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## Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Board Presentation

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Good morning, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Chairman Lester L. Barclay, Vice Chair and Committee Chair on Finance Audit & Budget Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes, Board members Rev. Dr. Bernard Jakes, Board members Neema Jha, Rev. Johnny L. Miller, Michelle Lee, Michelle Lee, Rev. Johnny Miller, Rosa Y. Ortiz; President Dorval R. Carter and departmental staff.

Sustainable Englewood Initiatives (SEI) is a local advocacy group working on transportation and public health impacts relative to environmental justice, Green solutions, Land use planning, repurposing strategies and productive living.

Congratulations on the service restart of the Yellow Line. The incident was most unfortunate and largely preventable. The new layer of communication between rail personnel and the Command Center introduces a new level of assurance for staff and riders. Continuing dialogue and cooperation with the National Transportation Board investigation is wise and would prove beneficial to staff operational knowledge.

We wish to encourage the Innovation and Planning department of CTA to revisit ways to communicate with Englewood stakeholder groups (Grow Greater Englewood, Teamwork Englewood, RAGE) relative to the historic Greenline Racine Station. Federal grants have been placed in CTA Treasury toward the design and engineering programming for a Racine station. In addition, appropriations were allotted to replace rail ties (Southern Yellow Pine Lumber) (MCA Treated Southern Yellow Pine Lumber) along the Englewood Greenline.

It's our hope that CTA can help us ensure "Equity in Transportation"!

We would assign a board leader to reach out to the CTA Planning Team this month in order to agree on how best to proceed this first quarter.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and leadership moving Chicago forward.

Beautiful,

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[sustainableenglewoodin@gmail.com](mailto:sustainableenglewoodin@gmail.com) Southwest Region sense of , consultants and Institutional partners like City Colleges, CMAP and Discovery Partners Institute to explore Transit Oriented Development and Clean Energy solutions.

To this end, we look forward to sharing ideas and information with your departments in a positive and mutually beneficial partnership.

We would assign a board leader to reach out to the CTA this month in order to agree on how best to proceed in 2024.

Thank you in advance for assisting us.

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