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As part of our mission to explore alternative fuels and reduce dependence on foreign oil, Pace launched the region's first compressed natural gas (CNG) bus fleet in the fall of 2016. Pace's South Division in Markham is home to Pace's first CNG fueling facility and currently operates 21 CNG buses. An additional 70 buses are expected by summer of 2017. Pace estimates a savings of up to \$1 million on annual fuel costs once the entire South Division fleet is converted.

Pace is also proud to announce that it has achieved a balanced budget for the 2017 fiscal year, exemplifying continued efforts to be a fiscally responsible public agency. Even further, Pace has ensured affordability for current and future riders with the decision to keep fares from increasing this year. While things are always evolving at Pace, the agency continues to operate with a customer-focused mindset and strive for changes and developments that will benefit you and your communities.




PACE INSTALLS FIRST REAL-TIME SIGNS

Pace has installed its first electronic "countdown" signs in downtown Waukegan and at the Riverdale Turnaround. These signs, manufactured by Nexus Alpha, use GPS tracking to predict when a bus will arrive to or depart from a particular stop. In Waukegan, the signs are programmed to show departure times for up to three bus routes.

Over the next several months, Pace will install 20 signs at bus stop shelters, including those at the Burr Ridge Park-n-Ride and the Old Chicago and Canterbury Park-n-Rides in Bolingbrook. Up to 290 may be installed under the existing contract if additional funding becomes available.

Pace knows improvements like this play a big part in encouraging riders to continue using Pace, and non-riders to give Pace a try. Pace will continue to invest resources in amenity improvements to make stops more rider-friendly whenever possible.

To learn about Pace's real-time information options, visit the Real-Time Information page in the Schedules section at PaceBus.com.

PACE GETS READY TO BOOST SERVICE ALONG I-90



Did you know that by 2040 the 27-mile stretch of I-90 between Elgin and O'Hare is projected to have as many jobs as the Loop? Until now, however, many of those suburban jobs weren't easily accessible by public transit. That all changes on December 19, 2016. In coordination with the Illinois Tollway's Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project, Pace will add three express routes, three local services, new buses and a new park-n-ride at Randall Road in Elgin.

In 2017, Pace buses will be able to use the Tollway's Flex Lane to bypass traffic and get you to work and home even faster. Commuters living or working in or near Elgin, Carpentersville, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Rolling Meadows, and Rosemont should visit PaceBus.com for more information.



Sudoku Puzzle

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		4				1		
9	2		1			5		7
	5							3
	9				7		1	
2		6	4		3			

See back for answer

YOUR VOICE



QUESTION:

What groups are eligible for Hop on the Bus workshops?



ANSWER:

Pace's Hop on the Bus Program offers workshops that

introduce Pace buses to schools, agencies or service providers that work with people with disabilities ages 14 and older within Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. To request a workshop, contact Ed Madden at Ed.Madden@PaceBus.com or 847-228-2450.

Do you have questions or comments to help us improve service?

Send them to Passenger.Services@PaceBus.com or call 847-364-7223.

PACE HIGHLIGHT

NEW BUS ON SHOULDER SERVICE FROM TOYOTA PARK TO THE EAST LOOP

In response to significant ridership growth and increased demand for service, Pace expanded its popular Bus on Shoulder service on October 24 with Route 856 Toyota Park – East Loop Express. Pace's Bus on Shoulder program aims to expand job access and regional mobility, reduce congestion, and provide commuters with a reliable, convenient public transit alternative.

The new service costs \$4 each way and operates from the Pace Toyota Park Transit Center to Chicago's East Loop district. A new, free park-n-ride at Toyota Park in Bridgeview offers convenient parking for commuters. Buses are permitted



to use select sections of the Interstate 55 shoulder when regular traffic flows at 35 miles per hour or less. Buses in the shoulder must travel 15 miles per hour faster than the flow of traffic with a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS



Robert Sobanski retired on July 15, 2016, after 47 years of service in the transit industry, several of which were spent in a position of leadership at Pace. Robert started as

a mechanic's helper and worked his way up to foreman. He was eventually named Superintendent of Maintenance at Pace North Division in 1989, and became known as a skilled leader who shared his wealth of knowledge willingly and often. Recognized as a Pacesetter in 2015, Robert provided dependable service to ensure the safety and satisfaction of Pace passengers.



Frank Gustafson, a highly regarded and well-respected bus operator for 53 years, recently retired on July 1, 2016. He began his career in April 1963 as a full-time bus operator for

South Suburban Safeway, and continued with Transit Management of Harvey before starting his service with Pace South Division. Always appreciated by passengers for his professionalism, Frank was first in seniority among Pace South bus operators for more than 10 years and even became a Two Million Miler.



Michael Bolton became Pace's Deputy Executive Director of Strategic Service in 2003 and retired this past October. His transit career began over 40 years ago at the Chicago

Transit Authority as a relief driver. At Pace, Mike incorporated the analysis of accurate, thoughtfully collected data into Pace's service restructurings and implementations, resulting in more efficient and cost-effective service. He led the conversion of Pace's aging fare system to Ventra and was the driving force behind many Pace programs, including Pulse Rapid Transit, Bus on Shoulder, Transit Signal Priority, and the I-90 Market Expansion.

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Sudoku Puzzle Solution

6	3	9	7	1	5	8	4	2
1	4	5	3	2	8	7	9	6
8	7	2	6	4	9	3	5	1
5	8	1	9	7	6	2	3	4
7	6	4	5	3	2	1	8	9
9	2	3	1	8	4	5	6	7
4	5	7	8	9	1	6	2	3
3	9	8	2	6	7	4	1	5
2	1	6	4	5	3	9	7	8