Metropolitan Planning Council

August 26, 2013

Mr. Doug Ferguson Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60606

RE: CMAQ FY 14-18 Public Comment-Pace CMAQ Proposal: Regional Rideshare Program

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

I am writing in support of Pace's CMA Regional Rideshare Program. PaceRideShare.com is a free carpool/vanpool matching website for residents of Northeastern Illinois. Commuters who work or live near each other can form their own carpool/vanpool, or be matched to an existing carpool/vanpool, saving them significantly on their commuting expenses.

This project will provide additional commuting alternatives for commuters in the Chicago area. The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) works closely with Pace on promoting Pace RideShare.com as part of the Commute Options Program. Participation in Pace RideShare.com promotes reduced traffic congestion, reduces air pollution, and increases mobility options in areas lacking public transportation.

As PaceRideshare.com's services promote MPC's 2013 Work Plan Objective of "Increased options for quality housing and accessible transportation, within proximity to employment centers, to benefit the region's residents and businesses" we encourage you to support this project.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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Sincerely,

Peter Skosev

Executive Vice President

cc: S. Rushing, Pace

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