Pace envisions a Chicago region that is well-connected and offers a variety of travel options. As part of Pace’s Vision 2020 plan to modernize public transportation, Pace is developing Pulse, an innovative rapid transit network.

What makes Pulse different?

- **FAST:** Limited stop service gets you to your destination quick and easy.
- **FREQUENT:** Catch Pulse every 10-15 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes during late evenings.
- **EASY TO USE:** Up-to-the-minute travel information at modern new stations.
- **CONVENIENT CONNECTIONS:** Connects to major destinations and other transit routes.

A better commute

With fewer stops and upgraded amenities, Pulse will offer a more enjoyable commute. Pulse will complement existing Pace service by providing faster, more frequent service to the most popular destinations.

New buses will feature Wi-Fi service, USB charging ports, and digital information signs with audio/visual stop announcements to help passengers reach their destinations. All Pulse buses have bicycle racks, so bring your bike to explore Chicagoland.

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Pulse will **CONNECT** to a variety of local amenities such as other transit services, local bicycle and walking trails, Divvy stations, and more.

New, modern Pulse stations will have a variety of passenger amenities including shelters with interior lighting, seating, and overhead heating for passenger comfort during winter months. State-of-the-art electronic signage at each station will provide up-to-the-minute digital real-time bus arrival information as well as transit and neighborhood maps. Most Pulse stations will also have bicycle racks.

We’re working closely with local communities to help people reach their destinations. Station locations are chosen based on an analysis of Pace ridership patterns, site constraints, and safety conditions as well as community and public input.

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**Ride the Pulse MILWAUKEE LINE in 2017**

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Pace initiated the planning phase in late 2015 and created the Corridor Advisory Group (CAG) consisting of local municipalities, transportation agencies, chambers of commerce, and local interest groups to seek their input on initial design concepts and preliminary station locations. The CAG provided valuable input and emphasized the need for consideration of Complete Streets design as well as connections to Evanston’s Divvy stations, local pedestrian/bicycle trails, and CTA and Metra lines. A Project Definition Report was completed in 2016, which outlines proposed station locations, service and operating plans, estimated project costs, and projected ridership.

In 2017 and 2018, Pace will conduct a federally mandated review of the potential environmental impacts of the Dempster Line. As part of this process, Pace will evaluate the project’s anticipated impact on air quality, noise, vibration, and ecological, archaeological, and historic resources. Your input will be an important factor to determine the final station locations and features.

Though the schedule for the Dempster Line is pending grant funding and is subject to change, construction is currently anticipated to take place in 2018-2019 with service launching in 2019.
Communities were invited to customize local Pulse stations with artistic shelter and railing panels, unique platform paving and landscaping, and more. With the Milwaukee Line coming in 2017, municipalities along this corridor were the first to submit their customized designs. Pace will fund most of the community expression elements, as long as the cost is comparable to current design. As the Dempster Line enters the design phase next year, communities along that corridor will also have an opportunity to customize their Pulse stations.

WHAT’S NEXT?

Pace is planning a network of Pulse lines throughout the Chicago region. The next Pulse lines to be implemented include 95th Street, Halsted Street, Harlem Avenue, Cermak Road, and Roosevelt Road.

It’s your Pulse. Share your thoughts!

Public participation is an important part of making Pulse a success. Send us your thoughts and suggestions and sign up for public meeting announcements at PaceBus.com/Pulse.

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