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Chair of the Suburban
ADA Advisory Committee



I hope everyone had a good 4th of July holiday and summer and used Pace services to attend events with family and friends.

I'd like to congratulate Kerry Moore on his election as chairman of the Chicago ADA Advisory Committee and hope we can work well together and help the riders with concerns and issues.

I also congratulate the state legislature for passing a Capital Bill for Mass Transit. This will help Pace upgrade its equipment to make service better for all riders. For all those who contacted their legislators to urge their support of the Capital Bill – Congratulations!

The passing of the Capital Bill shows that the legislators listen to the riders when they speak out on transportation concerns. If you have any other concerns about your transportation systems, contact your federal and state elected officials who want to hear your feed back on publicly funded services.

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PACE COMMEMORATES 35 YEARS OF SERVICE THIS JULY

A Legacy of Service



The Illinois General Assembly created Pace Suburban Bus in 1984. To celebrate 35 years of service (and decades of mass transit before us), we're deploying a legacy fleet wrapped to look like buses from the past! One bus will operate out of each garage. Find out more about this Legacy Fleet and Pace's history on our website: Click the link **'35th Anniversary New!'** (under News & Events).

For much of the twentieth century, transit companies were entirely funded by fare revenue, and they lost money when technological and economic shifts changed commuters' expectations and needs. By the 1960s, car ownership and suburban growth threatened the future of public transportation. Ridership and revenue had decreased dramatically, and bus companies struggled. However, many riders still relied on transit as their only option to get to work, to shop, to see family and friends—to live their lives.

To avoid shutdowns, cities formed transit districts to distribute government subsidies to these struggling companies. The RTA was created to oversee this process and began to take over the routes of failing companies to ensure service would continue. In 1984, Pace Suburban Bus was created to help operate and manage these routes. Soon, Pace became the main provider of bus service in Northeastern Illinois.

Our service has changed a lot since 1984. We've created new connections between communities and deployed new technologies across our system. We even looked beyond traditional models of "fixed route" bus service towards a more flexible, more innovative future. Thank you for three and a half decades of supporting public transit!



Milwaukee Line

Coming August 11!

Pulse Milwaukee Line is the first line in Pace's new rapid transit network. Pulse, will provide enhanced express bus service to commuters using the latest technology and streamlined route design.

Pulse is designed to provide fast, frequent and reliable bus service in heavily traveled corridors of suburban Chicagoland. With the first line on Milwaukee Avenue launching on August 11, 2019, Pulse will differ from regular fixed route bus service in quite a few ways. It will have the same accessibility features as fixed route buses, with the addition of a 12" raised platform, making it easier and faster for everyone to get in and out of the bus. Technology at traffic signals offers longer green lights to help your travel time.



Check out our latest Pulse updates!

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PaceBus.com/Pulse

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES LEARN ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSIT

The Plainfield High School P-Step program out of Joliet Junior College (JJC) has been doing travel training with the students for over 4 years. Their program uses Pace's fixed bus routes to get to various locations every week. Once a year they take a trip using Pace's Route 501 from JJC to downtown Joliet where they transfer to the Rock Island Metra. This year they went to Tinley Park for lunch and then did the return trip to JJC. The students are learning independence skills and becoming transit savvy. They start the school year off with Pace's Hop on the Bus to Independence presentation and by the end of the year the students are maneuvering Pace's bus system like pros. The school was using school buses for their trips but have transitioned to Pace, saving money and teaching important life skills.



UPCOMING SUBURBAN ADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All Suburban ADA Advisory Committee Meetings are held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at:
Pace Headquarters • 550 W. Algonquin Road • Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 • Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Board Update Regarding Ventra™

Recently the Board gave its approval to work with Trapeze. This company will be tasked with developing a way for Paratransit and Dial-a-Ride passengers to pay for rides using the Ventra card and platform.

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