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Pace is the suburban public transit agency for Chicagoland's six-county metropolitan region. As the 6th largest bus agency in the U.S., Pace operates fixed bus routes, vanpools and paratransit services in nearly 250 municipalities consisting of 5.2 million residents. Visit the [Route Finder](#) for bus route information.

Pace Citizens Advisory Board welcomes new members

On May 1, the [Pace Citizens Advisory Board](#) will welcome its newest member, John Noak, a Village Trustee in Romeoville and a member of [Congresswoman Judy Biggert's](#) staff. Noak joins the ten-member board at a crucial time for public transit, as Pace's funding crisis may result in service reductions if the state legislature does not provide additional funding this year.

The Citizens Advisory Board also had two other recent additions-- Chicago Alderman [Ariel Reboyras](#) (30th ward) and state Senator [Martin Sandoval](#) (D-Chicago). These two new members bring valuable insight from the perspective of both municipal and state governments.



Alderman Reboyras addresses ADA riders at a Pace public forum in 2006. He is now a member of Pace's Citizens Advisory Board.

Pace established a Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) to fulfill its commitment to maintaining relationships with the riding public and the communities it serves. The CAB convenes up to six times per year to advise staff and the Pace Board on the effects Pace policies have upon the communities. According to its by-laws, the Citizens Advisory Board provides quarterly reports to the [Pace Board](#). In addition, CAB members make suggestions directly to Board members and Pace staff regarding improvements to the current system.

The CAB is comprised of individuals from throughout the six-county metropolitan region. CAB members represent a number of constituencies and areas of expertise, have distinguished track records of public service in numerous capacities and are deeply committed to excellence in public transit.

Members of the CAB are appointed by the Pace Board of Directors and serve two-year terms. There are currently nine members, with one position vacant.

Upcoming ADA hearings

[ADA paratransit riders in Chicago](#) have already offered their suggestions and insight at five public forums hosted by Pace to discuss possible improvements to the service. In all, [eight public forums](#) are being held, with three more over the next week to help Pace better understand their needs and concerns about the service and what changes should be implemented in order to make the service more effective. Public input is key for Pace to provide service that is user-friendly, efficient and allows for passengers to maintain the independence they value so highly.

Saturday, April 28, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Some of the topics to be discussed at the meetings include a

Olive Harvey College
Cafeteria
10001 S. Woodlawn

**Monday, April 30, 12:30 – 2:30
p.m.**

Chicago Department on Aging
Southeast (Atlas) Senior Center,
Dining Room
1767 E. 79th Street

Thursday, May 3, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Westside Technical Institute
Conference Center
2800 S. Western Avenue

proposed zoning system and carrier service contract changes, which will make travel more efficient.

New technology is proposed to replace the current paper vouchers with electronic swipe cards for use in the [Taxi Access Program](#) (TAP) and [Mobility Direct](#) (MD) services, with card readers installed in taxicabs in Chicago.

Each meeting will cover the same material and provide time for public comment. Anyone who requires special accommodations in order to attend can contact Pace [Customer Relations](#) at 847-364-7223. The remaining meeting dates, times and locations, which are all in the City of Chicago, are at left.

Pace Factoid

There are more than 36,000 registered ADA paratransit riders in Pace's service area.

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