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OFFICIALS CELEBRATE NEW PACE SERVICE FROM CHICAGO TO LEWIS UNIVERSITY

Pace Route 754 operates on weekdays between the CTA Blue Line Clinton Station and the school



Photo 1: Lewis University President Dr. David J. Livingston and Pace Chairman Rick Kwasneski in front of the new Pace Route 754 bus. Photo 2: The ribbon cutting for Pace Route 754 with Pace Executive Director T.J. Ross; Ericka Williams, Catholic Charities and the Pace Citizens Advisory Board; State Senator Pat McGuire; RTA Board Member J.D. Ross; Romeoville Mayor John Noak; Lewis University President Dr. David J. Livingston; Pace Chairman Rick Kwasneski; Will County Executive Larry Walsh; Bolingbrook Mayor and Pace Director Roger Claar; and Pace Deputy Executive Director Melinda Metzger.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL – Officials from Pace Bus, Lewis University, Romeoville, and Will County gathered yesterday to celebrate the launch of Pace’s new service, [Route 754](#) Lewis University - CTA Blue Line Clinton Station. Designed to accommodate Lewis University students and staff traveling from Chicago, a morning trip takes passengers from the CTA Blue Line Clinton Station to the school and a return trip brings them back in the mid-afternoon.

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"Pace's vision for a safe, fast, and reliable public transportation network that provides affordable access to education and employment comes to life with services like Route 754," said Pace Chairman Rick Kwasneski. "Thanks to our partnership with Lewis University, we are able to launch this demonstration project, which takes advantage of vehicles already on the road on their way to and from other routes, at no cost to the students and employees who use it."

In February of 2018, Lewis University President Dr. David J. Livingston reached out to Pace to see if there was any way to get students and faculty from downtown Chicago to the University campus and back starting with the fall school year. "Our 410-acre campus is only 35 miles from Chicago, but transportation can be a challenge for some students," Dr. Livingston said. "Route 754 improves access to everything Lewis University has to offer, including our high quality academic programs, impressive academic facilities and dedicated employees."

[Route 754](#) is an example of Pace's ongoing efforts to connect the residents of Northeastern Illinois with opportunities for employment and education. Students and teachers often have variable school schedules that can make using public transportation difficult. "This new service will make Lewis University more accessible to students who live in the city and make it easier for students on campus who want to explore the city," stated Mayor John Noak.

Other speakers offered kind words about Pace, Lewis University, and the new service, including Illinois State Senator Pat McGuire, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board Member J.D. Ross, and Will County Executive Larry Walsh, who said, "Will County is one of the fastest growing counties in Illinois and we have a lot to offer. This new route improves access one of the County's most valued institutions, Lewis University, and I'm happy to celebrate its launch."

[Route 754](#) provides one morning outbound trip and one afternoon inbound trip on weekdays only between the CTA Blue Line Clinton Station and Lewis University in Romeoville. This free fare route is operated using coach buses with free WiFi. This route is part of Pace's Bus on Shoulder program and uses the highway's inside shoulder to bypass congestion on I-55. Learn more at [PaceBus.com](#).

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