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Mr. Doug Ferguson

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800

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Re: CMAQ FY14-18 Public Comment

Pace CMAQ Proposal: Milwaukee Avenue ART – Jefferson Park CTA Station to Golf Mill Mall

Dear Mr. Ferguson,

I am writing in support of Pace's CMAQ project proposal which will fund portions of the Milwaukee Avenue Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) service. The Milwaukee Avenue ART project will advance Pace's long term vision and connect our residents to employment generators, hospitals, schools, and other regional destinations. The Milwaukee Ave ART will include characteristics that will improve Pace running time and improve Pace service in the area. The new branding of the service may attract new riders and improve the public opinion of current Pace service. Stations will be more pedestrian-friendly, which will encourage ridership.

This project will benefit our community and will increase ridership in our area. This ART project is the beginning of a new era in suburban transit, and it will benefit the entire Chicago region in the long term. As ridership increases, we all feel the benefits: fewer cars on the road due to a mode shift, reduced congestion, reduced pollution, and faster more efficient service.

I would like to once again show my strong support for this project. Thank you for this opportunity to express our comments.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Vinezeano
Village Manager

