

Suburban Service and Regional ADA Paratransit Budget



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2024 Operating Budget
 2024 Capital Program

Proposed Program • October 2023

Public Feedback on Proposed Budget

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- Pace's website: www.PaceBus.com/public-hearing-feedback
- Email: public.hearings@PaceBus.com
- Telephone: 847-354-7943
- Mail: Pace, Community Relations Department
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All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on October 27, 2023.

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2024 Budget information will be available after October 18, 2023 on Pace's website, www.PaceBus.com/budgets, at most public libraries, township, city, and village offices in the six county Pace region, and at Pace, 550 W. Algonquin Rd, Arlington Hts, IL 60005.

Pace Budget Public Hearings		
Lake County	Thursday October 19 1:30–3:30 pm	Waukegan Public Library Bradbury Room, Lower Level 128 N. County St Waukegan, IL 60085
Will County	Friday October 20 2:00–4:00 pm	Joliet Public Library McGuire Meeting Room 150 N. Ottawa St Joliet, IL 60432
Virtual Hearing	Monday October 23 12:00 pm	Virtual
Kane County	Monday October 23 4:00–6:00 pm	Kane County Government Center Auditorium, 719 S. Batavia Ave Geneva, IL 60134
Cook County	Tuesday October 24 4:00–6:00 pm	Elmer Wolf Community Center 2607 N. Thatcher Ave River Grove, IL 60171
Virtual Hearing	Wednesday October 25 12:00 pm	Virtual
DuPage County	Wednesday October 25 4:00–6:00 pm	DuPage County Admin. Building Room 3500B, 421 N. County Farm Rd Wheaton, IL 60187
McHenry County	Thursday October 26 3:30–5:30 pm	Crystal Lake City Hall Council Chambers, 100 W. Woodstock St Crystal Lake, IL 60014

2024 Regional ADA Paratransit Program Budget (000s)

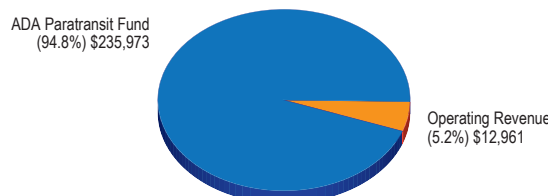
	2023 Estimate			2024 Budget			2023-2024 Net Change
	City	Suburban	Region Total	City	Suburban	Region Total	
Revenue							
Fares—Contract	\$6,243	\$1,790	\$8,032	\$5,669	\$1,631	\$7,300	(\$732)
Fares—User-Directed	1,601	120	1,722	2,931	304	3,235	1,513
RTA Certification	1,032	217	1,249	1,192	234	1,426	177
Investment Income/Other	0	0	1,491	0	0	1,000	(491)
Total Revenue	\$8,876	\$2,127	\$12,494	\$9,792	\$2,169	\$12,961	\$467
Expenses							
Contract Services	\$157,538	\$24,295	\$181,833	\$153,416	\$23,764	\$177,180	(\$4,653)
User-Directed Services	28,629	1,066	29,695	37,358	2,304	39,662	9,967
Fuel	5,309	2,337	7,646	4,109	2,052	6,161	(1,485)
Insurance	915	13	928	1,180	0	1,180	252
Administration	8,895	898	9,793	10,812	1,148	11,960	2,167
RTA Certification	947	199	1,146	1,020	214	1,234	88
ADA Support Allocation	0	0	9,331	0	0	11,557	2,226
Total Expenses	\$202,233	\$28,808	\$240,372	\$207,895	\$29,482	\$248,934	\$8,562
Funding Requirement	\$193,356	\$26,681	\$227,878	\$198,103	\$27,313	\$235,973	\$8,095
Public Funding	\$0	\$0	\$225,939	\$0	\$0	\$235,973	\$10,034
Net Funding Available	\$0	\$0	(\$1,939)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,939
Recovery Ratio			9.93%			7.50%	
Ridership							
Total Ridership—Contract	2,227	613	2,840	2,021	559	2,580	(260)
Total Ridership—User-Directed	1,136	72	1,208	1,466	152	1,618	410
Ridership—Total	3,363	685	4,048	3,487	711	4,198	150



Regional ADA Paratransit Budget Highlights

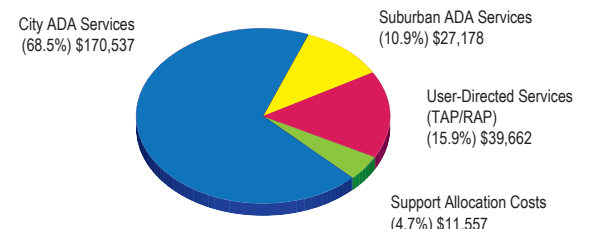
- The 2024 budget is balanced to the RTA funding level with no fare increases.
- Funding includes an increase in state support for Regional ADA Paratransit services from \$8.4 million to \$9.1 million.
- The 2024 budget includes a full year of funding support for the Rideshare Access Program (RAP), a user-directed service option which subsidizes the use of transportation network company (TNC) services by ADA-certified riders in the City of Chicago and suburban counties.
- Beginning in 2024, Pace is proposing to offer a free fare on the Pace fixed-route system to ADA-certified customers with a valid RTA ADA Paratransit Permit ID Card. These customers currently ride at the reduced fare rate.

Sources of Funds (000s) - Total \$248,934



ADA funding totals \$248.934 million for 2024. Pace expects total ridership demand to increase by 3.7% in 2024 to nearly 4.2 million trips, while fares remain at 2023 levels.

Uses of Funds (000s) - Total \$248,934



The majority of the ADA budget will be spent on contracted paratransit services in the City of Chicago (68.5%) and suburban counties (10.9%). User-directed services, including the Taxi Access Program in the City of Chicago and nationwide Rideshare Access Program, account for 15.9% of budgeted expenses.

2024 Suburban Service Budget Summary

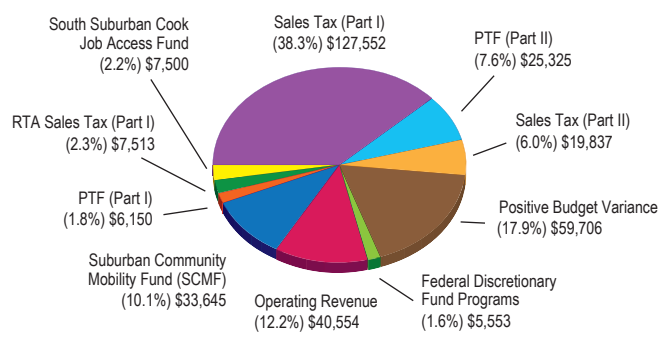


Suburban Service Budget Highlights

- The 2024 budget is balanced to the RTA funding level with no fare increases. This is achieved through the use of positive budget variance generated from federal coronavirus relief funding.
- Beginning in 2024, Pace is proposing to offer a free fare on the Pace fixed-route system to ADA-certified customers with a valid RTA ADA Paratransit Permit ID Card. These customers currently ride at the reduced fare rate.
- Pace's second Pulse arterial rapid transit line on Dempster Street between Evanston and the O'Hare Airport Multi-modal Facility began Sunday service in August 2023 and is expected to add daily service before the end of the year. The 2024 Budget includes daily Pulse Dempster service along with other upgrades that improve service frequency on local routes.
- The 2024 budget continues to support innovative service using transportation network companies (TNCs) to expand service options for riders including Pace Connect, a late-night ride hailing service near O'Hare Airport and in the Harvey area.
- Pace expects to have 23 battery electric buses in service in 2024, distributed throughout the service area, supporting the agency's goal of reaching zero emissions by 2040.
- The 2024 Suburban Service Capital Program totals \$118.5 million, primarily for support facilities and equipment and stations/passenger facilities. The budget includes \$55.0 million to continue the modification and expansion of the North Division garage in Waukegan to accommodate an electric bus fleet and continue Pace's pledge to zero emissions. It also includes \$59.1 million to support the design and construction efforts of two additional Pulse lines on South Halsted and 95th streets.

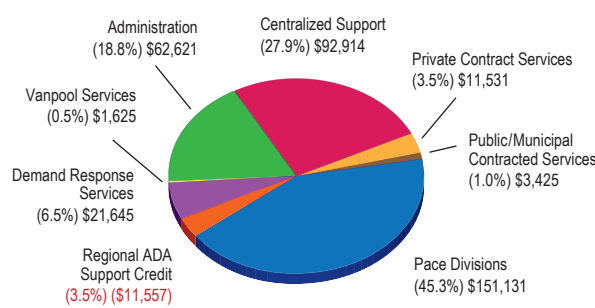
2024 Proposed Suburban Service Operating Budget

Sources of Funds (000s) - Total \$333,335



Operating income generated by fares and local support, advertising, and interest income comprises 12.2% of total revenue expected in 2024. Public funding, primarily from RTA sales tax and matching state contributions (PTF) totals 68.3% of the planned budget with federal discretionary fund programs and positive budget variance making up the remaining 19.5%.

Uses of Funds (000s) - Total \$333,335



The 2024 operating budget is balanced to available funding. The majority of the budget will be spent on the provision of service and the central support efforts (fuel, insurance, supplies, etc.) associated with providing service.

2024 Suburban Service Proposed Operating Budget (000s)

Operating Revenue	
Pace Divisions	\$18,459
Public/Municipal Contracted Services	1,314
Private Contract Services	703
Demand Response Services	9,656
Vanpool Services	1,028
Half-Fare Reimbursement	1,460
Investment/Other Income	7,869
Advertising Revenue	65
Total Operating Revenue	\$40,554

Expenses	
Pace Divisions	\$151,131
Public/Municipal Contracted Services	3,425
Private Contract Services	11,531
Demand Response Services	21,645
Vanpool Services	1,625
Centralized Support	92,914
Administration*	62,621
Regional ADA Support Credit	(11,557)
Total Expenses	\$333,335

Funding Requirement	292,781
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Public Funding	
Sales Tax (Part I)	\$127,552
Sales Tax (Part II)	19,837
PTF (Part I)	6,150
PTF (Part II)	25,325
Suburban Community Mobility Fund	33,645
South Suburban Cook Job Access Fund	7,500
RTA Sales Tax (Part I)	7,513
Federal Discretionary Fund Programs	5,553
Positive Budget Variance	59,706
Total Public Funding	\$292,781
Net Funding Available	\$0
Recovery Ratio	17.00%

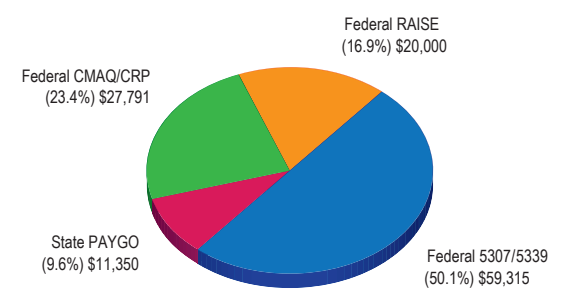
*Includes Debt Service beginning in 2015.

Suburban Service 2024 Capital Program (000s)

	Funding Source	2024 Budget
Rolling Stock		
Paratransit Vehicles (14)	Federal 5307/5339	\$1,802
Subtotal		\$1,802
Electrical/Signal/Communications		
Onboard Digital Screens	Federal 5307/5339	\$2,514
Subtotal		\$2,514
Support Facilities & Equipment		
North Division Electrification/Expansion	Federal 5307/5339	\$55,000
Subtotal		\$55,000
Stations & Passenger Facilities		
Pulse Halsted A/E and Construction	PAYGO, Federal CMAQ/CRP & Federal RAISE	\$39,574
Pulse 95th Construction	PAYGO & Federal CMAQ/CRP	19,567
Subtotal		\$59,141
Total 2024 Suburban Capital Program		\$118,457

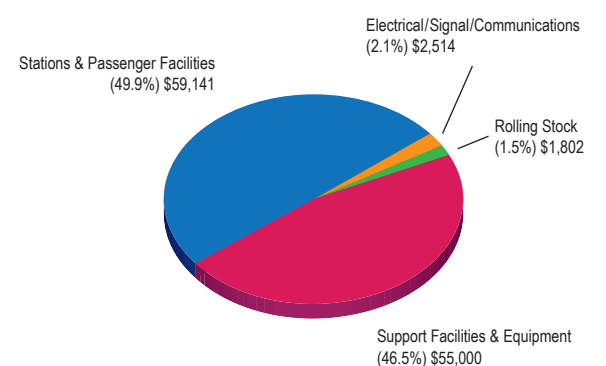
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Over 90% of Pace's capital funding is expected to come from federal sources.

Uses of Funds (000s) - Total \$118,457



Nearly half of Pace's capital program will be allocated to Stations and Passenger Facilities.



Fixed route 40' bus



Paratransit vehicle



Vanpool vehicle

Pace operates a mix of under 35' and 40' buses, as well as over-the-road coaches to meet the market conditions. In addition, Pace owns and operates small, accessible vehicles to meet suburban ADA, demand response, and community transit service needs. The Pace Vanpool program deploys full-size and mini vans throughout the service area.