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Driver Training for Bus on Shoulder Begins Today on the Edens Expressway

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that training for the Bus on Shoulders program along the Edens Expressway (Interstate 94) begins Monday, March 12. Motorists are reminded that the shoulders always will be available for their use in the event of vehicle breakdowns and other emergencies.

Starting today, Pace bus drivers will begin training to drive on the expressway shoulders on the Edens. Training will take place Monday through Friday, as well as Saturday morning. Permanent signs were installed last Fall along the corridor to advise motorists of the upcoming Bus on Shoulder program.

As part of the Bus on Shoulder program, buses will be permitted to use the outside shoulder as a driving lane only during periods of peak congestion when traffic is moving slower than 35 mph. They will be restricted to traveling no more than 15 mph over the top speed of vehicles in the expressway lanes and never greater than 35 mph.

The shoulders will be off limits to buses if they are being used because of snow removal efforts, traffic stops by law enforcement, routine maintenance duties and motorists who need to pull over.

The new service is scheduled to officially launch mid-April 2018. For more information on the program, visit pacebus.com.

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