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Stephen H. Hagerty Mayor

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Mr. Doug Ferguson Senior Analyst Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois 60606

Re: CMAQ Proposed Programs – Letter of Support for Pace's Pulse Dempster Line

Dear Mr. Ferguson,

The City of Evanston supports CMAP's proposed award of CMAQ funding to Pace Suburban Bus for the advancement of their Pulse Dempster Line project (CMAP Project ID TI17184310).

The Pulse Dempster Line will provide fast, frequent, and reliable bus service using the latest technology and streamlined route design, resulting in increased transit-ridership and improvements to service reliability. The Dempster corridor is an ideal location for a limited-stop, express service because it is a heavily traveled corridor with connections to major regional destinations.

As an active member of the Pulse Dempster Corridor Advisory Group, the City of Evanston is committed to continuing to partner with Pace Suburban Pace to reduce roadway congestion and air emissions, and improve access to vital transit resources. We support the Pulse Dempster Line and we look forward to continuing to work with Pace on the planning and implementation of this important transit improvement.

Sincerely.

Stephen H. Hagerty

Mayor

Cc: Mr. Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

Ms. Johanna N. Leonard, Director of Community Development Ms. Katherine Knapp, Transportation & Mobility Coordinator

Mr. David Tomzik, Pace Suburban Bus