has reached zero and displays “Don’t Walk.”

Currently, only the New Nova buses at 74th Garage have been equipped with the TSP technology. Eventually, all 40 foot buses at 74th Garage will be so equipped.

In all cases when operating in the Ashland corridor, Bus Operations personnel must adhere to SOP 7027 Intersection Operation, in addition to all other applicable Bus System Rules and Standard Operating Procedures.

LIST OF ASHLAND AVENUE TSP INTERSECTIONS

Ref	Intersection
1	95th Street
2	91st Street
3	87th Street
4	85th Street
5	83rd Street
6	81st Street
7	79th Street
8	76th Street
9	74th Street
10	71st Street
11	69th Street
12	Marquette Road
13	65th Street
14	63rd Street
15	61st Street
16	59th Street
17	57th Street
18	Garfield Blvd
19	53rd Street
20	51st Street
21	47th Street
22	46th Street
23	45th Street
24	44th Street
25	43rd Place
26	42nd Street
27	Pershing Road
28	37th Street
29	35th Street
30	33rd Street
31	Robinson Street
32	31st Place
33	MarketPlace Road
34	27th Street
35	2400 S Ashland

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