

# Welcome!

Pulse Milwaukee Line Public Meeting





## Pace's New Pulse Program



Milwaukee Line

## The first Pulse route will be the Pulse Milwaukee Line

Supports Pace's Vision 2020 goal to provide a more efficient suburban transit network with arterial rapid transit service

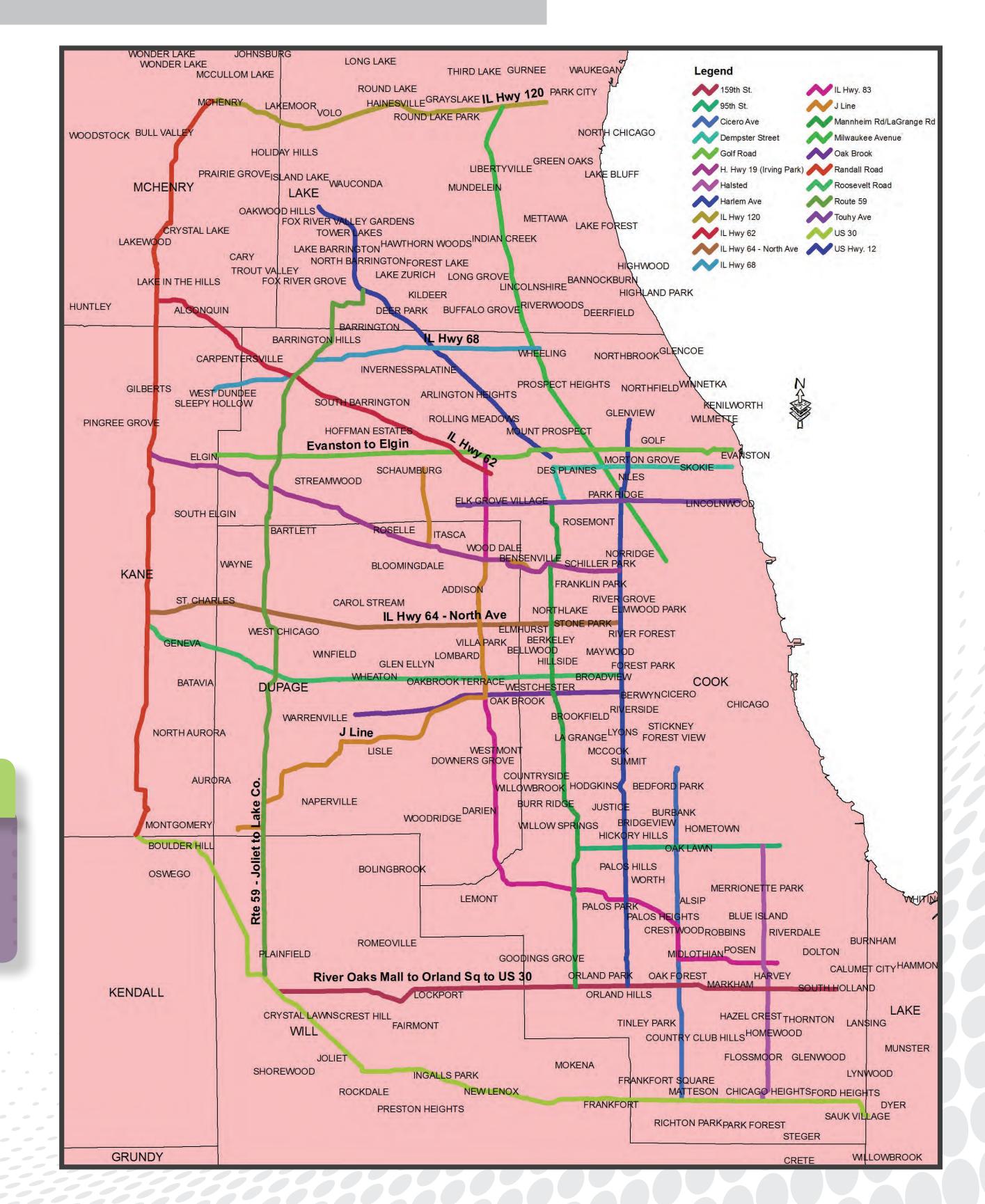
#### Short-term vision

To provide 7 priority rapid transit routes over the next 10 years

- Milwaukee Avenue
- Dempster Street
- Harlem Avenue
- Cermak Road
- Halsted Street
- 95th Street
- Roosevelt Road

#### Long-term vision

To provide a network of rapid transit routes







## Pulse Service and Benefits



HIGH FREQUENCY

IMPROVED TRAVEL TIME AND RELIABILITY

LINKS TO OTHER TRANSIT SERVICES

ENHANCED PASSENGER AMENITIES

LIMITED STOP SERVICE

#### PULSE VEHICLES

will provide passengers with WiFi access, USB charging outlets, plus next stop announcement and digital message signs



Accepts Ventra® cards and cash

#### TECHNOLOGY

creates faster and more reliable transit service



Transit Signal Priority systems allow buses to stay on schedule

#### PULSE STATIONS

will be highly visible and designed with enhanced passenger amenities including:



Route and information kiosks, shelters, seating, real-time bus arrival information, and landscaping



## Pulse Milwaukee Line Project





Goals
and
Objectives

- Encourage suburban transit use by establishing a network of faster, frequent, and reliable service
- Improve the visibility and perception of suburban bus transit service
- Support transportation, land use, and growth objectives along the Milwaukee Avenue corridor

Purpose

- Provide an enhanced and cost-effective bus transit service
- Offer improved passenger facilities in the Milwaukee Avenue corridor

Need

- Improve the frequency and reliability of bus transit service
- Improve the travel time of bus transit vehicles
- Improve the quality of bus transit facilities





## Process and Schedule



2014
Planning study

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT & AGENCY INPUT

- Initial design concepts & station locations
- Data collection
- Stakeholder outreach
- Stakeholder outreach
- Environmental & engineering analysis
- Facilitate & incorporate stakeholder input
- Final design



#### The Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is being followed

Pulse Milwaukee Line service is being designed to minimize impacts on the built, natural, and human environments by considering:

- Effects on historic properties Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
- Impacts on air quality, noise and vibration, ecological, and archaeological resources
- Stakeholder input







## Where Are the Stations?



Milwaukee Line





SUBMAY

DETHINESTERN

TO Mobile LUCKY WOK
Chines Restaurant

ROYAL STYLE

Main Street

Oakton Street



Central Avenue



## What Will the Service Look Like?



Local service will continue north of Golf Mill Shopping Center

### PULSE MILWAUKEE LINE



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#### **WEEKDAYS:**

5:00 a.m. to midnight

**Operates:** Every 10 minutes during rush hours Every 15 minutes during non-peak periods Every 30 minutes from 10 p.m. to midnight

#### **WEEKENDS:**

5:30 a.m. to midnight on Saturdays 6:00 a.m. to midnight on Sundays

**Operates:** Every 15 minutes until 10 p.m. Every 30 minutes from 10 p.m. to midnight

**ROUTE 270** 

Any proposed changes to **Route 270** will be subject to a public hearing.





## Public Involvement Initiatives and Opportunities



Developed a Stakeholder Involvement Plan



Created a Corridor Advisory Group



Designed mechanisms for public information, involvement, and feedback



Established a Pulse Website



- Guides the public involvement process
- Defines methods and tools to educate and involve the public in the decision-making process
- Available at: PaceBus.com/Pulse

- Provides input at key points during the project development process
- Includes community leaders from the Village of Niles and City of Chicago; federal, state and local transportation agencies; regional transit agencies; environmental and special interest groups; and neighborhood organizations
- Public, small group, and agency coordination meetings
- Newsletters about Pulse projects and public involvement opportunities
- Media and social media outreach





- Provides information, updates, document archives, and meeting announcements
- Offers the opportunity for the public to comment and ask questions
- Encourages the public to sign up for the mailing list





## Next Steps



Milwaukee Line



- Coordinate with Property Owners
- Local Agency Agreements (if necessary)
- Construction begins 2016
- Service begins 2017









## What Have We Done Since April?



Final Environmental documents submitted to Federal Transit Administration







Ongoing coordination with the Federal Transit Administration and the State Historic Preservation Office

### Station layouts

updated with survey data and stakeholder input



Corridor Advisory Group

Meeting #2 held August 13, 2015

Ongoing agency and local coordination







## We Want To Hear From You!





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