

Pace and the Village of Niles Free Bus Modernization Project Fact Sheet



Pace and the Village of Niles are conducting a study to consider how best to integrate the Niles Free Bus routes with the enhanced bus service on Milwaukee Avenue as part of the Pace Milwaukee Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) Bus Project. The objective is to improve transit access for residents, employers and businesses in the Village of Niles. The Niles Free Bus system (Pace routes 411, 412 and 413) has a unique identity and a long history of serving the residents of Niles. Today the Free

Bus connects community locations with stops at Golf Mill Mall, Village Hall, and the Leaning Tower YMCA, among other locations. Transit improvement projects, such as the Milwaukee ART project may present an opportunity to modernize and interconnect the current service and increase the utility of the Free Bus system for the benefit of the entire community.

This project includes meetings with community stakeholders, surveying current users of the Free Bus system and other public transit in Niles, and analyzing travel patterns, demographics, and the services currently offered. Once the project has gained a more complete understanding of how the service is being used today, as well as the needs of Village residents and employers, service alternatives for the Free Bus system will be considered and shared with the public. The study began in January and is expected to conclude in summer 2014.

There are multiple ways to stay informed and engaged in this process. There will be two public meetings that will be broadly advertised in the Village, on the Village of Niles website, www.vniles.com, and through the Village's e-notification system. A survey asking for input on how residents currently utilize the Free Bus system and public transit is posted on the Village website. Please take a couple of minutes to provide this process your valuable input.

For more information about the Niles Free Bus Modernization Project, please visit PaceBus.com or contact Pace Customer Relations at (847) 364-PACE (7223), Option 3, or Passenger.Services@PaceBus.com.

