



MOVING FORWARD On 95th Street

Momentum is also building on a new Pulse 95th Street Line with destinations in Chicago, Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Bridgeview, and Palos Hills.

In 2019, the project team developed a Project Definition Report outlining the purpose and need for bus service improvements along 95th Street and initial proposed Pulse station locations. Beginning in May 2022, Pace initiated the federally-mandated environmental review process to refine proposed improvements and station locations, evaluate potential impacts on the project corridor, continue coordination with municipal staff and agencies, and seek public input. A public meeting is anticipated to take place in Fall 2022.

Follow progress on the 95th Street Line and get information on upcoming public

Thank you
**Congresswoman
Newman** for your support
of Community Project
Funding for Transit Signal
Priority on 95th Street!



Funding secured!

Pace, in partnership with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAQ), received a CMAQ grant to complete final design and construction of the Pulse 95th Street Line. Service is anticipated to launch in early 2025.



Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways is partnering with Pace to help fund the Pulse 95th Street Line environmental review phase.

Cook County has provided \$500,000 in Invest in Cook funding to advance this important project, and Pace is grateful to Cook County for their support!



Check your Pulse!

Check in on the latest news about Pulse coming to your neighborhood, sign up for project updates, and send us your thoughts and questions at **PaceBus.com/Pulse**.

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PULSE



COMING SOON

Pulse Dempster Line

Travel to Evanston, Skokie, Morton Grove, Niles, Des Plaines, Park Ridge, and O'Hare is about to get faster and more reliable.

Pace is thrilled to begin constructing its second Pulse rapid transit line, which will provide limited-stop service with branded buses and modern, heated stations with real-time bus tracker information.

Once in service, Pulse buses will pick up riders at one of the new stations located about every ½ mile between Evanston and O'Hare International Airport.

Watch for updates as we get closer to launching the new Pulse Dempster Line.

Pace will hold a Public Hearing this summer to present the proposed schedules for the Pulse Dempster Line and accompanying changes to Route 250. Sign up for announcements at **PaceBus.com/Pulse** to ensure you receive alerts about this hearing and any subsequent changes.



Construction of the Dempster Line is funded by a federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) grant.

Construction began at stations on the western end of the corridor in April 2022.

Dempster Line Progress

Did you know that we're also making improvements to traffic signals on Dempster Street to make transit service faster and more reliable? Transit Signal Priority extends green lights and shortens red lights for buses without impacting other traffic. A total of 45 intersections have been upgraded along the corridor.



South Halsted

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

-  **Faster Pace and CTA service**, including Pace's new, premium service, the Pulse Halsted Line
-  **Easily recognizable fleet** of branded Pulse buses
-  **New Pulse stations and improvements** to CTA local stops that are easy and safe to get to
-  **Roadway and traffic signal improvements** to keep buses on schedule
-  **Improvements to sidewalks and crosswalks** to make the street more accessible and safer to cross
-  **Improved connections** to other transit services

Enhancing Service on South Halsted Street


Pace and CTA are leading the South Halsted Bus Corridor Enhancement Project to improve transit service between the Pace Harvey Transportation Center and CTA Red Line stations at 95th/Dan Ryan and 79th/Dan Ryan. A new Pulse Halsted Line between Harvey and 95th/Dan Ryan is part of the proposed improvements, along with new stations and other amenities to further modernize your commute.

The project team first presented proposed improvements and potential impacts at a public meeting in January 2020. With safety and equity in mind, the team used feedback received to refine the proposed improvements and reduce impacts on sidewalk space, crosswalk lengths, and car traffic.

The revised plan for improvements was presented at a second public meeting on May 10, 2022. Meeting attendees also participated in a question-and-answer session and asked about service locations, traffic impacts, safety, and the project schedule. View a recording of the meeting and share your thoughts and questions at PaceBus.com/Pulse.

Proposed enhancements will complement current bus services, not replace them.

WHAT'S NEXT?

 The project team will review public comments and develop the final plan for improvements to be submitted for federal review and approval. Final design is anticipated in early 2023 and pending funding, construction is anticipated to begin in 2024 with the goal of having all improvements in service in 2026.



Pace teams up with Cook County to implement immediate improvements along Halsted

As part of Cook County's Fair Transit South Cook initiative, the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) has partnered with Pace to increase frequency on Pace's Route 352, which serves South Halsted Street. Thanks to DoTH's support, Pace now offers service every 10 minutes on Route 352 from 95th/Dan Ryan all the way to Pace's Chicago Heights Terminal. DoTH is also a funding partner for the South Halsted Bus Corridor Enhancement Project. Pace appreciates the County's partnership and support!

A more sustainable future

As part of our strategic vision – *Driving Innovation* – we're committed to building a modern, equitable, and robust transportation system that will serve the people of Northeastern Illinois for decades to come. Part of our plan is to transition to a zero-emission fleet by 2040, including electric buses. The transition process will take several years but we're already making progress. Pace received its first electric bus in May 2022 for operational testing and 20 electric buses are scheduled for delivery in Spring 2023. Facility studies are ongoing and Pace's North Division Garage in Waukegan will be home to the agency's fully electric fleet and facility by 2026.

The benefits of a zero-emission fleet include:



Less costly to operate



Better for the environment



Quieter & smoother ride

Learn more at PaceBus.com/Driving-Innovation