



## Richard A. Kwasneski

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Two recent bills passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Obama are of significant benefit to Pace and transit agencies nationwide. We thank our congressional delegation for their support and look forward to more federal investment in infrastructure in the future.

In December, Congress passed and President Obama signed the FAST Act transportation bill authorizing \$305 billion for transportation infrastructure, which includes \$61 billion for public transit. Pace will use its share to buy buses and to repair infrastructure.

Congress also increased the tax benefit transit riders receive when paying with pre-tax payroll deduction from \$130 to \$255 per month. Ask your employer if they offer this money-saving benefit.

While there is still much work to do to bring Chicagoland's public transportation infrastructure up to a state of good repair, the increase in federal funding is helpful. New buses will reduce Pace's costs and improve our on-time performance.




### UPCOMING TITLE VI PUBLIC HEARINGS

Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects people from discrimination based on race, color or national origin. As a recipient of federal financial assistance funds, Pace follows all Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Title VI federal regulations and guidance to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which governs transit.

Since Pace is proposing several changes to its Title VI Program, we are seeking public input before submitting them to the FTA. It is imperative to Pace that none of the planned changes have any discriminatory impact. Public hearings are scheduled for late February to discuss them. Fares and bus service are not impacted; see on-board notices and PaceBus.com for hearing dates and locations.



### GET A VENTRA CARD TO AVOID HIGHER CASH FARES

Most Pace customers already know that using Ventra is so much more convenient than paying with cash - and as of January 1, Ventra is also cheaper! A new fare policy charges cash paying customers \$2.00 per one way trip but rides with Ventra are only \$1.75 (\$0.85 for reduced fare cardholders.) ADA Paratransit and Dial-a-Ride fares remain unchanged.

Ventra users also get 25-cent transfers, access to money-saving passes, and the security of knowing their passes and transit value are safe if your Ventra Card is lost or stolen.

Order a card at [VentraChicago.com](http://VentraChicago.com), call 877- NOW-VENTRA, or get one immediately at the Ventra Customer Service Center, 567 W. Lake Street in Chicago, at 1,300+ retail outlets, or at Ventra Vending Machines, which are located at several Pace transit centers and all CTA rail stations.

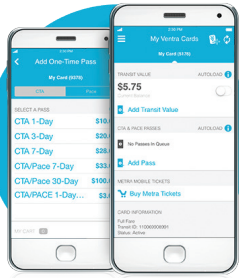
Customers eligible for reduced fares or free rides should visit [RTChicago.org](http://RTChicago.org) or call 312.913.3110 for more information.



### Sudoku Puzzle

1			9	4	7		5
5	7	3	1		2		
	4			5	3	1	8
	8	1	5	6	7	3	4
			8		1		7
	5	6	4		9		2
4	6						9
	3		9	1			7 6
9				4			

See back for answer



Pace, CTA, and Metra are at your fingertips with the new Ventra App! See real-time arrival information, purchase (and use) Metra tickets, check balances, add value, set up autoloan, and buy passes. It's like carrying a Ventra vending machine and Metra ticket machine in the palm of your hand!

Visit [VentraChicago.com/app](http://VentraChicago.com/app) for more information.



## SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS IN WEST COOK COUNTY

On November 22nd, new routes, longer service hours, more frequent runs, and increased weekend service were implemented.

Changes include new Route 316 (CTA Blue Line Cicero Station to Morton College), Route 315 (Lake/Austin to Central/38th) and new Route 314 (Lake/Cuyler to Morton College.) Routes 310 (Madison St. – Hillside) and Route 308 (Medical Center) have new or improved Sunday service.



According to Pace Board Chairman Richard Kwasneski, "We are constantly looking to improve service and this was an excellent opportunity to help Pace riders in the western suburbs."

## Feedback Requested on the Pace Website



Pace is modernizing its website and we would appreciate your suggestions! Please email your ideas to [Marketing@PaceBus.com](mailto:Marketing@PaceBus.com) – and include what device(s) you use to access the Internet. Thank you – and watch for our new website later this year!



## What do you think?

Pace works hard to provide a safe and efficient transportation system for our customers. Let us know if you have any questions or comments to help us make your ride more enjoyable.

**847-364-PACE**  
Connecting Communities [PaceBus.com](http://PaceBus.com)



## Need a Speaker for Your Next Meeting?

Pace can provide a speaker for your community group, senior citizen club, or business to present various transportation services that we provide throughout Chicagoland. We offer presentations and training programs for groups large and small at no cost to your organization. Depending on the event, we may be able to bring along an actual Pace bus! To arrange a speaker call 847.228.2450 or email [ed.madden@pacebus.com](mailto:ed.madden@pacebus.com).



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**Sudoku Puzzle Solution**

1	2	8	6	9	4	7	3	5
5	7	3	1	8	2	9	6	4
6	4	9	7	5	3	1	2	8
2	8	1	5	6	7	3	4	9
3	9	4	8	2	1	6	5	7
7	5	6	4	3	9	8	1	2
4	6	5	3	7	8	2	9	1
8	3	2	9	1	5	4	7	6
9	1	7	2	4	6	5	8	3