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South Halsted Bus Corridor Enhancement Project

PUBLIC MEETING #2

MAY 10, 2022



Welcome



AGENDA

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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

PROGRESS & UPDATES

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

NEXT STEPS

Q&A



Q&A *How to submit a question or comment*

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Submit **questions and comments** via the Q&A feature! A Q&A session will be held at the end.


Click "Q&A" to expand window and type a question or comment

Q&A

All questions (2) My questions

Lee 01:54 PM

What changes will be made to make it safer to cross the street?

 1 [Comment](#)

Type your question here...



Purpose of Today's Meeting



Share the latest information on the project



Seek your feedback on the project



Progress & Updates

What We Heard

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PRESENTED PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
(stations, service plan, roadway improvements)



POSITIVE FEEDBACK
regarding improving transit reliability and frequency as well as new stations



CONCERNS
regarding impacts to planted median, sidewalks and parking

What We Heard

COORDINATION MEETINGS



Met and discussed **plans** with transportation agencies, elected officials, and local organizations



Support for **greater priority for buses** in the roadway



Concerns regarding impacting **existing sidewalk space and crosswalks**



Consistent with previous public meeting feedback

Dedicated Bus Lane Examples



Re-analysis Process



Determine improvements that have the **MOST BENEFIT** for transit riders, and the **LEAST IMPACT** on sidewalk space, crosswalk lengths and other car traffic

Bus Speed Analysis



Analyzed bus speeds block-by-block



Identified where buses move the slowest



Targeted improvements to increase reliability

An aerial photograph of a city intersection, likely 95th and Halsted in Chicago, IL. The scene shows a multi-lane road with various vehicles including cars, a white bus, and purple buses with 'PULSE' branding. Pedestrians are visible on the sidewalks. A large, semi-transparent white graphic element is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the main title and subtitle.

Traffic & Operations Analysis

Proposed design improves bus **SPEED** and helps **BUSES STAY ON SCHEDULE**



Environmental Evaluations

- Traffic
- Historic resources, parks
- Hazardous materials
- Community disruption, construction impacts
- Environmental justice (low-income and minority)
- Property
- Air, water, wetlands, floodplains, etc.



Proposed Improvements



Evaluation Criteria

- Bus travel time
- Bus reliability
- Traffic
- Parking
- Sidewalk and median impacts
- Pedestrian safety
- Cost and funding



Background image source: Southwest corner of 147th and Halsted, Harvey, IL.
Google Maps, 2019

What's Changed?

- **Removed continuous dedicated bus lane** due to impacts on adjacent land
- **Identified where buses are slow** and focused improvements there
- **Improved quality of transit service** while also improving nearby sidewalks and crosswalks





»»» Transit Signal Priority

Buses get more green light time when at traffic signals

»»» Signal Optimization

Coordinates traffic signals to keep both bus and car traffic moving

These improvements are proposed for the entire length of the project corridor

»» Queue Jumps

Special lanes at intersections that allow buses to bypass other traffic



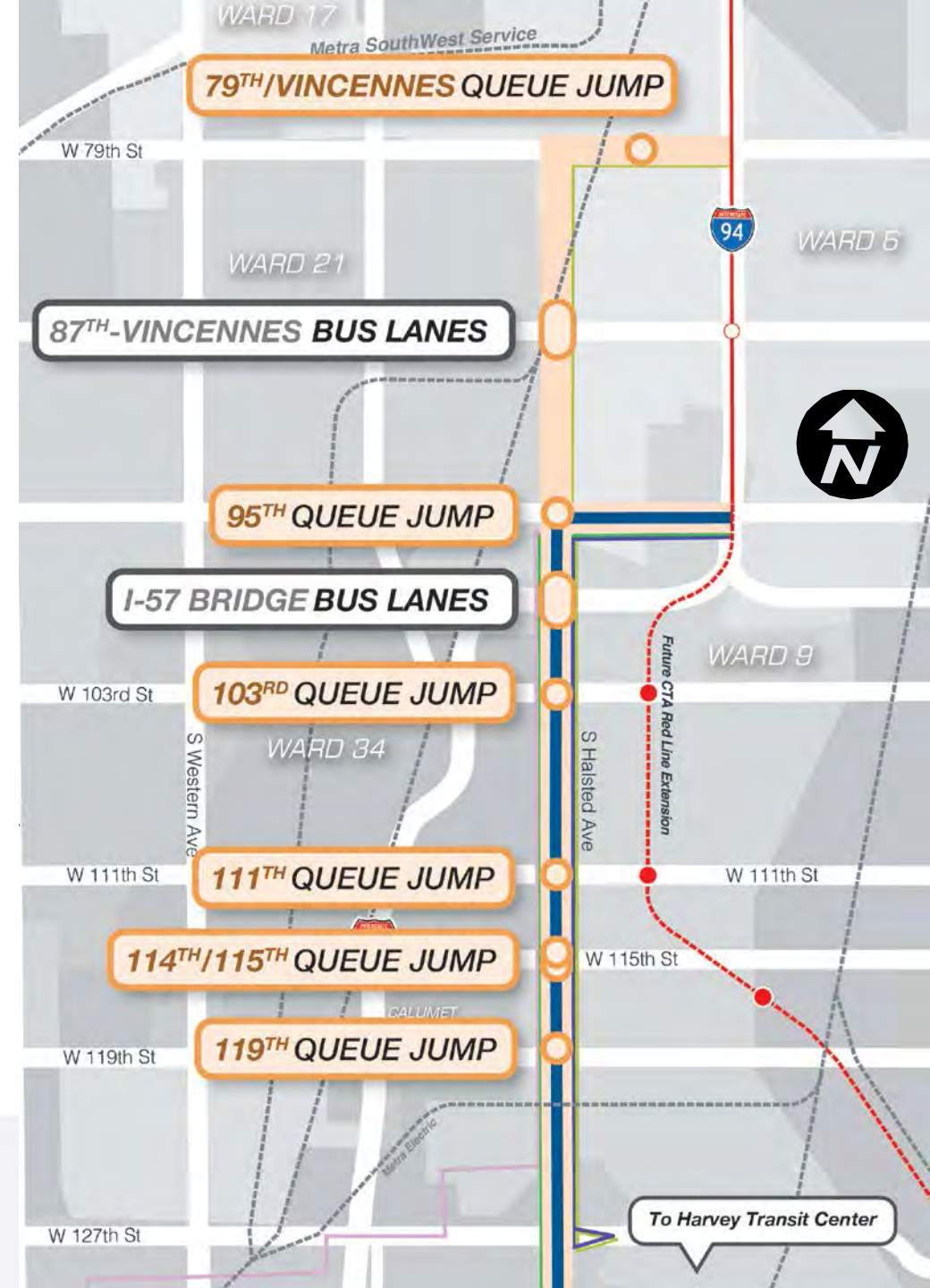


Queue Jumps & Short Bus Lanes

Queue jumps at heavy traffic intersections

Short bus lanes

- ✓ 87th-Vincennes (1.5 blocks)
- ✓ 100th-98th (over I-57) (2.5 blocks)



Bus Lanes 98th/Halsted



Bus Lanes 98th/Halsted

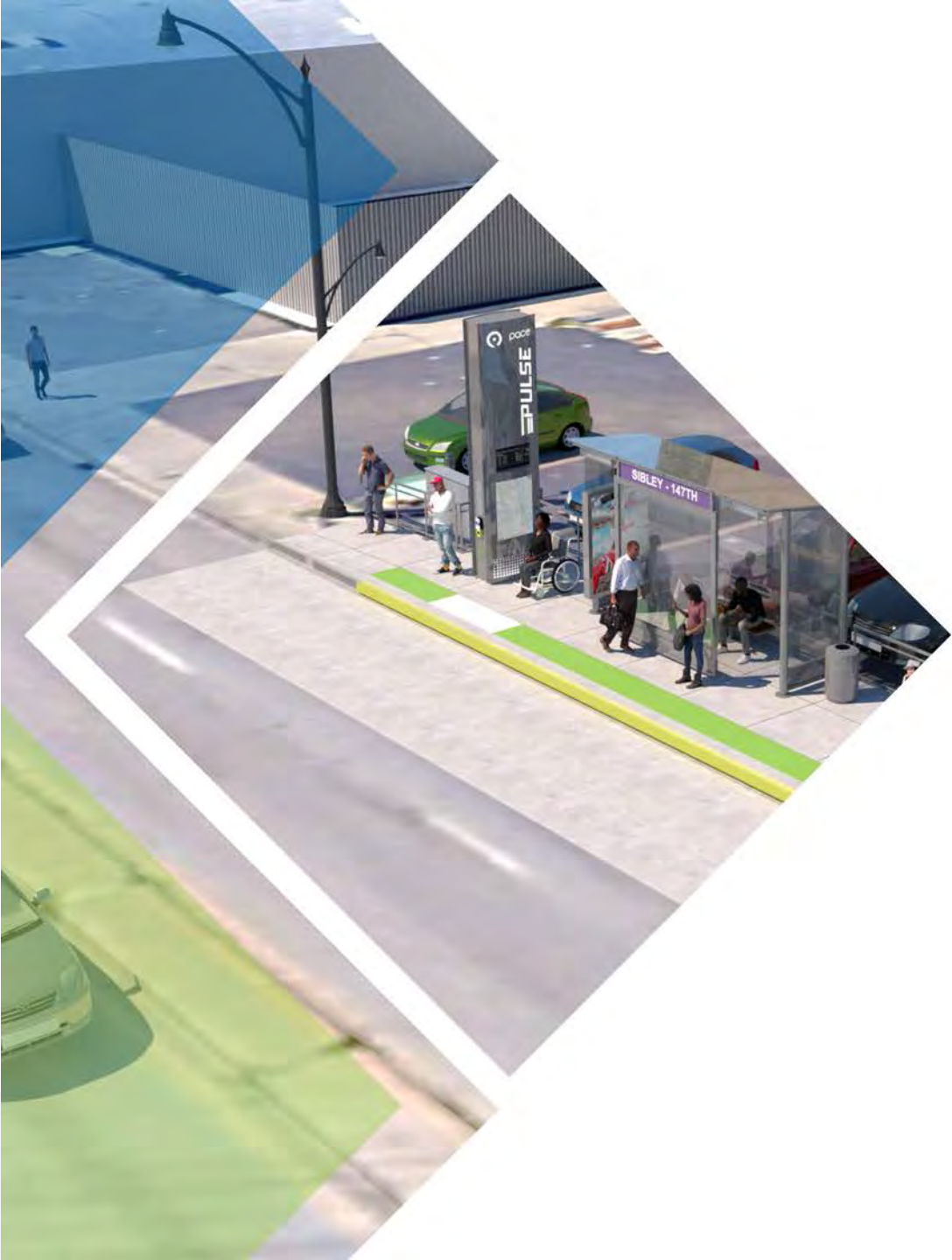


Typical Queue Jump Intersection 119th/Halsted



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PULSE

Rapid Transit Stations



WARD 9

WARD 34

W 103rd St

W 111th St

W 119th St

W 127th St

S Halsted St

S Western Ave

103rd

107th

111th

115th

119th

124th

127th

108

8A
108

Future CTA Red Line Extension

W 111th St

W 115th St

West Pullman
Metra Station

W 127th St

INTERSTATE
94

LAKE
CALUMET



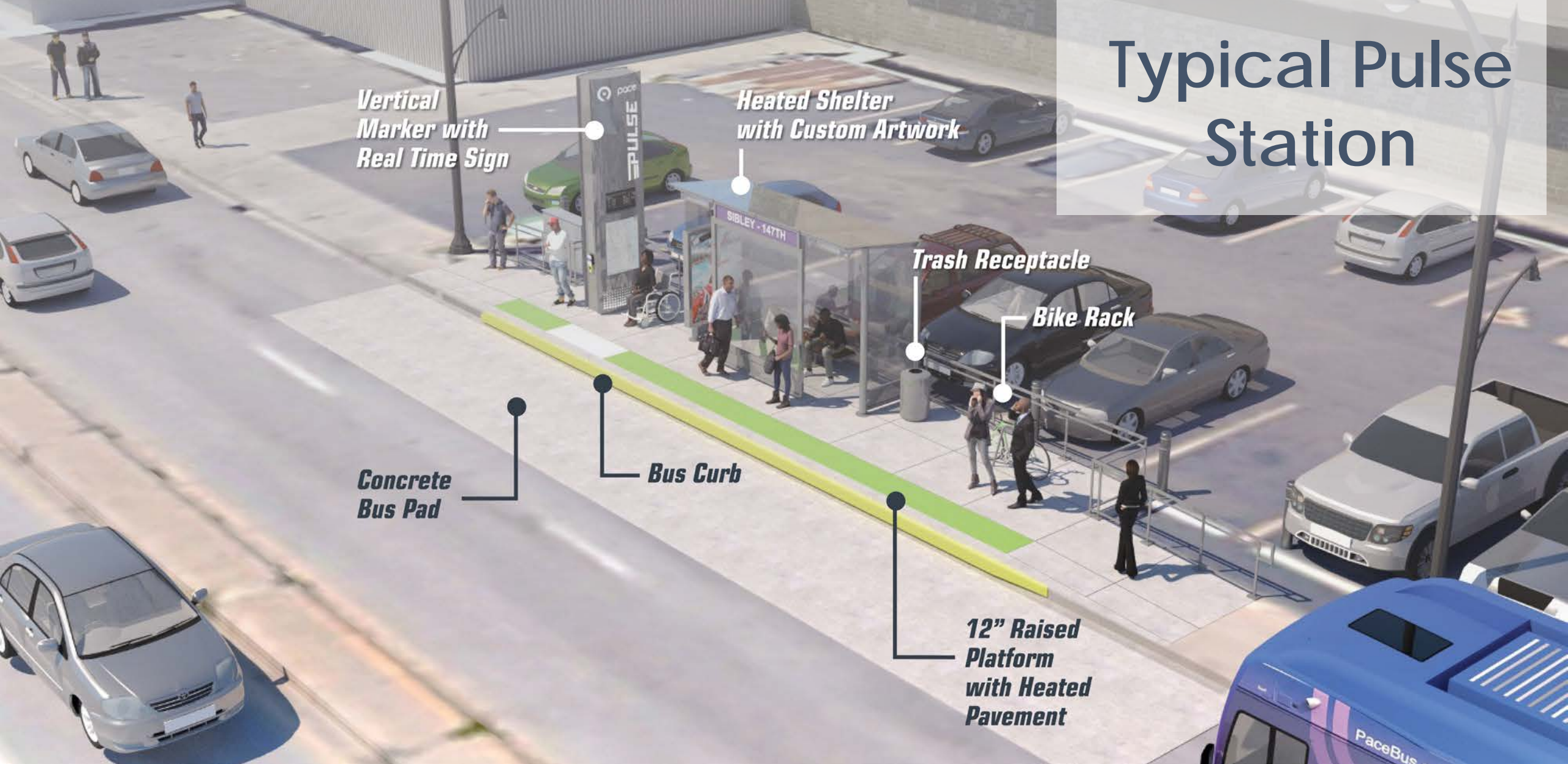
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Typical Pulse Station



*Vertical
Marker with
Real Time Sign*

*Heated Shelter
with Custom Artwork*

Trash Receptacle

Bike Rack

*Concrete
Bus Pad*

Bus Curb

*12" Raised
Platform
with Heated
Pavement*

95th/Halsted



Background image source: 95th and Halsted, Chicago, IL. Google Maps, 2019

95th/Halsted



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CTA Bus Stops

Halsted/79th Bus Terminal Rehabilitation

New lighting

Updated
furnishings

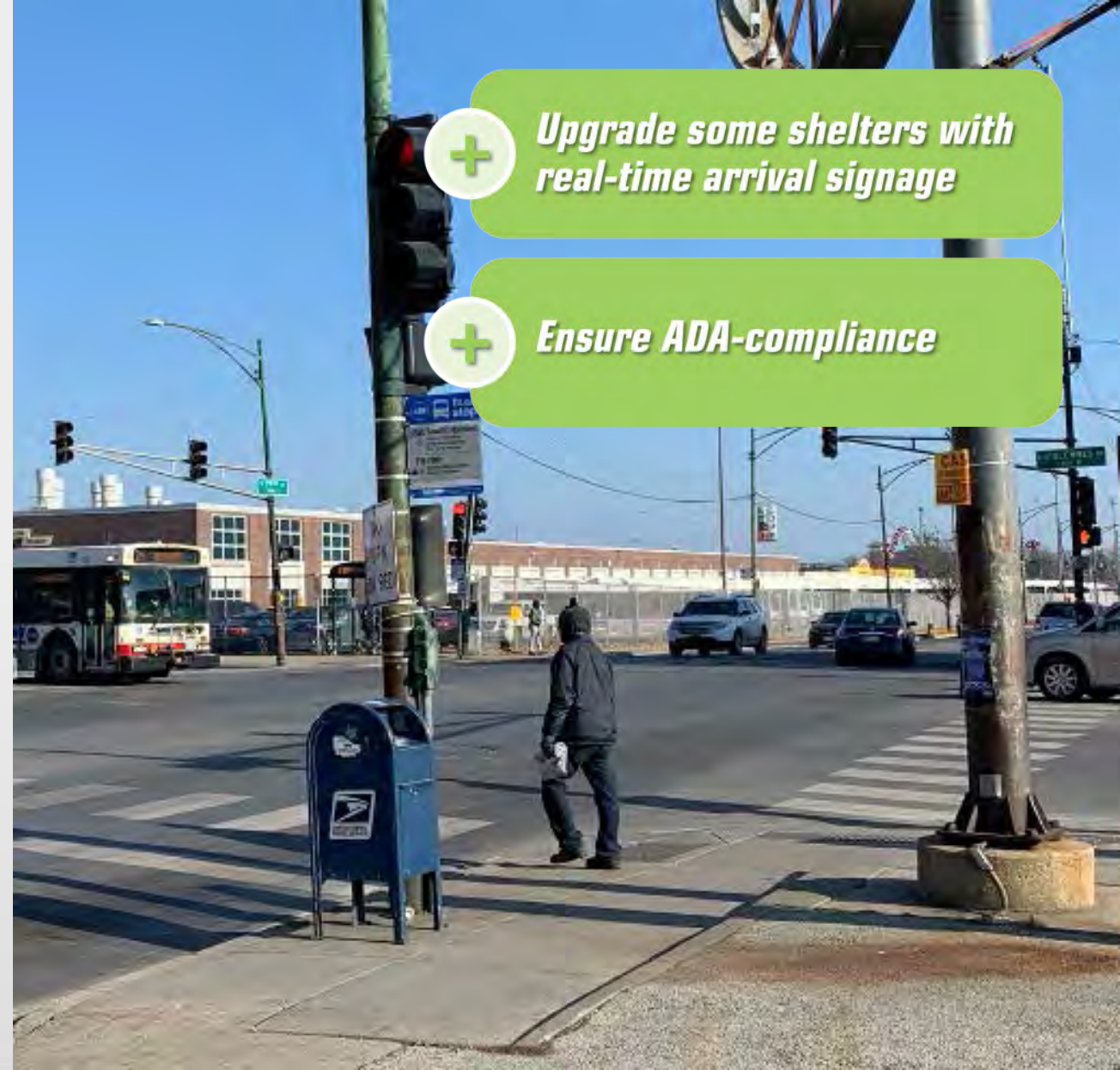
Replace
concrete

Reconfigured
structural elements,
new art

ADA Ramps and
detectable warning
surfaces

Crosswalk
and stop bar

ENHANCEMENTS to CTA bus stops north of 95th Street



*Upgrade some shelters with
real-time arrival signage*



Ensure ADA-compliance

Pace and CTA Service Improvements

INCREASED PACE SERVICE between Harvey TC and 95th Red Line

- New Pulse Halsted Line
- CTA and Pace to continue operating local service

**EXISTING SERVICE WILL BE
FASTER AND MORE RELIABLE**

*All service
changes are
subject to public
hearings*





Summary: PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

ROADWAY

- Transit signal priority
- Signal optimization
- Queue jumps/short bus lanes



Faster bus ride and greater bus schedule reliability;
Minimal impact to general car traffic delay

STATIONS

- Pulse stations
- CTA bus stop improvements
- CTA Halsted/79th terminal



New, modernized stations

SERVICE

- New Pulse service



More buses coming between Harvey TC and 95th Red Line



»» *Next Steps*



Environmental Review Next Steps





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Pace & CTA are hiring!

PACE:

- Markham and South Holland facilities have open employment opportunities for bus operations and maintenance
- Partnered with Olive Harvey College on a CDL-preparedness program

CTA:

- Open opportunities for mechanics, professional, technical and administrative positions
- CTA regularly hosts career fairs and info sessions for workforce opportunities at CTA for it's projects



Contractors will conduct outreach for their hiring

DBE & SBE Contract Opportunities



CTA and Pace create opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) on contracts

- We have programs available to assist DBEs and SBEs in the process!
- Includes design and construction contracts



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

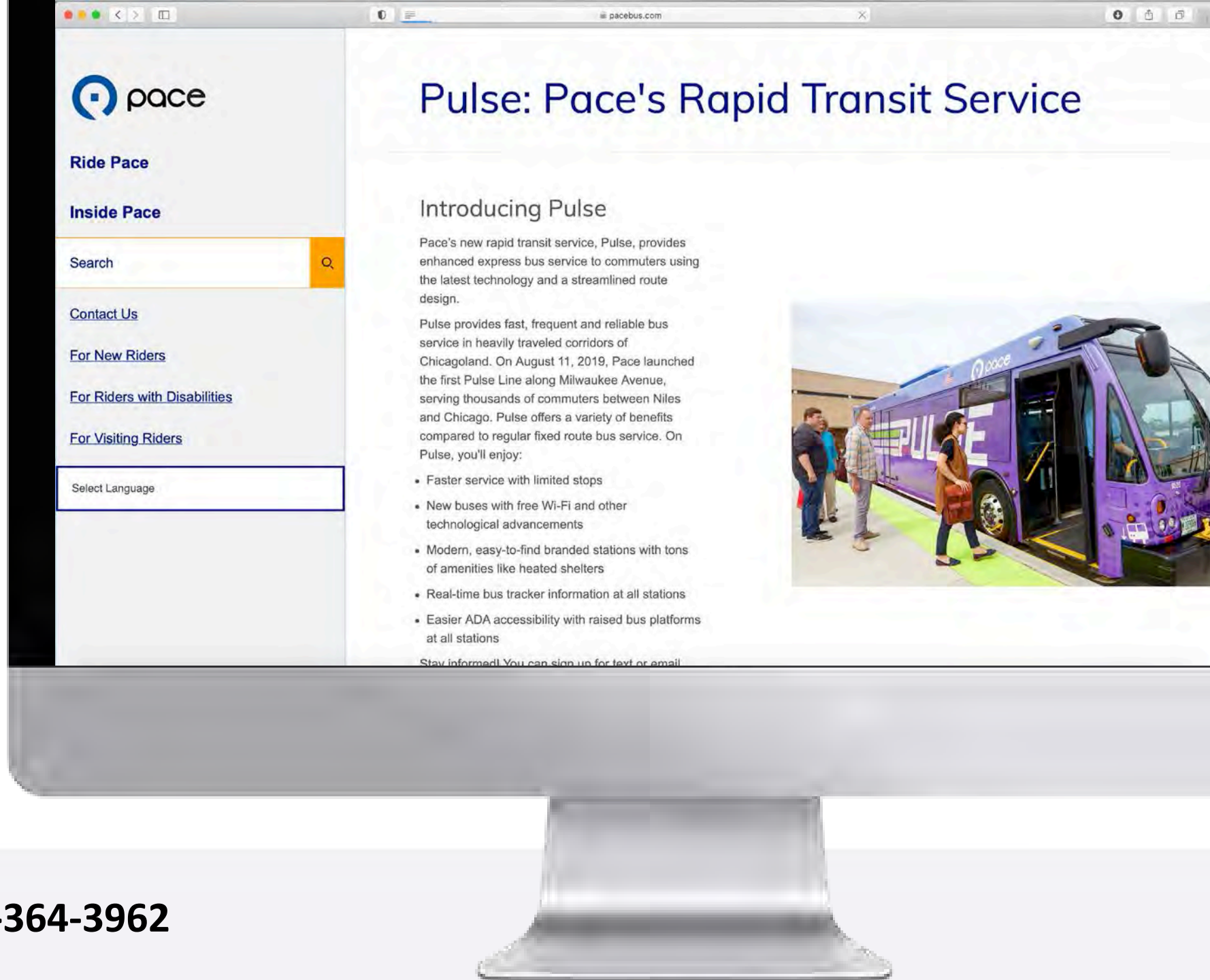


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We want to
HEAR
from you!



Pulse: Pace's Rapid Transit Service

Introducing Pulse

Pace's new rapid transit service, Pulse, provides enhanced express bus service to commuters using the latest technology and a streamlined route design.

Pulse provides fast, frequent and reliable bus service in heavily traveled corridors of Chicagoland. On August 11, 2019, Pace launched the first Pulse Line along Milwaukee Avenue, serving thousands of commuters between Niles and Chicago. Pulse offers a variety of benefits compared to regular fixed route bus service. On Pulse, you'll enjoy:

- Faster service with limited stops
- New buses with free Wi-Fi and other technological advancements
- Modern, easy-to-find branded stations with tons of amenities like heated shelters
- Real-time bus tracker information at all stations
- Easier ADA accessibility with raised bus platforms at all stations

Stay informed! You can sign up for text or email.



PROJECT HOTLINE **847-364-3962**

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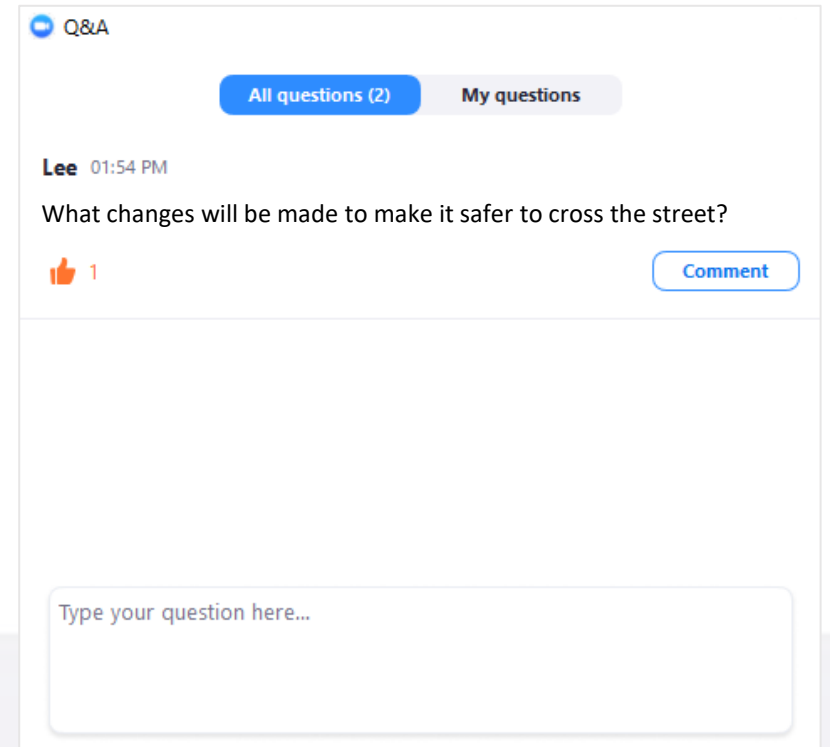

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We appreciate your feedback!



The screenshot shows a Q&A interface with a dark header bar. On the left, there are icons for 'Audio Settings', 'Raise Hand', and 'Q&A'. On the right, there is a red 'Leave' button. Below the header, the Q&A window is expanded, showing a question from 'Lee' at 01:54 PM: 'What changes will be made to make it safer to cross the street?'. Below the question, there is a thumbs-up icon with the number '1' and a 'Comment' button. At the bottom of the window, there is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Type your question here...'.



Q&A - We want to hear from you!

- What do you think about the proposed improvements?
- How will this Project impact your trips on South Halsted?
- Do you have concerns about impacts to the roadway, intersections, parking, sidewalks, medians, etc.?

Thank you for your feedback!



**COMMENT
FORM**

PaceBus.com/Pulse



Comments submitted by May 24, 2022 will become part of the meeting record.

Thank You



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