



Pulse 95th Street Line Public Meeting #1 Summary



95th Street Line Public Meeting #1 Fast Facts

- Public Meeting #1 was held virtually on November 17, 2022
- 16 people attended
- 8 comments were submitted within the comment period
- A recording of the presentation was shared on Pace's website and YouTube page

Overview

The first public meeting for the Pulse 95th Street Line was held virtually on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting included a presentation introducing the Pulse program and providing an overview of the Pulse 95th Street Line. Participants were then invited to participate in an interactive map activity to provide comments on the corridor map and proposed station sites. A question-and-answer session was held at the end of the public meeting. Attendees were also encouraged to submit their comments through the comment form available on the project website. The meeting was attended by 16 people.

The meeting was promoted using a variety of methods including advertisements on buses serving 95th Street; letters mailed to elected officials and businesses near proposed stations; eblasts sent to the stakeholder list and Pace's Route 381 subscribers; website and social media announcements; and posters placed at posters placed at the Woodsen Public Library and Moraine Valley Community College.

The following elected officials/representatives for elected officials were in attendance:

- Cook County Board of Commissioners: Jennifer O'Flaherty representing Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison (17th District)
- Village of Evergreen Park: Mayor Kelly Burke, Timothy Klass
- Village of Oak Lawn: Drew Guardi

The following agencies were represented:

- Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways: Katie Bell, Benet Haller, Nathan Roseberry
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA): Mark Pitstick



Public Involvement Efforts

Website

The 95th Street Line project is featured on the Pulse website (pacebus.com/pulse) and includes the following: overview of the project, public meeting information and recording of the presentation, project updates, study documents, study area map, project schedule, public involvement opportunities, comment form, and project hotline number.

A recording of the public meeting was posted on the <u>Project website</u> and <u>Pace</u> YouTube channel on November 18.

Letters to Elected Officials and Businesses

Letters with information about the public meeting were mailed October 18, 2022 to elected officials and businesses. The letters included information about the Pulse program, 95th Street Line project, and other project details, along with details about the public meeting format and location.

3rd Party Outreach

The eblast and public meeting advertisements were sent to elected officials, chambers of commerce, libraries, places of worship, and community centers to announce the public meeting and encourage them to share information with their constituents/members. Follow up phone calls were also made to the 3rd party list prior to the public meeting to encourage them to share information about the public meeting in their newsletters and on their websites and social media pages.

Pace Customers

Current Pace riders were made aware of the public meeting via eblast announcements by Pace as well as car cards placed on Pace bus routes within the project area.







Flyers and Exhibit Boards

Flyers and large exhibit boards advertising the public meeting location and purpose were placed at libraries within the corridor two weeks prior to the public meeting.

Eblast

An eblast was created to notify the public of the public meeting. It was sent to the project stakeholder list three weeks, one week, and the day prior to the meeting. The eblast included project overview information, the purpose of the meeting, meeting format, and virtual meeting registration details.





Social Media

Multiple posts were published on Pace social media pages three weeks, two, and one week prior to the public meeting.





Public Meeting #1 Comment Summary

A total of **seven (7) comments and questions** were received prior to or at the time of the public meeting and were answered by the Project team during the Q&A session. **One (1) additional comment** was received via the online comment form on the Project website by the end of the comment period on December 1, 2022.

- Placement of the eastbound Pulse station at Western Avenue
- The future of the existing Pace route (specifically in Evergreen Park); if stops will be removed; if stations will serve both Pulse and regular Pace routes
- Inquiry about improvements that will be included in the project; specifically whether it will include dedicated ambulance/bus lanes, landscaping, protected medians at crosswalks, pedestrian safety bollards, and sidewalk widening
- Residential and employee parking
- Why bus only lanes aren't being installed along the entire corridor;
 advocating for climate change and public transportation access
- Statement regarding being new to the project area

A full list of comments received by the end of the comment period can be viewed in Appendix A.