

COMING TO WEST COOK AND DUPAGE: Pulse Cermak Line

Cermak Road was identified as a critical east-west transit corridor in need of better, faster service. Pace plans to kick off planning for the Pulse Cermak Line in 2023, and will determine the limits of the service area, potential station locations, transit priority features, and other roadway and pedestrian improvements. Riders will enjoy the many connections the Cermak Line will offer including to CTA rail, numerous high-ridership transit corridors, major employers, hospitals, shopping centers, and schools. Most importantly, it will provide riders with an affordable, sustainable, and reliable option to get to their destinations. The Cermak Line will also be the first Pulse Line to serve DuPage County!



Did you know?

The Pulse Milwaukee Line has been serving riders between Chicago and Niles since 2019! Pulse service, combined with the implementation of Transit Signal Priority, means that transit service on Milwaukee Avenue is **FASTER, MORE RELIABLE, and MORE COMFORTABLE** than ever before.

PULSE

FAST. FREQUENT. RELIABLE.
That's the Pulse way.



Pace is creating the Pulse rapid transit network throughout Chicagoland. With buses arriving every 15 minutes or less most of the day, Pulse gives you more freedom to get **where** you need to go, **when** you need to go. Another benefit? Pulse connects you to major destinations and other transit services, providing more travel options in our region.

We have **BIG** plans!



Committed to making your commute better than ever: Pace's strategic plan, *Driving Innovation*, reaffirms our commitment to fund and implement the Pulse program and outlines how we plan to put Pulse in action.



Looking at the big picture: Pace will soon launch a Network Revitalization and Systemwide Restructuring initiative to create a vision for the future of our system, that will build upon and integrate with current and future Pulse lines. The initiative will look at all of Pace's existing services and make recommendations for future enhancements, including the introduction of innovative new services and online tools that help our customers get from point A to point B seamlessly and efficiently.



Becoming more eco-friendly: Making our buses more environmentally friendly and cost-effective is a key goal for Pace. We plan to convert our entire fleet to zero-emissions vehicles by 2040! The first electric bus was delivered to Pace Southwest Division in November 2022.



We're Hiring!

Pace is actively working to address the challenges of the nationwide operator shortage to ensure the communities we serve are able to fully benefit from Pulse and other Pace services. We're hiring across Chicagoland for various positions including bus operators, and offering great benefits including competitive starting pay, health insurance, and continuous training. Our partnership with Olive-Harvey College, Harper College and South Suburban College have created a lot of momentum to recruit drivers by covering the cost of CDL permit courses and creating a direct path to employment for qualified students. Pace is in discussions with a number of other colleges to offer these free courses equitably throughout the region. Learn about the many great opportunities to work at Pace at www.PaceBus.com/Careers.

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PULSE IN MOTION

Pulse made significant PROGRESS this year, and even more developments are planned for 2023!



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Pulse Dempster Line

Pace started construction on the Pulse Dempster Line in April. The Pulse Dempster Line will serve riders between Evanston and O'Hare International Airport, including connections to other Pace and CTA bus routes, the CTA Yellow and Purple lines, and Metra's Union Pacific North, Union Pacific Northwest, and North Central Service rail lines, providing passengers with a variety of local and regional travel options. Construction is progressing well, and service is anticipated to begin in 2023.

Making Headway: Pulse 95th Street Line

Planning for the Pulse 95th Street line has been underway for several years and is now in the Environmental Review phase. Along the way, Pace created a Corridor Advisory Group comprised of local leaders and stakeholders to obtain feedback on the proposed station locations and other design and related considerations. Pace has also been conducting meetings with municipalities and organizations on an individual basis. A public meeting was held on November 17, 2022, to introduce the public to the Pulse 95th Street Line. Attendees provided input for the project team as we continue to refine the station locations, conceptual designs, and proposed service improvements. Share your thoughts and send us your questions at PaceBus.com/Pulse.

The Pulse 95th Street Line environmental review phase is being funded through an Invest in Cook grant from Cook County and we expect to complete this work in early 2023. The project will then move into final design and construction, funded by a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant awarded through CMAP. Service is expected to launch in 2026.



NEXT STEPS: South Halsted Bus Corridor Enhancement Project

The environmental review is nearly complete for the joint Pace-CTA project to improve bus service and launch a Pulse Line along South Halsted Street. This will be the most ambitious Pulse line yet, featuring segments of dedicated bus lanes and queue jumps, in addition to Pulse service and Pulse stations, to ensure buses stay on schedule through this busy corridor. South Halsted Street is the highest-ridership corridor in the Pace system.

What's next?

- ➔ Finalize environmental documentation - Federal approval is expected by the end of 2022
- ➔ Kick off Final Design in early 2023 in close coordination with the Illinois and Chicago Departments of Transportation
- ➔ Pending funding, construction is anticipated to begin in 2025
- ➔ Begin running Pulse Halsted Line and improved CTA service in 2026



The Halsted Line and 95th Street Line will run together between Halsted Street and the CTA Red Line 95th/Dan Ryan station, sharing Pulse stations along the way.

The project corridor consists of approximately 11 miles of South Halsted Street, from the Pace Harvey Transportation Center to 79th Street, and includes segments of 79th and 95th Streets that provide connections to the CTA Red Line 79th and 95th/Dan Ryan stations. Proposed improvements include queue jumps, bus lanes, and curb extensions, and introduction of the Pulse Halsted Line, providing limited stop service at Pulse stations approximately every half mile. Enhancements to CTA local bus stops north of 95th Street and improvements to CTA's Halsted/79th Street terminal are also planned.