

PULSE

CATCH GREENS WITH PULSE!

Dempster Line **Sunday Sneak Preview** started August 13

Pace is excited to announce the Sunday sneak preview of the Pulse Dempster Line, connecting Evanston to O'Hare International Airport. **Fast, frequent, reliable service** began on Sunday, August 13 to your favorite destinations. Don't miss your chance to try Pulse before the full daily service launches this fall.

Pulse is "catching greens" this fall through advanced Transit Signal Priority technology that extends green lights and minimizes reds, keeping Pulse buses on schedule. Pace invites your feedback as we roll out the service.



Hop on Board!

Starting August 13, Pulse buses will run on Sundays from 6 a.m. to midnight with service every 15 minutes between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and every 20 minutes during early morning and late evening hours. This significant increase in Sunday service along Dempster Street offers a tremendous benefit for those working or traveling on weekends. Don't miss this opportunity to try Pulse before daily service begins. Look out for Pulse stations and temporary stops with Pulse signs while construction continues.

Full daily service for Pulse Dempster Line will begin Fall 2023.

Visit PaceBus.com/Pulse for updates, schedules, and exciting developments.

On August 9, Pace, Senator Laura Murphy, and City of Des Plaines officials celebrated the opening of the new Pulse Dempster Line station in downtown Des Plaines. Pace is thrilled to partner with communities to provide innovative, accessible bus services.



FAST TRACK TO BETTER TRANSIT:

Pulse Halsted Line Making Strides Forward

What's the scoop on the Pulse Halsted Line? Pace has been working hard to improve transit on South Halsted Street in the south suburban communities of Harvey, Phoenix, Calumet Park, Riverdale, and Dixmoor, as well as the City of Chicago neighborhoods of West Pullman, Morgan Park, Roseland, Washington Heights, and Auburn Gresham.

Pulse Halsted Line Wins \$20 Million Federal Grant



The Pulse Halsted Line was awarded \$20 million from the highly competitive federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant program in June! This incredible investment will keep the project **MOVING FORWARD** with final design and construction. Pace continues to seek additional funding to cover the remaining costs to fully implement the Halsted Line.

In December 2022, the Pulse Halsted Line reached a milestone as it obtained National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval. The NEPA process ensures that environmental impacts are carefully considered and addressed, guaranteeing that the project aligns with NEPA standards while delivering improved transportation options to these communities.

So, what can you expect from the Pulse Halsted Line project? New buses and stations, making them easy and safe to reach. To keep the buses on schedule, the project team has proposed transit priority treatments to the roads, including a dedicated bus lane through one of the most congested parts of the corridor, and “queue jumps” that allow buses to skip traffic backups at several congested intersections. The project will also include Transit Signal Priority, ensuring reliable service. Riders will enjoy seamless connections to other transit services, making commuting a breeze.

The project will move into the Final Design phase with construction anticipated to begin in 2025. Pace anticipates launching service in 2027. Stay tuned for more updates on the South Halsted Line by visiting PaceBus.com/Pulse.

Advancing Transit Connectivity and Progress on the 95th Street Line



PULSE SERVICE

Coming to DuPage County



Pace has taken the first step toward making the Pulse Cermak Line a reality with the start of the Project Definition Study. The project aims to bring what customers have come to expect from Pulse to a corridor encompassing portions of Cermak Road, 22nd Street, and Butterfield Road and serving 10 communities within Cook and DuPage counties.

The project kicked off earlier this year with initial data collection. The study team is currently analyzing travel patterns and development conditions within the corridor to define the project limits and draft station locations. Stakeholder involvement will begin this fall with the first meeting of the Corridor Advisory Group, comprised of elected officials and other representatives from the impacted communities for feedback on initial service concepts.



THE PULSE 95TH STREET LINE IS MAKING PROGRESS.

This route is set to connect the CTA Red Line 95th/Dan Ryan Station in Chicago with Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. With key destinations and connections to other Pace and CTA bus routes, as well as Metra's Rock Island and Southwest Service Lines, passengers on the 95th Street Line will enjoy a wide range of local and regional travel options.

Pace has successfully completed the conceptual design phase and the project is awaiting approval of its environmental review by the Federal Transit Administration. Once approved, the project will move into final design followed by construction.

Both remaining phases are fully funded through a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant awarded by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

Once complete, the Pulse 95th Street Line will offer commuters fast, reliable, and frequent service. Pulse buses will have the distinct Pulse purple branding. Pulse stations will feature conveniences such as near-level boarding, heated shelters and real-time bus arrival information.

Pace plans to open the Pulse 95th Street Line in 2027.

PACE SAVES THE DAY During Kennedy Expressway Construction

Pace provides suburban commuters an alternative to sitting in congestion on the Kennedy Expressway caused by a three-year construction project. As construction continues, riders are taking advantage of the Pulse Milwaukee Line and other services to connect to the CTA Blue Line and Metra Union Pacific Northwest Line at Jefferson Park, getting to their destination quickly and comfortably. In addition to Pulse Milwaukee, which serves Milwaukee Avenue between Jefferson Park and Niles, Pace also offers express bus routes to CTA stations for connections into Chicago by utilizing the I-90 Flex Lane or the shoulder lane of I-94.

Commuters are encouraged to explore the Pulse Milwaukee Line and I-90 and I-94 express routes. Find how to avoid Kennedy Expressway construction traffic by planning your trip on the Transit app, using Pace's online Trip Planner, or contacting RTA's Travel Information Center to improve your commute while construction continues. Express routes include:

PULSE MILWAUKEE LINE:

Niles to Jefferson Park Transit Center

ROUTE 600:

Schaumburg to CTA Rosemont Transit Center

ROUTE 603:

Elgin to CTA Rosemont Transit Center

ROUTE 605:

I-90/Randall Rd to CTA Rosemont Transit Center

ROUTE 606:

Woodfield Mall to CTA Rosemont Transit Center

ROUTE 626:

Buffalo Grove to Dempster-Skokie
CTA Yellow Line Station

Pace Partners WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

To ensure the Pulse Halsted Line aligns with community goals, Pace coordinated with the Far South Community Development Corporation in Chicago. Together, we selected a location for a Pulse station that would provide the best visibility and pedestrian access to the new station from the planned 12-acre Morgan Park Commons mixed-use redevelopment.

"Exciting transformations are in the works to bring life to a crucial intersection. A new Pulse station will seamlessly link residents and visitors to the area, and help us create a thriving hub in the community."

— *Far South Community Development Corporation President, Abraham Lacy*

Pace is coordinating with the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development and CTA on the 95th Street Corridor Study. Pace's planned improvements along 95th Street as part of both the Pulse Halsted and 95th Street projects will play a big part in leveraging goals of the study such as multimodal connectivity -- to improve equitable transit options in the area.

Stay in the Know!

Be the first to know about exciting developments! Visit **PaceBus.com/Pulse** and sign up to receive updates on upcoming meetings and all the latest news. Follow us on social media to stay connected and track Pulse progress.

HAVE YOU TRIED THE APP?

Pace's Transit App makes trip planning easy with real-time bus tracking and a trip planner for transit connections.



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