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Pace & Plainfield break ground for new 600 spot park-n-ride

New lot will accommodate growing ridership on Pace's popular Bus on Shoulder service



On Friday, November 3, 2017, local officials gathered to commemorate the beginning of construction for a new Plainfield Park-n-Ride lot. (L-R) Village Administrator Brian Murphy, Bolingbrook Mayor Roger C. Claar, Pace Chairman of the Board Richard A. Kwasneski, Plainfield Mayor Michael P. Collins, State Representative Mark Batinick, Village Trustee Margie Bonuchi, Village Trustee Cally Larson, and Village Trustee Bill Lamb.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL – Pace and Plainfield officials met last week to commemorate the start of construction for the new Plainfield Park-n-Ride. The original Plainfield Park-n-Ride opened in late 2009 in a section of the Plainfield Village Hall parking lot. Before the 2011 launch of Pace's popular Bus on Shoulder program, only an average of four cars parked in this lot. Today, Pace provides over 530 daily trips and commuters fill the lot and park up to a mile away from the bus stop to utilize this express service to Chicago.

In March of 2016, Pace entered into a partnership with local favorite Larry's Diner to use 75 spaces in their parking lot. The lot was full by 6 a.m. on its opening day. With a ridership growth of almost 600% since the start of Bus on Shoulder service and more growth projected, it's easy to see why more commuter parking is needed. Thanks to the Village of Plainfield, commuters will be able to take advantage of this new lot in the summer of 2018.

Plainfield Mayor Michael P. Collins and Pace Chairman of the Board Richard A. Kwasneski spoke to a small crowd of attendees that included State Representative Mark Batinick, Plainfield Village Administrator Brian Murphy, Bolingbrook Mayor and Pace Director Roger C. Claar, and Plainfield Village Trustees Margie Bonuchi, Cally Larson, and Bill Lamb.

"The Village is very excited for the opening of the Plainfield Park-n-Ride next year, said Plainfield Mayor Michael P. Collins. "We truly appreciate Pace's continued commitment to Plainfield, they provide a tremendous service to our residents, and we look forward to our continued partnership as the service grows."

"The demand for this park-n-ride is the result of a community believing in public transportation," said Pace Chairman Richard Kwasneski. "We are grateful for Plainfield's partnership as we work to improve access to employment throughout the region."

Parking in the new lot will be free and the one-way trip fare for Pace's Express Service is currently \$4. Visit PaceBus.com for more information.

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Plainfield is a prosperous and bustling Village, located 35 miles southwest of Chicago, with a population of 40,000 residents. Easily accessible, the Village is close to several interstates and state highways making it an excellent place to live, own a business, or simply spend the day shopping and dining in our historic downtown. Visit www.plainfield-il.org for more information.

Pace is Chicagoland's suburban bus and regional paratransit provider. Pace's family of public transportation services also includes vanpool, rideshare matching, community-based transportation programs, and, soon, Pulse, Pace's new rapid transit network. Learn more at PaceBus.com/Pulse.