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A Fresh Approach To Public Transportation

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Executive Director

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Honorable David Pope
Mayor
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302

Dear Mayor Pope:

This letter is to inform you of the Pace Near-west Suburban Area Bus Route Improvements that will be effective on Sunday, June 12, 2011 and Monday, June 13, 2011.

Per my last correspondence to you, the Pace Board of Directors at their meeting on February 10, 2011 voted to discontinue midday service on Route 320 due to a pattern of low ridership. Service will now operate only between 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Wait times between trips will be between 30 – 60 minutes, depending on time of day and direction of travel. During off-peak times, riders can make the CTA Green or Blue Line and transfer to Routes 307, 311, 315 and CTA Route 91 for service in the Madison Street corridor.

Enclosed you will find a Pace Passenger Notice describing all of the service improvements, and a copy of each updated schedule for your consideration. Pace staff will be on hand to speak directly with passengers at transit-intensive locations during the week of June 6, 2011 to answer questions about the upcoming service changes.

If you have any questions and/or need further information, please feel free to contact me at 847-613-5878, or at Al.Cacciottolo@pacebus.com.

Sincerely,

Al Cacciottolo
Community Relations Representative
Pace Suburban Bus



Near-west Suburban Area Bus Route Improvements

The following route improvements are effective on Sunday, June 12, 2011: 303, 305, 307, 308, 317, 318, 322 and 332. The following route improvements are effective on Monday, June 13, 2011: 302, 304, 310, 315, 319, 320, 325 and 330.

Route 302: Most weekday trip times will change. On weekdays, mid-day frequency will improve from 60 minutes to 45 minutes. No change to Saturday service.

Route 303: Weekday service on Route 303 will be combined with the current Route 325 service. Route 303 will operate between the CTA Blue Line Forest Park Transit Center and the CTA Blue Line Rosemont Station. New weekday span of service: 5 a.m. - 11 p.m. All weekday trip times will change. Trips will run 30 minutes apart during peak hours and 60 minutes apart during off-peak hours. Route 303 will have a new name: Route 303-Forest Park - Rosemont. No change to Saturday or Sunday service.

Route 304: Route 304 will operate between 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All trip times on this route will change. Trips will run approximately 60 minutes apart. Route 304 will no longer operate between the CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station and North Riverside Park Mall. In that portion of the Cermak Road corridor, riders can take Route 322 or CTA Route 21 from North Riverside Park Mall to connect to the CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station. A new far-side bus stop for Routes 304 and 307 will be placed on the northeast corner of 26th/Harlem; the existing nearside bus stop for northbound Route 307 trips at 26th/Harlem will be eliminated. Route 304 will have a new name: North Riverside - La Grange.

Route 305: The weekday northbound trip that currently ends at Harlem/South Blvd at 12:16 p.m. will end at Harlem/North Blvd at 12:17 p.m. The weekday northbound trip that currently ends at Harlem/North Blvd at 3:57 p.m. will end at Harlem/South Blvd at 3:56 p.m. The weekday southbound trips that currently begin at Harlem/South Blvd at 12:30 p.m. and 3:55 p.m. will begin at Harlem/North Blvd 4 minutes earlier. The weekday southbound trip that currently departs from Harlem/North Blvd at 4:26 p.m. will depart from Harlem/South Blvd at 4:30 p.m. No change to Saturday or Sunday service.

Route 307: A new far-side bus stop for Routes 304 and 307 will be placed on the northeast corner of 26th/Harlem; the existing nearside bus stop for northbound Route 307 trips at 26th/Harlem will be eliminated.

Route 308: The eastbound weekday trips that arrive at the CTA Blue Line Forest Park Transit Center at 10:09 p.m. and 10:43 p.m. will no longer continue to Harlem/Lake upon request. No change to Saturday or Sunday service.

Route 310: Most weekday trip times will change. No change to Saturday service.

Route 315: Most weekday trip times will change. On weekdays, mid-day frequency will improve from 60 minutes to 45 minutes. No change to Saturday service.

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Route 317/17: Most weekday trip times will change. However, CTA Route 17 remains unchanged. No change to Saturday or Sunday service.

Route 318: The weekday westbound trips that currently depart from the CTA Blue Line Forest Park Transit Center at 8:59 a.m., 9:29 a.m., 9:59 a.m., 10:29 a.m., 10:59 a.m., 11:59 a.m., 12:29 p.m., 12:59 p.m. will depart from the CTA Blue Line Forest Park Transit Center 3 minutes later and arrive at each subsequent time point 3 minutes later. The weekday westbound trip that departs from the CTA Blue Line Forest Park Transit Center at 1:59 p.m. will now depart from the CTA Blue Line Forest Park Transit Center at 2:01 p.m. and arrive at each subsequent time point 2 minutes later. No change to Saturday or Sunday service.

Route 319: The weekday eastbound trip that currently departs from Wolf/North at 7:24 a.m. will depart from Wolf/North at 7:26 a.m. and arrive at each subsequent time point 2 minutes later than it does now. No change to Saturday service.

Route 320: Service will now operate only between 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wait times between trips will be between 30 - 60 minutes, depending on time of day and direction of travel. During off-peak times, riders can take the CTA Green or Blue Line and transfer to Routes 307, 311, 315 and CTA Route 91 for service in the Madison Street corridor.

Route 322: ON WEEKDAYS - New weekday span of service 4:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Most weekday trip times will change. When the CTA Route 21 is operating, Route 322 **will not operate** early morning and late evening trips between North Riverside Park Mall and the CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station. Route 322 **will operate** between the North Riverside Park Mall and the CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station at all other times. Weekday trips will run 15-20 minutes apart during peak times, 30 minutes apart during the mid-day and 60 minutes apart during the mid-late evening hours. Due to the discontinuation of Route 325, Route 322 trips will no longer enter the Broadview Village Square Shopping Center.

Route 322: ON SATURDAYS - New Saturday span of service 5:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Most Saturday trip times will change. The frequency and span of service on Saturday will be increased between the CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station and Yorktown Center. Saturday trips will run 30 minutes apart for most of the morning thru early evening hours and every 60 minutes apart during the mid-late evening hours. When the CTA Route 21 is operating, Route 322 **will not operate** early morning and late evening trips between North Riverside Park Mall and the CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station. Route 322 **will operate** between the North Riverside Park Mall and the CTA Pink Line 54th/Cermak Station at all other times.

Route 322 - ON SUNDAYS - Most Sunday trip times will change. No change to the frequency and span of service on Sundays (7 a.m. - 10:45 p.m.).

Route 325: This route will be combined with Route 303; route name and number will be discontinued.

Route 330: The weekday northbound trip that currently departs from Harlem/Archer at 5:16 a.m. will depart from Harlem/Archer at 5:10 a.m. and arrive at each subsequent time point 6 minutes later than it does now. No change to Saturday service.

Route 332: Route 332 will no longer enter the Elmhurst Memorial Center for Health. Passengers must board and alight at the intersection of York/Harvard. Passenger and pedestrian amenities will be installed at York/Harvard. No change to Saturday or Sunday service.

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For More Information

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