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## **Northwest Municipal Conference**

### **Transportation Committee**

#### **Agenda**

**February 24, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.**

#### **Via Zoom Video Conference**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81120785577?pwd=RnhFWEt2dVJ0V3dnL21OWFJqcUtMdz09>

**Meeting ID: 811 2078 5577**

**Passcode: TC022422**

**Dial by your location: (312) 626-6799 US (Chicago)**

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of January 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
**Action Requested:** Approval
- III. Agency Reports**
  - a. CMAP (Attachment B)**
  - b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways**
  - c. IDOT Highways**
  - d. Illinois Tollway**
  - e. Metra (Attachment C)**
  - f. Pace (Attachment D)**
  - g. RTA**
- IV. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**

Staff will present a summary of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act as it relates to transportation funding for local projects in Illinois and provide additional resources for communities to prepare for funding opportunities.

**Action Requested:** Informational/Discussion
- V. Other Business**
- VI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC Offices and via Zoom.
- VII. Adjourn**

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**NWMC Transportation Committee  
Via Zoom Video Conference  
Thursday, January 27, 2022  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present**

Bob Benton, Trustee, Village of Deerfield, *Acting Chair*  
Heather Lis, Village Engineer, Village of Barrington  
Darren Monico, Village Engineer, Village of Buffalo Grove  
Jeff Brady, Director of Community Development, Village of Glenview  
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates  
Sean Dorsey, Public Works Director, Village of Mount Prospect  
Thomas Powers, Village Engineer, Village of Niles  
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook  
Matt Farmer, Village Engineer, Village of Northbrook  
Lou Arrigoni, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Park Ridge  
Peter Falcone, Assistant Administrator, City of Prospect Heights  
Lara Sanoica, Alderman, City of Rolling Meadows  
David Powe, Transportation Program Manager, Village of Schaumburg  
Samantha Maximilian, Engineer, Village of Skokie  
Dan Kaup, Director of Public Works, Village of Wheeling

**Others Present**

Eric Heiker, Civil Engineer, City of Des Plaines  
Jack Bielak, Assistant Village Manager, Village of Northbrook  
Cecilia Diaz, Transportation Planner, CCDOTH  
Sam Wright, Transportation Planner, CCDOTH  
Anthony Cefali, Government Affairs, CMAP  
Joe Cwynar, Senior Project Manager, Engineering Enterprises  
Mark Buwen, Senior Project Supervisor, Horner & Shifrin  
Kelsey Passi, Community Relations Corridor Manager, Illinois Tollway  
Rick Mack, Community Affairs Administrator, Metra  
Katie Renteria, Community Relations Representative, Metra  
Steven Andrews, Community Relations Representative, PACE  
Melissa Meyer, Communications Specialist, RTA  
Peter Fahrenwald, Strategic and Corridor Planning, RTA  
Peter Kersten, Principal Planner, RTA  
Thomas Gill, President, Thomas Engineering Group  
Larry Bury, Deputy Director, NWMC  
Kendra Johnson, Program Manager for Transportation, NWMC  
Mark Fowler, Executive Director, NWMC  
Eric Czarnota, Program Associate for Transportation, NWMC

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Trustee Benton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**II. Approval of December 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor McLeod moved approval of the December 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Trustee Israel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**III. Agency Reports**

**A. CMAP** – Mr. Cefali reported that CMAP has just launched a new Legistar system for meetings that will house all agendas and other meeting information. The website is still being rolled out and more committees and features will be added in the coming weeks. He noted that the STP and CMAQ Project Selection Committee will meet on February 10. During these meetings the committees will begin discussion of project selection methodology revisions for the 2024-2028 programming cycle. Finally Mr. Cefali reported that the United States Department of Transportation has launched a new website that communities, stakeholders and individuals can learn more about the new infrastructure bill and provide their input.

**B. CCDOTH** – Ms. Diaz provided details on the Invest in Cook call for projects, including how to access the recording of a workshop held recently with pertinent info regarding applications. She noted that this year the County is encouraging freight projects to apply as they have not historically had as many applications for these types of projects. Finally, she reminded the Committee that the deadline to apply is March 16 and encouraged anyone with questions on the program to send her an email.

**C. IDOT Highways** – Written report provided.

**D. Illinois Tollway** – Ms. Passi summarized initiatives that the Illinois Tollway had undertaken over the past year, including: aiding customers with emergency roadside services; serving customers with Pay by Plate services; expanding the I-PASS assist program; helping customers realize savings through amnesty efforts; completing the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Move Illinois capital program; and, developing the 2022 budget.

Trustee Benton inquired about a recent news article that mentioned that the Tollway would extend the violation relief program for those that still owed missed toll penalties. Ms. Passi confirmed he was correct, and that individuals can go online to see their outstanding balance until June to repay under the relief program.

**E. Metra** – Mr. Mack reported that in early February a new \$6 day pass valid all day through three zones or less will be offered as a one year pilot program. He noted the \$10 pass is still available for unlimited travel all day through all zones, and that there would be a reduction in the validity of 10 ride tickets from one year to 90 days. He also gave an update on ridership with 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter ridership trending up overall, with a recent dip due to the Omicron COVID variant. Mr. Mack reported that enhanced service was scheduled to start in January but because of the dip in ridership it will begin in March depending on the course of the pandemic.

**F. Pace** – Mr. Andrews reported the approval of the 2022 budget with no fare increases. He announced that the Board approved the appointment of current General Manager and Chief Operating Officer Melinda Metzger as the interim Executive Director beginning January 1, 2022. Mr. Andrews noted that electric buses would be piloted out of the North Division first and new charging infrastructure would be installed at the Waukegan

facility. He also mentioned there are a wide variety of job openings at PACE and was looking for any opportunities members might have to help with Pace's recruitment and share that information. Mr. Andrews finished by reporting a fare policy change that the prices of the 7 and 30 day CTA pass have been reduced.

**G. RTA – No report other than presentation**

**IV. RTA Strategic Plan Development**

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Communications Specialist Melissa Meyer and Principal Planner Peter Kersten presented on the state of regional transit and provided an update on the RTA's strategic planning process. They reviewed feedback received from previous outreach and asked for additional feedback on RTA priorities from members of the Committee. They concluded their presentation by mentioning the upcoming RTA Board of Directors February meeting where they will summarize what they have heard and where they are trying to go with the Strategic Plan. They also mentioned that they would form small working groups to draft goals and performance measures for the plan. The final plan will be presented to the RTA Board for adoption in January 2023.

**V. Transportation Legislation**

Ms. Johnson reported on 2 House bills filed with the Illinois General Assembly.

HB 4276: VEH CD-BICYCLES-STOP SIGNS which would allow bicyclists approaching a stop sign to proceed through the intersection without stopping at the stop sign.

SB 2930: VEH CD-ELECTRIC SCOOTERS which amends the Illinois Vehicle Code and defines "low-speed electric scooter". This bill would allow for low speed electric scooters to operate wherever the operation of bicycles is permitted including but not limited to, bicycle lanes and paths, and shall have all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle. This bill also provides safety requirements that scooters will require.

Trustee Israel and Mayor McLeod both expressed concerns with safety regarding HB 4276. Trustee Benton noted concerns with scooters cluttering the public right-of-way and that including additional requirements to lock the scooters up when not in use could prevent these issues.

**VI. Other Business**

Ms. Johnson reminded the committee that the Call for Projects for the North Shore and Northwest Councils is open until March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. Next Meeting**

Trustee Benton noted the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 24 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom Video conference.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Trustee Israel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 a.m. Mayor McLeod seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**CMAP Updates – February 22, 2022****CMAP News**

The CMAP office is now open daily and [staff](#) have established hybrid work schedules. [CMAP committee meetings](#) may be held in-person or virtually, depending on the unique situations and requirements of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) that apply to each committee.

For general questions, you can send an email through our [contact form](#) and remember to stay up to date by subscribing to CMAP's Weekly Update emails or [viewing online](#).

**Job Opportunities**

CMAP is hiring for several positions: a [Principal, Public Private Partnerships](#) and an [Associate Analyst - Conformity Air Quality](#) in the Research, Analysis, and Programming division; a [Senior Accountant](#) in the Finance Division; a [Communications and Engagement Deputy Executive Director](#), [Digital Communications Senior](#), [Engagement Assistant](#), and [Strategic Alignment and Innovation Director](#) in the Communications and Engagement division; an [ADA - Planning Director](#), [Associate Planner \(ADA\)](#), [Senior Planner \(ADA\)](#), and [Assistant Planner](#) in the Planning Division; and a [Director, Intergovernmental Affairs](#) in the Plan Implementation and Legislative Affairs Division. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job opportunities.

The Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors is seeking a [Regional Planning Liaison/Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator](#). Full details on how to apply can be found on the Kane County [Employment](#) web page.

**CMAP Meeting Information: New Location!**

CMAP has moved to a new system for sharing meeting information. You can now find meeting materials, webinar links, minutes, and recordings on [CMAP's Legistar page](#). Visit the page now to sign-up to receive notification of future CMAP meetings.

**CMAP begins transportation vulnerability work**

In early February, CMAP hosted the first in a series of workshops to develop a scope for northeastern Illinois' first regional transportation vulnerability assessment. Representatives from federal, state, and local transportation, stormwater, and emergency management agencies focused on objectives, transportation assets, and climate hazards and extreme weather to include in the assessment.

A [vulnerability assessment](#) will help our region identify weather-related risks to our transportation system and identify opportunities for coordination and adaptation. Creating a transportation vulnerability assessment is one of the strategies [recommended in ON TO 2050](#).

**Open Request for proposals**

CMAP has three open requests for proposals (RFPs) for a website migration and redesign; regional infrastructure accelerator and public-private partnership program management consultant; and Americans with Disabilities Act transition plan and self-evaluation training. More information can be found [here](#).

Staff Contact: [Penny DuBernat](#), Procurement Officer

**Program Status Updates****CRRSAA Program**

On December 27, 2020, Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was enacted. This Act included a local government component that resulted in the allocation of \$42,647,247 to be programmed and managed by CMAP. In the fall of 2021, the STP Project

Selection Committee and local councils of mayors selected [33 individual project phases](#) to be fully or partially funded with CRRSAA funding. The [Regional CRRSAA Program Status Report](#) and [Regional CRRSAA Accounting Summary](#) were updated in February 2022.

Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbs](#) (312-386-8710)

### **Surface Transportation Program**

The next [STP Project Selection Committee](#) meeting will be held on **April 14, 2022**. [Meeting materials](#) will be posted on CMAP's Legistar page one week in advance. Program status reports for the STP Shared Fund, based on quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds for the region are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#).

Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbs](#) (312-386-8710)

The region's 11 Councils of Mayors and the City of Chicago are accepting applications through March for Surface Transportation Program projects for federal fiscal years 2023-2027. Projects may include maintenance, modernization, and expansion of the region's highways, bikeways, pedestrian, and transit systems.

More information about each of these unique programs is available on [CMAP's Surface Transportation Program web page](#). Questions should be sent to the listed contact for each council.

### **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L)**

The next CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting will be held on **April 14, 2022**. [Meeting materials](#) will be posted on CMAP's Legistar page one week in advance. Project change requests, including schedule and cost changes, to be considered for approval by the committee, are due **March 31, 2022**. Information for submitting change requests can be found on CMAP's [CMAQ web page](#).

Staff Contact: [Doug Ferguson](#) (312-386-8824), [Elliott Lewis](#) (312-386-8664)

### **Regional Safety Action Agenda**

CMAP is continuing its work to improve traffic safety and address the growing number of fatalities and injuries. Staff is wrapping up a policy paper on speed management and continuing work on a bicycle and pedestrian safety policy paper. Our Safety Resource Group met for the third time in October to discuss the initial recommendations for speed management and will convene again this spring to discuss implementation steps and initial bicycle and pedestrian safety recommendations. Three LTA safety projects are in progress in Calumet City, Bellwood and Riverdale to address multimodal traffic safety at intersections and along corridors. The Regional Speed Data project will begin this spring, which will analyze speed probe data to understand patterns of speeding and target countermeasures. An update on the group's work was presented at the January 25, 2022 Council of Mayors [meeting](#).

Staff Contact: [Victoria Barrett](#)

### **CMAP Products and Data**

#### **Understanding the costs and benefits of tax incentives**

Local governments often use tax incentives to encourage development and strengthen their communities. But before using these tools, they must ask whether tax incentives are the most effective way to achieve their community's goals.

CMAP has created [Are tax incentives the right tool for this development?](#), a pamphlet to help local governments in northeastern Illinois assess the costs and benefits of three common incentive types: tax increment financing districts, sales tax rebates, and property tax abatements. This piece is a companion to [Improving local development incentives](#), a technical guide published in 2020 that provides clear strategies and practices for more effective incentive use.

### **Community Data Snapshots**

In August 2021, CMAP updated its [Community Data Snapshots](#) with [new data from the 2020 Census](#). These data-rich snapshots — one for each of the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago neighborhoods, and seven counties — summarize demographics, housing, employment, transportation habits, and other key details. They help local leaders and the public track progress and make informed decisions in their communities.

The 2021 census data has been incorporated into the General Population Characteristics table, which includes information on total population, total households, average household size, and percent population change since 2010 and 2000. Raw data, including more detail, is available on the [Data Hub](#).

### **From Our Partners**

#### **RTA Launches Online Portal for Reduced, Free Ride Permits**

The RTA launched Fare Programs Online, a web-based portal for reduced fare and ride free permits for seniors and customers with disabilities. The portal aims to increase access to these programs. Apply, replace, and renew at [Fares.RTAChicago.org](https://fares.rta-chicago.org).

#### **Improving ADA paratransit services**

Pace has launched its [DuPage Access Program](#), a pilot project with Uber to improve transportation for passengers eligible for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit services. The new program allows passengers to book trips (up to \$30) using the Uber app as an alternative option to dedicated paratransit services. ADA-eligible passengers who don't use a smartphone also can take advantage of the program by reserving by phone.

### **Funding Opportunities**

#### **2022 RAISE Grants**

On January 27, 2022 a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) was posted for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants.

Fiscal Year 2022 RAISE grants are for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure projects and will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. The Department seeks to fund projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and are designed with specific elements to address climate change impacts.

Applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM Eastern on April 14, 2022** through Grants.gov. RAISE grant program staff can be contacted via e-mail at [RAISEgrants@dot.gov](mailto:RAISEgrants@dot.gov).

#### **2022 Invest in Cook call for projects**

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways has announced a sixth round of Invest in Cook funding. The \$8.5 million grant program covers some of the cost of planning and feasibility studies, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction associated with transportation improvements

sponsored by local and regional governments and private partners. This program is seeking applications for improvements consistent with the five priorities of [Connecting Cook County](#).

The 2022 application period for Invest in Cook ends **Wednesday, March 16**. More information about the program and application as well as recordings from the virtual workshops can be found [here](#). Direct any questions to 312-603-1223 or [investincook.CC@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:investincook.CC@cookcountyil.gov).

## **Other Opportunities**

### **March Illinois Affordable Housing Forum**

Join the Illinois Housing Coalition for the [Illinois Affordable Housing Forum](#). This hybrid conference will include educational sessions streamed online and one day of limited in-person activities and networking. Virtual sessions for all attendees will take place from Tuesday, March, to Thursday, March 24. In-person conference activities will follow on Thursday, March 31, with sessions streamed online for attendees. Registration closes **Thursday, March 10**.

## **Public Input**

### **Submit feedback on passenger rail service**

The Illinois Department of Transportation and local leaders in Peoria are [asking for feedback](#) as they assess the possibility of new passenger rail service from Peoria to Chicago. Answers from the survey will help inform critical decisions regarding route viability and frequency of service.

### **Chicago seeks comments on its climate action plan**

The City of Chicago is updating its climate goals to reduce carbon emissions with a strong focus on increasing household savings, advancing environmental justice, and improving community health. With historic investments coming in 2022, the city would like to know what is most important to community members. Share your thoughts on the [Chicago climate action plan](#).

### **Engage with CMAP: Share your Thoughts on Planning Projects**

Plans that reflect the values and priorities of their communities require meaningful public participation from residents and stakeholders. The [Engage with CMAP](#) website allows residents to share their thoughts, ideas, and concerns on current planning projects in the region, including these recently launched projects: [Butterfield Road Corridor Plan](#) in Lombard, Downers Grove, Oak Brook and DuPage County and [Phoenix Planning Priorities](#) in the Village of Phoenix. Stay informed and connected by checking out the site. We look forward to hearing from you!





Metra Media Relations 312-322-6776

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Metra extends expiration dates on One-Way and 10-Ride tickets**

CHICAGO (Feb. 21, 2022) – One-Way and 10-Ride tickets that have expired since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 will remain valid for travel on Metra until June 1, 2022, Metra announced today.

Metra has extended the validity periods of One-Way and 10-Ride tickets several times since the start of the pandemic, understanding that many customers bought tickets but could not use them due to work-from-home orders and office closings. The extensions had ended at the end of 2021, but Metra has now reconsidered that decision because it recognizes the spread of the omicron variant starting last fall upended many plans to return to offices.

“We’ve heard from customers who told us they could not use their tickets before the Dec. 31 deadline because their offices postponed plans to return to work due to omicron,” said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski. “In the spirit of *My Metra*, we want to be responsible to our customers and responsive to their needs.”

Paper One-Way and 10-Ride tickets with expiration dates between March 2020 and June 1, 2022, will be accepted for travel up to and including June 1, 2022. However, if you have Ventra One-Way and 10-Ride mobile tickets with expiration dates between March 2020 and June 1, 2022, please contact [covid19ticketinfo@metrarr.com](mailto:covid19ticketinfo@metrarr.com).

The \$10 and \$6 Day Passes, which remain Metra’s most affordable, flexible and popular ticket options, are not included in the extension because those tickets were not available before the pandemic and have always been sold during the pandemic with a seven-day expiration period.

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**Pace and RTA Seek Public Input on I-294 Tri-State Market & Facilities Feasibility Study**

Following the successful implementation of bus on shoulder operations on portions of I-55, I-90, and I-94, Pace has partnered with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to evaluate options for Pace express bus operations on the I-294/I-90 corridor from Harvey to Schaumburg with the I-294 Tri-State Market & Facilities Feasibility Study. The ongoing Illinois Tollway [Central Tri-State Project](#) will incorporate improvements including Flex Lanes, which will be available to Pace buses to avoid congestion, making this primary travel corridor a critical opportunity for Pace. The development of new passenger facilities and supporting Express bus service along this corridor addresses a key initiative of the agency's strategic vision plan, *Driving Innovation*, and is also slated to receive funding from the Rebuild Illinois state capital funding.

With the study now complete, Pace and the RTA are now asking for public feedback about the draft recommendations. You may provide your comments by taking [their survey](#). Study recommendations, which can be found in the survey and [here](#), include plans for faster and more reliable express bus service in the study area; expansion of bus service to new or underserved areas within the study area; proposed in-line bus rapid transit (BRT) stations, park-n-rides, roadways improvements, and other infrastructure needed to support this new and improved service; and a plan for implementing these improvements and associated support infrastructure.

"This study gives us the knowledge we need for the thoughtful and equitable implementation of fast, efficient express bus service supported by new inline bus rapid transit stations along I-294. The unprecedented success of Pace's bus on shoulder service on I-55 and I-90 has proven that when public transportation is fast and reliable, people choose it over personal vehicles. The service will operate safely on the shoulder to bypass congestion while taking cars off the road and be accessed by convenient new stations within the roadway, similar to Barrington Road along I-90. It's a win-win for everyone," said Pace Interim Executive Director Melinda Metzger.

"Transit is an irreplaceable piece of the region's mobility network and projects like this will allow Pace to adapt to the evolving needs of riders and stay competitive in the

future," said RTA Executive Director Leanne Redden. "The RTA is proud to support this project through its Community Planning program, which will improve connections between residents and jobs, education, and other destinations."

The study's draft recommendations, which are based on the analysis of existing and future travel patterns in the study area to determine the most promising bus routes, will be updated based on public feedback received from the [survey](#) and additional discussions with local community stakeholders. Pace and the RTA will continue coordination with the Tollway and local communities to discuss and refine concepts.

"The Tollway is committed to our successful partnership with Pace, as we continue to look for ways to ensure our capital program maximizes our return on investment," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. "This is the type of collaboration that pays economic dividends for the state of Illinois and our regional transportation network."

Survey: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/19d7599b50b5412cb406953b96476ef4>  
Project Webpage: <https://www.pacebus.com/tristate>

### **Join Pace Suburban Bus for a Virtual Job Fair**

Pace Bus is hiring bus operators and mechanics at our facilities across the suburbs to ensure that we can provide the level of bus service that our regional economy depends on. We will be hosting a Virtual Job Fair on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 with presentations at 10:00am and 1:00pm via Zoom; Attendees can [Register Here](#). We seek your help in passing these opportunities along to your constituents who might be interested in a rewarding career in public service with great benefits. Working for Pace has many advantages:

- Competitive starting pay
- Paid on-the-job and on-going training
- Promotion from within
- Working close to home
- Health insurance benefits
- Retirement benefits
- Paid vacation and other paid time off
- Safe, clean work environment

If there are any opportunities to help Pace promote these openings, whether by including a message in an upcoming constituent newsletter, posting the attached flyer at your office(s), or making us aware of any upcoming job fairs that we can participate in, we would appreciate it. Applications can be found at [PaceBus.com/Careers](https://www.pacebus.com/careers). Thank you for your help!

**TSA Mask Policy**

While the State of Illinois will end mask requirements in most indoor settings on February 28, the Transportation Security Administration's federal mask requirement for transit systems is still in effect for all transportation networks, including public transportation, through March 18, 2022. Pace passengers are still required to wear a mask while onboard or at Pace facilities. Get the latest updates on Pace's response to COVID-19 at [www.PaceBus.com/Health](http://www.PaceBus.com/Health).

**Northwest Wheeling CNG Bus Maintenance Facility**

The infrastructure investment the state made in Pace through Rebuild Illinois continues with the construction of Pace's new Northwest Division in Wheeling. Pace is currently accepting bids for the Renovation of Pace's existing office/warehouse facility; bid due date is Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – 2:00PM. Visit [PaceBus.com](http://PaceBus.com) for information.



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# Pace Suburban Bus for a

# VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

## Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Presentations @ 10:00AM & 1:00PM

## Via Zoom

**Participants need to register  
in advance by clicking  
one of the links below:**

[Click here for our 10am session](#)

[Click here for our 1pm session](#)

**Limited to 300 registrants per session**

