

PULSE



BUILDING A MORE EFFICIENT AND EQUITABLE Future with Pulse



Transforming Communities with Equitable Transit

Pace is actively supporting two significant projects to foster equitable development and enhance transit options. In collaboration with the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, CTA, and Far South Side community groups, Pace is developing strategies for equitable Transit-Oriented Development along 95th Street. Also, with the Regional Transportation Authority, Pace is engaging communities between Harvey and Chicago Heights as part of the Far South Halsted Corridor Study to improve and expand transit services, including Pulse.

Pulse provides *fast, frequent, and reliable* transit service to individuals and communities often lacking other transportation options. By investing in equitable transportation and centering stakeholder voices, Pulse aims to enhance quality of life for all, especially historically marginalized and economically disadvantaged communities.

GET INVOLVED!

- > Chicago.gov/95th
- > PaceBus.com/project/far-south-halsted-corridor-study

Students Help Shape Pulse Cermak Line

High school students in northeastern Illinois often rely on public transit. To understand their needs and how Pulse can help, Pace held focus groups with J. Sterling Morton High School students in Berwyn and Cicero to develop a vision for the Pulse Cermak Line.



"I like that during the winter we don't have to step in snow at the stations."

"I like that it comes fast & more often."

"I like when it shows when the bus is arriving."

PULSE CERMAK LINE *Takes Shape*

The Pulse Cermak Line is currently in the Project Definition phase, a crucial step in determining preliminary station locations, transit priority features, and service plans. The Cermak Line is anticipated to provide service between the CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station in Cicero and Yorktown Center in Lombard.

Similar to other Pulse Lines, Pace aims for the Cermak Line to arrive every 15 minutes or better for most of the day, giving you **more freedom to get where you need to go, when you need to go**. Additional local bus service will also operate on the corridor.

During this phase, Pace continues to engage municipalities, agencies, and community groups, as well as the Corridor Advisory Group (CAG). The CAG consists of elected officials, municipal staff, local community groups, transportation agencies, and businesses. The CAG has been key in identifying transit needs and challenges, as well as potential station locations.

Pace recently received Invest in Cook funding for the Cermak Line's environmental review. Meaningful investments in public transportation are critical to our efforts to reduce travel times and improve regional mobility.

For more information on this project, please visit PaceBus.com/Pulse.



>> What's Next?

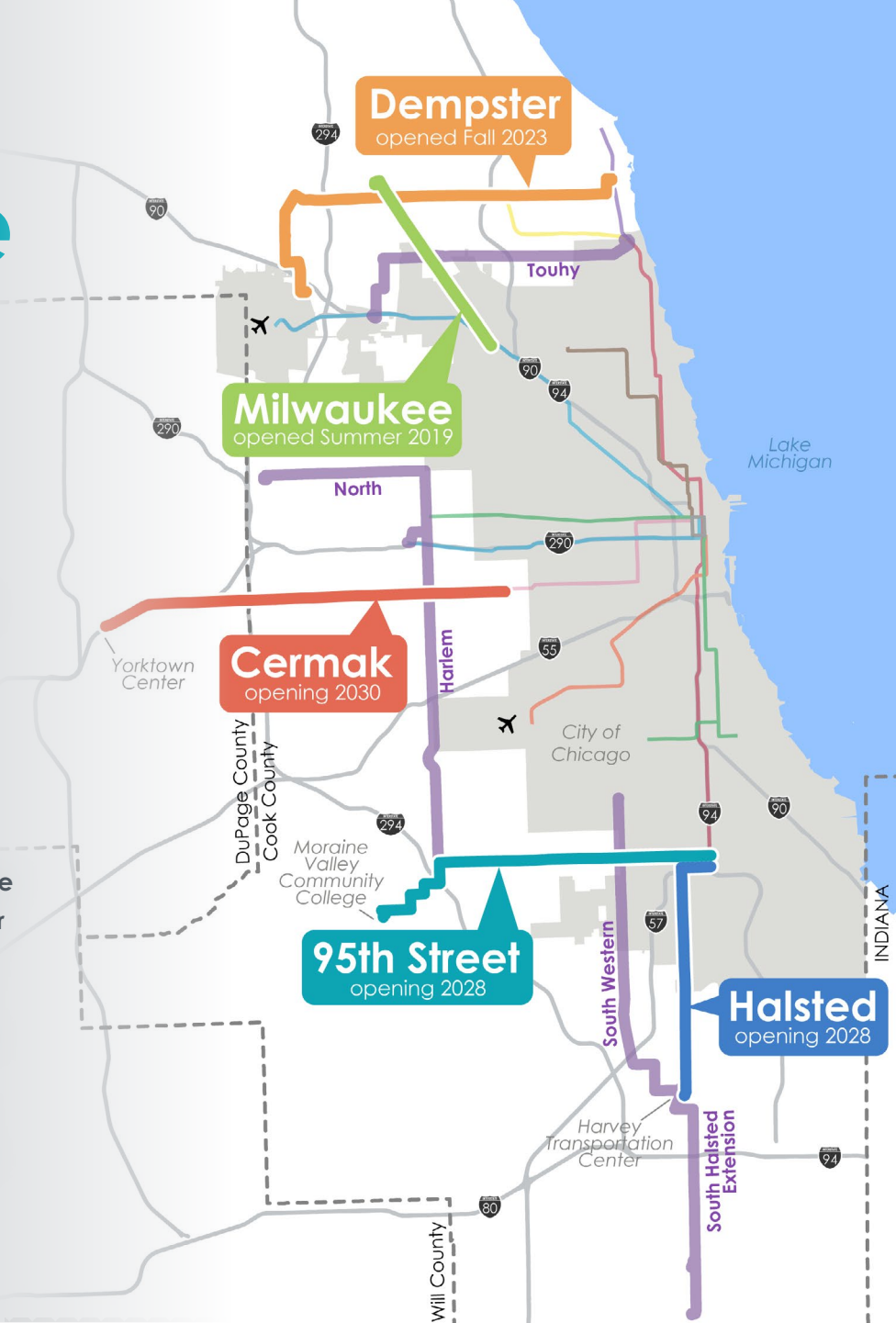
Next up is an in-depth review of potential environmental impacts. This essential step is required for the project to receive federal funding and will evaluate potential environmental, social, and economic impacts as the project's design is advanced. Public meetings will also be held during this phase of the project.

Pace will also begin working to secure federal, state, and local funding for future phases of the Pulse Cermak Line. Government funding is essential to helping Pace innovate and improve services.

» PULSE LINES

Push Pace Ridership Growth

Pace's system carried approximately 1.8 million riders in June and just under 2 million riders in July, which is the second highest month over the past 12 months. The Pulse Milwaukee and Dempster Lines have played a big part in that story. Average weekday ridership on the Pulse Milwaukee and Dempster Lines is growing faster than the overall Pace fixed-route bus system. For example, since June 2023 ridership on the Dempster corridor is up 34%! More frequent service and enhanced station features offer riders a better transit experience, helping Pace attract new riders and bring people back to transit.



Building a Future for Transit

Transit Supportive Guidelines

Community support is crucial to the success of each Pulse Line. The new Pulse addendum to Pace's Transit Supportive Guidelines provides specific recommendations to units of government and private developers for station placement, roadway design, sidewalk configuration, and other surrounding improvements. These guidelines aim to ensure Pulse drives economic development, improves accessibility, increases safety, and enhances the overall quality of life in the corridors it serves. **Learn more and view the guidelines at bit.ly/TransitSupportiveGuidelines.**



DESIGNING THE PULSE

95th Street and Halsted Lines

Two new Pulse Lines – on 95th and Halsted Streets – are in the design phase. Pace is excited to work together with community leaders, local government, transportation agencies, and others to talk about the features of Pulse and find creative solutions to design challenges. We also look forward to meeting with communities and residents throughout the design process.

CALLING ALL COMMUNITIES! Pace welcomes opportunities to share project information at community events, public meetings, and other engagement activities starting this year. Contact us at pulse@pacebus.com.



Design and construction are **FULLY FUNDED!** Pace thanks our federal and regional partners for their continued support.

Pulse 95th Street Line
Construction 2027-2028
Launch Service 2028

Pulse Halsted Line
Construction 2027-2028
Launch Service 2028



Find your nearest Pulse at
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“We **LOVE** the Dempster Pulse! We now take it regularly when flying into O’Hare and going to Evanston and back. We never rent a car anymore. The regular frequency and relatively quick trip makes this so easy! Thank you, thank you, thank you for making a car-free trip to and from the airport/Evanston a possibility. Our daughter who goes to Northwestern uses it for all her travels to and from there as well.”

– PULSE RIDER

The Pulse Dempster Line launched in fall 2023 and is benefiting riders with fast, frequent, reliable service from Evanston to O’Hare International Airport. More amenities are coming as Pace enters into the final stages of station construction.