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PACE adds commuter routes

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Commuters have a variety of new route options when taking a PACE bus into Chicago from Plainfield, Bolingbrook and Romeoville.

Route 855, which rides the I-55 shoulder between downtown and Park-n-Ride sites in the suburbs, has been split into three new routes, 850, 851 and 855.

"The change means fewer stops for customers, faster travel times and an easier time discerning which bus to take during the evening rush," according to a PACE statement, which said the changes were a response to customer feedback.

Route 850, the North Bolingbrook-East Loop Express, serves the existing Park-n-Ride site at Canterbury Lane in Bolingbrook and includes a new stop at the corner of Boughton and Pincrest roads.

Route 851's South Bolingbrook-East Loop Express serves the Old Chicago Park-n-Ride site in Bolingbrook and a new Park-n-Ride site at Romeoville's White Fence Farm restaurant.

The revised 855 Plainfield-East Loop Express stops at the existing Park-n-Ride sites in Plainfield and Burr Ridge.

All routes serve the same stops in downtown Chicago, but new stops along Michigan Avenue have been added at Monroe Street, Jackson Boulevard and Van Buren Street. These replace the existing stop at Monroe and Wabash Avenue.

"The change provides additional access for passengers wishing to board buses further south than they can now," according to PACE.

Routes 755 from Plainfield to the West Loop and 855 averaged just less than 1,000 riders a day as of June, an increase of more than 226 percent over the average daily ridership three years ago, according to PACE.