



**Reallocation of LCDOT Staff for LCCTSC**

September 14, 2021

Kathleen O'Connor  
President, LCCTSC  
359 Merrill Court  
Libertyville, IL 60048

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Dear President O'Connor:

As you are aware, Lake County has committed to launching Ride Lake County, as a borderless countywide paratransit service in 2022. This action represents the culmination of over fifteen years of paratransit coordination work by the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee (LCCTSC), Lake County, and Pace, amongst many others.

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) and LCCTSC have a long history of partnership on paratransit coordination. On June 10, 2008, the Lake County Board adopted a resolution establishing a framework for the services to be undertaken by LCDOT and a new staff position (the Paratransit Coordinator) to help achieve the long-term goal of coordinated countywide paratransit service.

In coordination with LCCTSC, the Paratransit Coordinator position assisted in the establishment and ongoing operations of the Ride Lake County West and Ride Lake County Central coordinated paratransit programs. These programs were an important step in meeting the long-term goal of a borderless countywide paratransit system.

On September 14, 2021, the Lake County Board passed a resolution directing LCDOT staff to negotiate terms for an intergovernmental agreement with Pace Suburban Bus that would provide a borderless countywide paratransit service beginning in 2022. As of this writing, it is anticipated the new Ride Lake County service will begin operations on May 1, 2022.

I am writing to inform you that when the new service begins, LCDOT's Paratransit Coordinator will be tasked with supporting the operations of the new Ride Lake County service. At that time, LCDOT will no longer be able to dedicate staff resources and support to LCCTSC.

I would like to thank you and the LCCTSC Board for your commitment to improving transportation options for the residents of Lake County. The launch of Ride Lake County as a borderless countywide paratransit service is the culmination of years of effort and would not have been possible without the countless hours dedicated by you and LCCTSC.

Sincerely,

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