



ONBOARD with pace Suburban Bus

A new era for suburban transit starts now

Pace is welcoming the spring season in style for our riders, focusing on growth and transformation at an important moment for the region's transit systems.

In March, Pace continued the momentum of strengthening our services by launching a series of new pilot projects and service changes that expand access, improve frequency, and cover longer operations in the evenings and on weekends.

We are meeting riders' needs with service that connects them to their destinations at all hours of the day. These new changes collectively add more than 50,000 additional service hours and 353 new trips systemwide.

Well-traveled corridors in the region now have increased frequency, longer service windows, and strengthened connections to CTA, Metra, and other Pace services.

Pace also is looking ahead with confidence thanks to the long-term, sustainable funding provided through the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act. This stability enables even larger investments in suburban bus service.

Our ambitious ReVision strategic plan reimagines our system to meet our region's changing transit needs. In 2026, we will release the plan for public feedback.

Hope springs eternal at Pace in 2026 and beyond. Thank you, as always, for your continued dedication and loyalty in riding with Pace.



Melinda J. Metzger
Executive Director

Richard A. Kwasneski
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Pace is building a better ride through partnerships

Pace continues to make long-term investments in our services thanks, in large part, to the many supporters of regional transit.

Beyond fixed-route service expansions, Pace recently has expanded the reservation-based On Demand service to reach more destinations in the northwest suburbs after establishing On Demand buses in the southern suburbs.

We continue to advance plans to launch more rapid transit lines and grow our Pulse network to deliver faster and frequent bus service along major corridors in the western and southern suburbs.

Our ability to collaborate and work with the public, our communities, and our elected leaders are major drivers of these success stories and more.



Project Zero

Project Zero Progress Update

At the end of last year, Pace celebrated the completion of an electric bus charging facility capable of charging 12 buses. It represents the first phase of a transformative project to modernize its North Division garage into a facility capable of charging a full fleet of battery-electric buses for service in and around Lake County.

Pace already has one electric paratransit vehicle in use in Kane County, thanks to funding secured by Congressman Sean Casten. Additional electric paratransit vehicles are being ordered and are expected to arrive in 2027.

The ribbon cutting at North Division marked the opening of Pace's first large scale bus charging depot, including two 'pantograph' chargers capable of high-speed charging. This new infrastructure is a major step toward Pace's long term goal of converting all 60 North Division buses to battery electric vehicles.

Phase One of the North Division electrification project was made possible by \$12.5 million in Rebuild Illinois funding. Additional state and federal funding, including a Community Project Funding grant from Congressman Brad Schneider and a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, is supporting the purchase of electric buses for the fleet. Replacing the entire 700-bus fleet with zero-emissions vehicles is expected to cost more than \$1 billion, with charging facilities costing even more, so significant federal and state investment is needed if Pace is to meet its Project Zero goal of converting the entire fleet by 2040. 🌱

Return of Wrigley Field Express for 2026

Avoid high parking costs and frustrating traffic... ride Pace Wrigley Field Express Service to Chicago Cubs weekend home games and weekend concerts!

Pace is happy to announce the return of the Wrigley Field Express. This year Pace will be serving all weekend Cubs home games and weekend concerts at Wrigley Field for 2026.

For more information on when and where to take the Wrigley Field Express, visit: PaceBus.com/wrigleyfield. 🌱



Service expansions effective March 15, 2026

Pace implemented a number of service expansions to key routes on March 15, 2026. Information about those changes is as follows:

pace BUS STOP 213
Route 213's operation has been expanded on weekdays and Saturdays. Weekday buses will run from 5:00 AM to 12:30 AM and 11:30 PM on Saturday, with service every 15 minutes during peak hours and every 30 minutes the rest of the day. The 213 provides connections to major destinations such as the CTA Red and Purple Lines, Evanston Township High School, Chicago Botanic Garden and the Metra UP-North Line.

pace BUS STOP 315
Route 315 has been expanded to Midway Airport and will run more frequently seven days a week. Buses start at 5:00 AM (6:00 AM on Saturdays) and run until 12:30 AM. Riders can expect a bus every 15 minutes on weekdays during the day, and 20-30 minutes at night. On weekends, buses arrive every 15-20 minutes during the day and evening, and every 30-40 minutes late at night. The 315 has expanded its network to serve the Chicago Midway International Airport as well as the CTA Orange Line Midway Station. The service also connects riders to major destinations such as Morton College, Morton East High School and the CTA Blue and Green Lines.

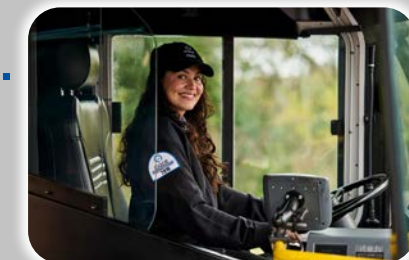
pace BUS STOP 349
Route 349 now arrives more frequently every single day. Buses will start at 5:00 AM on weekdays and 5:15 AM on weekends/Holidays. Buses will run until midnight northbound and 1:00 AM southbound. Riders can expect buses approximately every 15 minutes during daytime hours and every 20-30 minutes during early mornings and late nights. Sunday/Holiday trips will now operate at the full length of the route for improved service along south Western Ave. The 349 provides connections to major destinations such as the Pace Harvey Transportation Center, the Metra Electric District Harvey Station, Evergreen Plaza and more.

pace BUS STOP 350
Route 350's operation has been expanded, including an additional weekday trip. Buses will run from 5:00 AM until 1:00 AM weekdays (5:30 AM to 12:30 AM on Sundays/Holidays). Riders can expect buses every 15 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes in the evening. The Route 350 provides connections to major destinations such as the Pace Harvey Transportation Center, the Metra Electric District and Thornridge High School.

pace BUS STOP 507
Route 507's operation has been expanded on weekdays and includes enhanced transfer options in downtown Joliet. Weekday buses begin at 5:00 AM eastbound and 6:00 AM westbound, running until 10:15 PM. On Saturdays, service operates from 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM. Riders can expect buses every 30 minutes during the day on weekdays and hourly service during early mornings, late nights and on Saturdays. The 507 provides connections to major destinations such as the Joliet Pace transit Center, Amtrak and Metra Stations, the University of St. Francis and Louis Joliet Mall.

pace BUS STOP 755
To address a recent increase in ridership, a new weekday inbound trip has been added that departs from the Pace Park-n-Ride in Plainfield at 10:05 AM. This new trip skips the Pace Park-n-Ride Old Chicago stop to offer more capacity for passengers boarding at the Pace Park-n-Ride in Plainfield. To provide more capacity for riders at the Pace Park-n-Ride Old Chicago (Bolingbrook) stop, some trips begin directly from the Pace Park-n-Ride Old Chicago stop between 7:16 AM and 10:26 AM. In addition, a new trip has been added starting at 10:26 AM.

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New Name and New Destinations



A pilot service expansion of the Northwest Cook On Demand (formerly known as the Arlington Heights-Rolling Meadows On Demand) service launched on March 2, 2026! Pace celebrated with a ribbon cutting event attended by government officials and community members.

The current service zone doubled in size to serve more riders. Additionally, the service will now operate from 6am to 8pm. The new zone enhances the area's overall transit network by providing new connections with many Pace routes at the Pace Northwest Transportation Center and Route 234 near Randhurst Village.

Passengers may plan their trips using the **Transit app**. From there, you can use the On Demand app to book rides and manage your reservations. Passengers may also reserve a trip online at PaceBus.com/OnDemand or by calling [224-803-9277](tel:224-803-9277).

This service expansion is made possible by an Invest in Cook grant from Cook County.

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