

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1304

March 21, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing regarding the application submitted by Pace Suburban Bus for RAISE funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation. This federal funding will enable Pace to build a bus passenger waiting area near the Harvey Metra Electric station.

The existing Pace Harvey Transportation Center handles more Pace bus boardings than any other single location in the six-county northeastern Illinois region. The Harvey Transportation Center is Pace's hub for connections by commuters across the south suburbs to points throughout the region. This project will ensure safer and easier transfers between Pace buses and Metra trains, offer passenger restrooms, an interior waiting area, a new retail space, 14 bus bays (up from the current 10), better weather protection for pedestrians, an expanded kiss-n-ride area, and a consolidated commuter parking lot. Furthermore, the entire facility will be accessible to people with disabilities and have a dedicated area for ADA paratransit vehicles.

The proposed transit center will benefit some of Illinois's most historically disadvantaged communities and thus meets the standards of the Biden Administration's Justice40 Initiative. The project reflects an intentionally inclusive economic investment through creation of new construction jobs, and a vastly improved facility for the thousands of daily riders who board buses and trains at this location. The project also reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing a more attractive public transportation option as an alternative to driving.

Please give full and fair consideration to Pace's application. If you require additional information, please contact my State Director, Clarisol Duque, at (312) 353-4952.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

United States Senate

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support of Pace's application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program offered by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Funding from this program will enable Pace further their project reconstructing the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois.

Located in the South Suburbs of Chicago, Harvey represents a critical transit link for Chicagoland commuters and offers access directly into Chicago and the surrounding region. The existing Pace Harvey Transportation Center handles more Pace bus boardings than any other single location in the six-county Northeastern Illinois region, so it is critical that these thousands of daily riders are provided a modern and accessible facility. The project represented in this application is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction. The project will ensure safer and easier transfers between Pace buses and Metra trains, offer passenger restrooms, an interior waiting area, a new retail space, 14 bus bays (up from the current 10), better weather protection for pedestrians, an expanded kiss-n-ride area and a consolidated commuter parking lot. Furthermore, the entire facility will be accessible and have a dedicated area for ADA paratransit vehicles. The improved transit center benefits some of Illinois's most historically disadvantaged communities and thus meets the standard in the Biden Administration's Justice40 Initiative.

As a U.S. Senator representing Illinois, I have made it a priority to support projects that modernize our state's transit and infrastructure systems and benefit historically disadvantaged communities. The project reflects an intentionally inclusive economic investment in one of Illinois' most historically disadvantaged communities through both creation of new construction jobs but also a vastly improved facility for the thousands of daily riders who board buses and trains. The project also helps reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing a more attractive public transportation option as an alternative to driving. I believe Pace's proposed project aligns with both my priorities and the core goals of the RAISE program.

Please accept this letter of support for Pace's application to the RAISE program. In keeping with your existing rules and regulations, I urge your full and fair consideration of this application. If you have any questions, please follow up with my Chicago Director, Loren Harris, at (312) 886-2506.

Sincerely,



Tammy Duckworth
United States Senator

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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April 1st, 2022

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the reconstruction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois. The City of Harvey is in Cook County, in my Congressional District.

Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric Station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction. It will ensure safer and easier transfers between Pace buses and Metra trains, offer passenger restrooms, an interior waiting area, a new retail space, 14 bus bays and a consolidated commuter parking lot. Additionally, the entire facility will be accessible to people with disabilities and have a dedicated area for ADA paratransit vehicles.

The project reflects an intentionally inclusive economic investment in one of northeastern Illinois's most historically disadvantaged communities through the creation of new construction jobs. Moreover, it will facilitate the commute of thousands of daily riders who board buses and trains at this south suburban location, while reducing the number of vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing a more attractive public transportation option as an alternative to driving.

For these reasons, I ask that you give this application all appropriate consideration. If you have questions, please contact my Grants Specialist, Adal Regis, at 202-604-7514 or at Adal.Regis@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress



Illinois Department of Transportation

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April 11, 2022

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Transportation, I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the construction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction. The application seeks \$33.5 million in RAISE funding with Pace contributing an additional \$5.45 million in federal funds. The State of Illinois is committed to \$15.3 million in funding with Metra contributing the additional \$12.75 million. The total project cost is \$67 million.

The existing Pace Harvey Transportation Center handles more Pace bus boardings than any other single location in the six-county northeastern Illinois region, so it is critical that these thousands of daily riders are provided a modern and comfortable facility. The Harvey Transportation Center is Pace's hub for connections by commuters across the south suburbs to points throughout the region. The improved transit center benefits some of Illinois's most historically disadvantaged communities and thus meets the standard in the Biden Administration's Justice40 Initiative.

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greenhouse gas emissions by providing a more attractive public transportation option as an alternative to driving.

For these reasons, the Illinois Department of Transportation fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

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Omer M. Osman, P.E.
Secretary



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March 21, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Active Transportation Alliance, I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the reconstruction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

Active Transportation Alliance advocates for walking, biking, and public transit to create healthy, sustainable, and equitable communities in the Chicago region. This project is a great example of how regional collaboration on transit planning and investment can improve quality of life in low-income areas.

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For these reasons, Active Transportation Alliance fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

Amy Rynell
Executive Director



March 22, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the construction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

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For these reasons, the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

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Alessandra A. Kummelehne
Office Manager/Sustainability Programs Director



CITY OF HARVEY

CHRISTOPHER J. CLARK, MAYOR

3/16/2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The City of Harvey, I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the construction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

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For these reasons, The City of Harvey fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Christopher J. Clark



03/30/2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Chicago Area Clean Cities, I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the reconstruction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

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For these reasons, Chicago Area Clean Cities fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Chicago Area Clean Cities

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March 21, 2022

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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On behalf of Cook County 5th District, I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the construction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

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For these reasons Cook County 5th District fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Deborah Sims
Cook County 5th District



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March 18, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I State Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the construction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

I understand the existing Pace Harvey Transportation Center handles more Pace bus boarding's than any other single location in the six-county northeastern Illinois region, so it is critical that these thousands of daily riders are provided a modern and comfortable facility. The Harvey Transportation Center is Pace's hub for connections by commuters across the south suburbs to points throughout the region. The improved transit center benefits some of Illinois's most historically disadvantaged communities and thus meets the standard in the Biden Administration's Justice 40 Initiative.

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For these reasons, name of organization fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

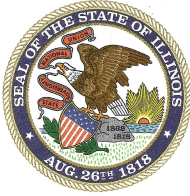
Sincerely,

Debbie Meyers-Martin

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April 1, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the construction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000.

The project has the goal to create safer and easier transfers between Pace buses and Metra trains by creating: passenger restrooms, an interior waiting area, a new retail space, 14 bus bays (up from the current 10), better weather protection for pedestrians, an expanded kiss-n-ride area, and a consolidated commuter parking lot. Furthermore, the entire facility will be accessible to people with disabilities and have a dedicated area for paratransit vehicles. This project will also potentially help reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions, by providing a more attractive public transportation option as an alternative to driving.

The Harvey Transportation Center is Pace's hub for connections by commuters across the south suburbs to points throughout the region. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric Station. The improved transit center could potentially benefit some of Illinois' most historically disadvantaged communities and meets the qualifications outlined in the Biden Administration's Justice40 Initiative.

I strongly support this RAISE grant application and look forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

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Marcus C. Evans, Jr.
Assistant Majority Leader
Chairman, Committee on Labor & Commerce
Representative, 33rd District of Illinois

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April 4, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write on behalf of PACE Suburban Bus, to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the construction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

The existing Pace Harvey Transportation Center handles more Pace bus commuters than any other single location in the six-county northeastern Illinois region, so it is critical that these thousands of daily riders are provided a modern and comfortable facility. The Harvey Transportation Center is Pace's hub for connections by commuters across the south suburbs to points throughout the region including the City of Chicago. The improved transit center benefits some of the state of Illinois' most historically disadvantaged communities and thus meets the standard in the Biden Administration's Justice40 Initiative.

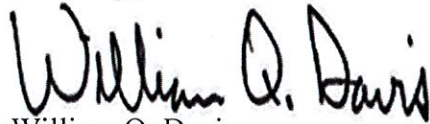
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The project reflects an intentionally inclusive economic investment in one of northeastern Illinois' most historically disadvantaged communities through both creation of new construction jobs but also a vastly improved facility for the thousands of daily riders who board buses and trains for work and recreation at this south suburban location. The project also helps reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing a more attractive public transportation option as an alternative to driving.

For these reasons, I respectfully request the US Department of Transportation gives full and fair consideration to the grant application submitted by PACE Suburban Bus. I fully support this RAISE grant request and I look forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project. If you need to discuss this application further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 708-799-7300.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Q. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

William Q. Davis
State Representative
30th District of Illinois

Illinois State Senate

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Napoleon B. Harris III

*Majority Caucus Whip
15th Legislative District*

March 21, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

As State Senator of the 15th Legislative District in Illinois, I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the construction of the Pace Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

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For these reasons, I fully support this RAISE grant application and look forward to the successful completion of the Pace Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

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Napoleon B. Harris III



March 23, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Metra, I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the reconstruction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to our Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

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For these reasons, Metra fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

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James Derwinski
CEO/Executive Director



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March 21, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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For these reasons, RTA fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

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Leanne Redden
Executive Director
Regional Transportation Authority



March 22, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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For these reasons, Search fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

Cory Gumm
Chief Executive Officer



April 6, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Illinois Public Transportation Association (IPTA), I write to support Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the reconstruction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

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For these reasons, IPTA fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

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Laura Calderon
Executive Director



April 13, 2022

Alsip
Beecher
Blue Island
Burnham
Calumet City
Calumet Park
Chicago Heights
Country Club Hills
Crestwood
Crete

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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Dixmoor
Dolton
East Hazel Crest
Flossmoor
Ford Heights
Glenwood
Harvey
Hazel Crest
Homewood
Lansing

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) is pleased to submit a letter of support for the Pace's 2022 RAISE grant application for the construction of the Harvey Transportation Center in Harvey, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000,000. Pace is seeking funding for the bus passenger waiting area, being re-built adjacent to the Harvey Metra Electric station. This project is a collaborative effort between Pace, Metra, and the City of Harvey, with Metra's contractor performing the construction.

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Oak Forest
Olympia Fields
Orland Hills
Orland Park
Park Forest
Peotone
Phoenix

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Richton Park
Riverdale
Robbins
Sauk Village
South Chicago Heights
South Holland
Steger
Thornton
Tinley Park
University Park
Worth

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For these reasons, SSMMA fully supports this RAISE grant application and looks forward to the successful completion of the Harvey Transportation Center project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kristi DeLaurentiis", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Kristi DeLaurentiis
Executive Director
South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association