



# PULSE

## On the Pulse of Your Community

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Pulse lines  
are in the works  
to better connect  
our region's  
communities!

### DEMPSTER LINE

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### HALSTED LINE

A joint Pace and CTA project is moving forward to improve transit service on South Halsted Street. A new Pulse line will operate between the 95th/Dan Ryan CTA station in Chicago and the Pace Harvey Transportation Center.

### 95TH STREET LINE

We're making progress developing a new Pulse line from the 95th/Dan Ryan CTA station in Chicago to Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills.

**PULSE: Fast. Frequent. Reliable.**

ENJOY PULSE'S NEW WIFI-ENABLED BUSES AND MODERN STATIONS.



An  
Essential  
Service



During uncertain times, the last thing you want to worry about is how you're going to get to work, take your kids to the doctor's office, get to vaccine centers, or get groceries at your local store. Wherever you're going, Pace is committed to helping you get there quickly and safely.

Like you, Pace has been doing its best to adapt to the pandemic and changing circumstances. We recognize now more than ever how important our services are to communities across Chicagoland. While many transit agencies are still carrying up to 75% fewer riders than before the pandemic, over half of Pace riders continue to rely on our services. **We appreciate your trust in us and will continue working hard to serve you.**

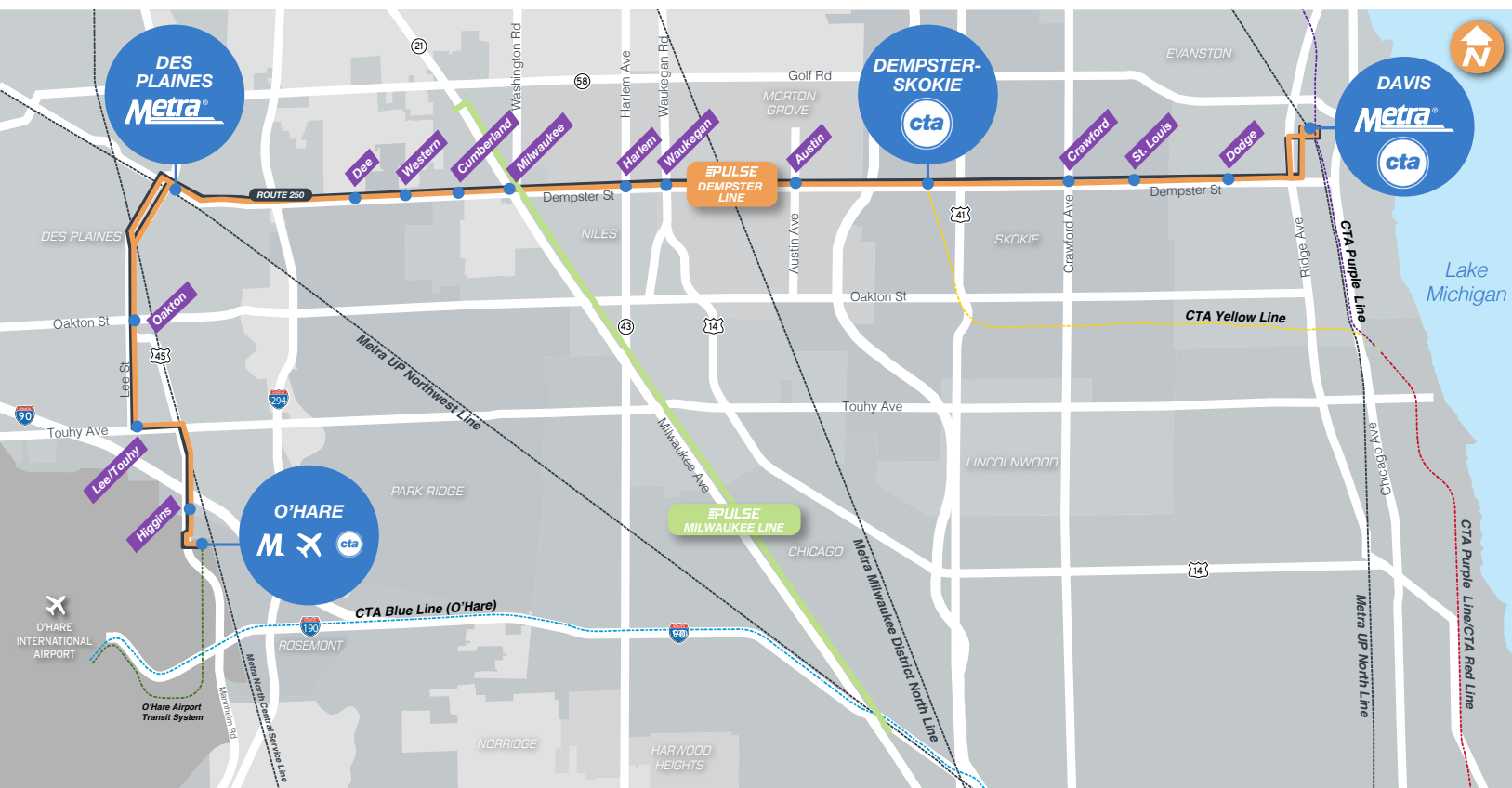
## DEMPSTER LINE

# Breaking Ground

### Construction of the Pulse Dempster Line is underway!

A construction contract was awarded in May 2021 and construction is getting underway this summer. The Dempster Line will serve the communities between Evanston and O'Hare Airport, connecting residents and visitors to popular destinations including the downtown shopping centers in Evanston and Des Plaines as well as various CTA and Metra rail lines.

**Soon, you'll see new, modern Pulse stations! Construction is anticipated to be completed in about one year.**



**Your trip to the airport and back is getting much easier!**  
The Dempster Line will connect to the O'Hare Airport Transit System (the "people mover") and the Rental Car Center at O'Hare International Airport.

## COMING IN HOT: New Clean-Fuel Buses Coming to Pulse

The Milwaukee Line, which is currently in operation, and the future Dempster Line, will be getting new, modern buses using one of the cleanest fuels for our environment. These buses run on natural gas and produce significantly lower carbon emissions than diesel. We just hit the “Buy Now” button and can’t wait to get these new buses on the road. The first batch of vehicles will be used on the Dempster Line.



### What about electric vehicles?

**We’re working on it!** In 2021 Pace will launch a new facilities planning effort to study where and how to begin rolling out fully electric buses



With funding secured through the Rebuild Illinois capital plan, Pace is building a

new bus garage in Wheeling. Pace’s current Des Plaines garage, built in the 1960s, has been over capacity for years. A new facility in Wheeling will house Pace’s new fleet of green CNG-powered buses.

## Winning awards



Pace was recently named one of the “**100 Best Fleets in the Americas**” by NAFA, and industry association. We’re honored to be recognized for our dedication to providing safe, clean, comfortable, and efficient service for transit riders like you!



Pace received the **WTS Great Chicago Innovative Transportation Solutions Award** for a pilot program called Fair Transit South Cook, developed in partnership with Cook County and Metra. The program aims to improve transit service and lower costs for the residents of the south side of Chicago, south suburban Cook and north Will Counties.



**Michael Jozwiak**, a bus operator for Pace, was named **Driver of the Year** by the International Association of Transportation Regulators! For over 47 years he provided safe travel and a friendly smile for passengers.

# COLLABORATION BRINGS .....

## New Opportunities to South Halsted

Pace and CTA have teamed up to improve transportation for thousands of people traveling on South Halsted Street every day. Together, we're evaluating 11 miles of the roadway from 79th Street in the City of Chicago to the Pace Harvey Transportation Center. Pace and CTA are also taking a look at segments of 95th Street and 79th Street that provide connections from South Halsted to the CTA 95th/Dan Ryan and 79th Red Line Stations. A public meeting was held in 2020 to present proposed improvements and the project team has been reviewing all the feedback we received. Working closely with transportation agencies, community leaders, aldermen, municipal staff, and community organizations, we're refining plans to address local transit needs with enhanced services including a new Pulse Line.

Next up, Pace and CTA will hold another public meeting to get your input! Be on the lookout for public meeting announcements later this year and sign up for alerts at **[PaceBus.com/Pulse](https://PaceBus.com/Pulse)**.

### Proposed improvements on South Halsted:



**Roadway treatments such as queue jumps (which provide a bus lane at intersections) and segments of bus-only lanes**



**Traffic signal optimization and transit prioritization**



**Improvements to the surrounding pedestrian environment**



**Enhanced coordination of Pace and CTA services**



**Realigned bus stops**



**Accessibility improvements**



**Pulse stations**



**Updated passenger amenities**

Beginning June 20, the hours on CTA Route #8A will be extended until approximately 11:30pm daily instead of ending at 8:30pm. The additional evening service on South Halsted is being added in response to customer input and to improve connectivity and travel options in the area.

### Even more collaboration on South Halsted!

Pace teamed up with the **Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways** and **Metra** to launch the Fair Transit South Cook pilot program earlier this year. The program includes more frequent service on Pace's Route 352 (South Halsted) and lower fares on Metra's Electric and Rock Island lines. Not only that, Pace is also collaborating with Metra on a major upgrade to Pace's transit center in Harvey, including easier transfers between Pace and Metra.



# Eye on Harvey's **FUTURE**

Pace's Harvey Transportation Center connects riders to major employers like Amazon, UPS, and businesses in Downers Grove, Oak Brook, Naperville, Tinley Park, Orland Park, and Joliet. In fact, this transportation center sees the most transfers between Pace routes in the entire region. Improving the 20-year-old facility is one of Pace's top capital priorities. On the list of improvements are new pavement, lighting, platform, and shelters. We're also preparing the facility to be a hub for the upcoming I-294 express services and future Pulse lines, including the Halsted Line. These facility upgrades and major service enhancements will all be facilitated by the state's new capital plan.

## What's Next for Pulse



The Pulse 95th Street Line is moving forward, with plans to connect to future Pulse lines along Halsted Street, Harlem Avenue, and Cicero Avenue. Meeting virtually with community leaders and municipal staff, Pace has been refining plans for the new Pulse line and station locations. An environmental review of the corridor is anticipated to kick off this year to provide opportunities for public feedback on proposed improvements.



Future Pulse lines are planned throughout northeastern Illinois, and Pace is seeking funding for design and construction. Recently, Congressmen Bobby L. Rush, Chuy Garcia, Danny K. Davis, Mike Quigley, and Jan Schakowsky -- with support from many local officials -- submitted requests on Pace's behalf to secure funding for this important initiative. Pace is incredibly grateful for their support. Stay updated at **[PaceBus.com/Pulse](https://PaceBus.com/Pulse)**.

**We thank all our community partners, riders, and businesses for helping us better serve communities with Pulse!**



## Rolling into Year Two of the Milwaukee Line

Pulse Milwaukee Line's two-year anniversary is this summer! The Milwaukee Line is Pace's first in a network of high frequency bus services throughout Chicagoland. It operates along Milwaukee Avenue, between Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles and the Jefferson Park Transit Center in Chicago.

The Milwaukee Line has kept running through the pandemic, ensuring riders get to their essential jobs and other important destinations with frequent, reliable service.

## Did you know?



Funding secured by local elected officials through the **CARES Act** and **American Rescue Plan**

helped keep the Milwaukee Line running throughout the pandemic. With their help, Pace was able to continue serving thousands of daily riders.

# Driving Innovation at Pace

Over the past year, we've taken a hard look at our organization and the transportation needs of the hundreds of communities we serve as we reimagine Pace's future and plan to rebuild an even better, more reliable network of services. Pace is rolling out more improvements to your commute while maintaining passenger and employee safety. Our key initiatives include expanding the Rapid Transit Program of Pulse lines and Express bus corridor projects. Woven within all our goals is our commitment to improving service accessibility, equity, and transparency.

Learn more about Pace's ambitious initiatives in our revamped strategic plan, *Driving Innovation*, at [PaceBus.com/Driving-Innovation](https://PaceBus.com/Driving-Innovation).

## *Driving Innovation*

— The Pace Strategic Vision Plan



From frequent cleanings to contactless payments and mask requirements, **Pace is keeping you safe every step of the way.**

## *We're here for you!*



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