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The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) provides financial oversight, planning, and regional transit planning for the three public transit operations in Northeastern Illinois. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace Suburban Bus. The RTA provides customer services including travel training for people with disabilities. For more information, visit rtachicago.org.

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General Information

CTA, Metra and Pace

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) runs buses and elevated/subway trains in Chicago and nearby suburbs. transit.uchicago.com. Metra provides commuter rail services throughout the region serving Chicago and its suburbs. metra.com. Pace Suburban Bus moves people throughout the Chicago region with fixed bus routes, Dial-A-Ride, On Demand, other community transit programs and ADA Paratransit service. Most Pace bus routes connect with Metra and CTA service. pacebus.com.

Transit Partners

South Shore Line runs trains on the Metra Electric line from downtown Chicago to South Bend, Indiana, serving the Southeast Side of Chicago and Northwest Indiana. mysouthshoreline.com. Amtrak provides rail service from Chicago's Union Station to cities throughout Illinois. amtrak.com.

Accessibility

Metra has 243 commuter rail stations, of which 191 are fully accessible and 11 are partially accessible. The CTA "L" train system includes 145 stations, of which 103 are fully accessible. All CTA and Pace buses are ramp equipped and make automated stop announcements. For more information on how to use the region's accessible bus and rail system, visit rtachicago.org/riders.



Regional Transit Map

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Fares & Passes

Payment Methods

Tickets and passes on CTA, Metra, and Pace can be purchased via the Ventra app for iPhone, Apple Watch, or an Android device using Google Wallet. Ventra cards, only for use on CTA and Pace, can be purchased for \$5 from vending machines, retailers, or add a virtual card to phone via Ventra app. Contactless credit/debit cards are accepted on CTA and Pace. Cash is accepted on buses only, no transfers are issued when paying cash.

Metra tickets can be purchased at Metra ticket vending machines located at all downtown terminals. One-way tickets can also be purchased on the train, there is \$5 surcharge if a Metra ticket vending machine is available.

CTA & Pace Fares

Fare Type	Ventra or Contactless	Transfer*	Cash (no transfers)
CTA Full	\$2.26 (bus), \$2.50 (rail)**	Free	\$2.50
CTA Reduced	\$1.10 (bus), 1.25 (rail)	Free	\$1.25
Pace Full	\$2.00	Free	\$2.25
Pace Reduced	\$1.00	Free	\$1.10
Pace Premium Full	\$4.50	Free	\$4.50
Pace Premium Reduced	\$2.25	Free	\$2.25

Reduced Fare age 7-11, Children under 7 ride free with a fare paying companion. Up to 2 children free per adult on Pace. On CTA, Children 6 years of age and younger traveling alone pay reduced fare. Children under 7 are not permitted to travel alone. Visit rtachicago.org/riders for more information for paying children's fares with Ventra.

*\$5 fare charged when boarding Blue Line at O'Hare

CTA & Pace Passes

Pass Type	Fee	Note
CTA/Pace 1-Day Pass	\$5	Unlimited rides for 24 hours from first use
CTA/Pace 3-Day Pass	\$15	Unlimited rides for 3 days from first use
CTA/Pace 7-Day Pass	\$20	Unlimited rides for 7 days from first use
CTA/Pace 30-Day Pass	\$75	\$35 for reduced fare riders
Pace 30-Day Pass	\$60	\$30 for reduced fare riders
Pace Premium 30-Day Pass	\$140	\$70 for reduced fare riders

Visit rtachicago.com/fares for CTA details. Visit pacebus.com/fares for Pace fare details.

NICTD (South Shore Line) Fares

South Shore Line fares are based on distance traveled. There are four basic ticket types: one-way, 10-ride, 25-ride, and monthly tickets. Reduced fares are available for senior citizens and customers with disabilities. Please note that Metra tickets and passes are not valid on South Shore Line trains. Visit mysouthshoreline.com for NICTD fare options and details.

Key Locations

Points of Interest

Adler Planetarium	H14	Ryan Field (Northwestern University Wildlife)	A5
Art Institute of Chicago	E13	Sears Tower see Willis Tower	
Ball's Casino	B12	Seashell Aquarium/Oceanarium	H14
Beaches:		Skydeck Chicago	E17
Baker's Beach	A13	Smart Museum	H11
Chinatown	C14	Spertus Institute	F12
The Brickyard Shopping Center	C13	State Street shopping	E12
Broadview Village Square Mall	G2	Stephens (Rosemont) Convention Center	C2
Broadfield Zoo	G2	Symphony Center	E12
Buckingham Fountain	F13	360° Chicago	B13
Chicago Architecture Center	F12	United Center	F3
Chicago Board of Trade	D11	(Bulls, Blackhawks)	
Chicago Children's Museum	C14	United Parcel Service, Hodgkins	J1
Chicago Cultural Center	D12	University of Chicago & Medical Center	
Chicago History Museum	E6	Village Crossing Shopping Center	B4
Chicago Ridge Mall	K3	Visitor Information Center	D12
Chicago Stock Exchange	F11	Water Tower Place	B13
Chinatown	G6	Westfield Old Orchard	A4
City Hall/Courthouse Building	D11	Willis Tower	
Civic Opera House	E11	Winterset Arena	O6
Cook County Courts:		Wrigley Field (Cubs)	D6
Bridgeview	K3		
Chicago at 26th/Columbia	G5		
Clinton/Harrison	F10		
Maywood	A4		
Skokie	F12		
Credit Union 1 Arena (UIC)	F6		
Daley Center	D12		
Edison Plaza	A4		
Fashion Outlets of Chicago	E2		
Federal buildings and courts	C12		
Field Museum	H14		
Ford City Hall	H14		
Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District	F3		
Gallery 37 Center for the Arts	D12		
Garfield Park Conservatory	F5		
Go Mill Shopping Center	A2		
Greektown	F6		
Greyhound Bus Terminal	F10		
Harlem/Trinity Plaza	D12		
Harold Washington Library	F12		
Harris Theatre	D13		
Hawthorne Race Course	G4		
Hines VA Hospital	K2		
Hull House Museum	F6		
Huntington Bank Pavilion	D13		
Illinois Center	F10		
Illinois Holocaust Museum	A4		
Illinois Medical District	F5		
International Museum of Surgical Science	A5		
Jane Addams Hull House	G9		
John Hancock Center (Marina)	B13		
Lincoln Park Zoo & Conservatory	B5		
Lincolnwood Town Center Mall	E5		
Loyola University Medical Center	B2		
Maggie Daley Park	E13		
Magnificent Mile shopping	G12		
Maxwell Street Sunday Market	H10		
McCormick Place	G7		
Merchandise Mart	E12		
Millennium Park	B13		
Museum of Contemporary Art	F6 & G9		
Museum of Science & Industry/Olympia	F12		
National Museum of Mexican Art	G6		
National Historic Museum	F9		
Navy Pier	C14		
Newberry Research Library	A12		
North Michigan Avenue shopping	B12		
North Riverside Park Mall	G3		
Northwestern Memorial Hospital	B13		
Notebaert Nature Museum	E6		
Old Orchard	A4		
Oriental Institute	I7		
Orland Square Mall	L3		
Petrillo Music Shell	E12		
Prairie Avenue Historic District	G7		
Pritzker Pavilion	E13		
Pulman National Historical Park	F13		
Quincy Shopping Center	I2		
Rite Field (White Sox)	H6		
Rosemont Theater	C2		

Schools & Universities

Art Institute of Chicago	E13	Chicago State University	X8
Skokie	A4	Columbia College	E3
Concordia University	F12	Daley College	J4
Dawson Technical Institute	J4	DePaul University, Downtown	F12
DePaul University, Lincoln Park	E6	Devry Univ	D5
Dominican University	D12	East-West University	G12
Harold Washington College	D12	Illinois Institute of Technology	G6
Illinois Institute of Technology	G6	Kendall College	E6
Kennedy-King College	E6	Loyola University, Lake Shore	C6
Loyola University, Water Tower	B12	Malcolm X College	F5
Monroe Valley College	K2	Morton College	H4
National-Louis University	F12	National-Louis Univ Skokie	A4
North Park University	D5	Northeastern Illinois University	C5
Northeastern Illinois University	C5	Northern University, Evanston	A5
Northern University, Evanston	A5	Northwestern University, Downtown	B13
Oakton College	E6	Olive-Harvey College	K7
Roosevelt University	F12	St. Xavier University	K4
Trinity Christian College	L3	Triton College	E2
Truman College	D6	University of Chicago	F12
University of Illinois at Chicago	F6 & G9	Wright College	D3

Downtown Metra Stations

Chicago Union Station	E10
Amtrak	
BSNS Line	
Heritage Corridor	
Milwaukee District (MD-N, MD-W)	
North Central Service	
Southwest Service	
North Riverside Park Mall	F11
Rock Island Line	
Millennium Station	D13
Metra Electric Line	
South Shore Line	
Museum Campus/11th St Station	G10
Metra Electric Line	
South Shore Line	
Shuttle Transportation Center	D13
Union Pacific (UP-N, UP-NW, UP-W)	
Van Buren Street Station	F13
Metra Electric Line	
South Shore Line	
Rosemont Theater	C2

Chicago Street numbers start at State and Madison downtown. State St. divides east and west addresses. Madison St. divides north and south addresses. Suburban street numbers vary; not all use Chicago's system. One mile is equal to 800 street numbers (except between Madison and 31st St.). For Example, Montrose (4400 N) is one mile north of Addison (3600 N).

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Metra Fares & Passes

Fares are based on distance traveled. The table below is for the price of tickets and passes based on travel to/from downtown Chicago (Zone 1) and between Zones 2-4. Trips not going to Zone 1 should use the pricing listed in the 2-4 column.

Zone	1-2	1-3	1-4	2-4
One-Way	\$3.75	\$5.50	\$6.75	\$3.75
Reduced One-Way	\$1.75	\$2.75	\$3.25	\$1.75
Day Pass	\$7.50	\$11.00	\$13.50	\$7.50
Reduced Day Pass	\$3.50	\$5.50	\$6.25	\$3.50
Day Pass 5-Pack*	\$35.75	\$52.25	\$64.25	\$35.75
Reduced Day Pass 5-Pack*	\$17.50	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$17.50
Monthly	\$75.00	\$110.00	\$135.00	\$75.00
Reduced Monthly	\$37.50	\$55.00	\$67.50	\$37.50

Reduced fare tickets are available for seniors ages 65 and over, qualified people with disabilities, and Medicare recipients who have an RTA-issued Reduced Fare Permit. Reduced fares are also available for low-income riders who have an RTA-issued Access Card; K-12 students with school ID and active-duty military personnel with military ID.

*Available in the Ventra app only. The Day Pass 5-Pack can be shared by up to five riders traveling together. Use on any 5 days within a 30-day period.

Day Passes are good for unlimited rides all day between selected zones. Passes expire at 3 a.m. the next day. Metra offers a \$7 Saturday, Sunday or Holiday Day Pass for unlimited rides on either Saturday or Sunday or major holidays, and a \$10 Weekend Pass for unlimited rides on both weekend days. Not valid for travel on the South Shore Line. Monthly passes are valid for unlimited rides in a calendar month.

Regional Day Pass Pilot

Ride CTA, Metra and Pace** services across the six-county RTA region with a new Regional Day Pass (RDP). Starting June 2025, the Regional Day Pass can be purchased only in the Ventra app. Riders can purchase a Regional Day Pass with their zone of choice and add on a CTA/Pace Day Pass.

The combined price of a Metra Day Pass and the RDP add-on is listed below.

Metra Zones	Full Fare/Reduced Fare RDP	Full Fare RDP Saturday or Sunday
1, 1-2, 2-3, 4	\$10/\$6	\$9.50
1-3	\$13.50/\$8	\$9.50
1-4	\$16/\$9	\$9.50

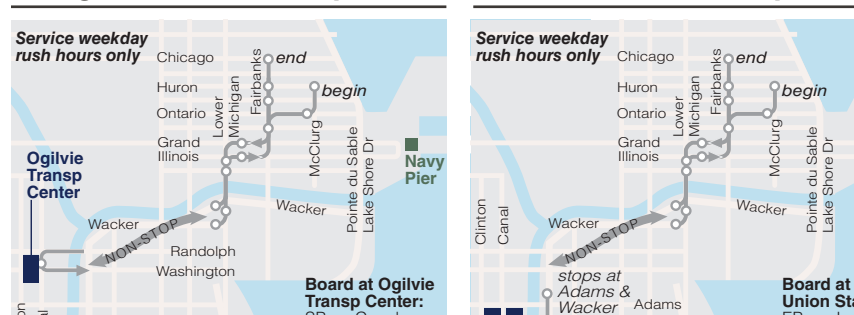
*On Metra, Day Passes are good for unlimited rides all day between selected zones. Passes expire at 3 a.m. the next day.
**On CTA and Pace, Day Passes are good for unlimited rides for 24 hours after activation. Pace premium route fare surcharge is not included in the RDP price.

Fares are subject to change. Effective through March 31, 2025.

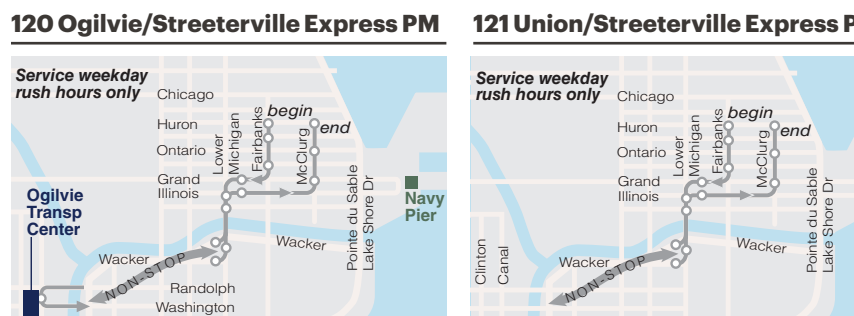


Rush Hour Buses from Downtown Metra

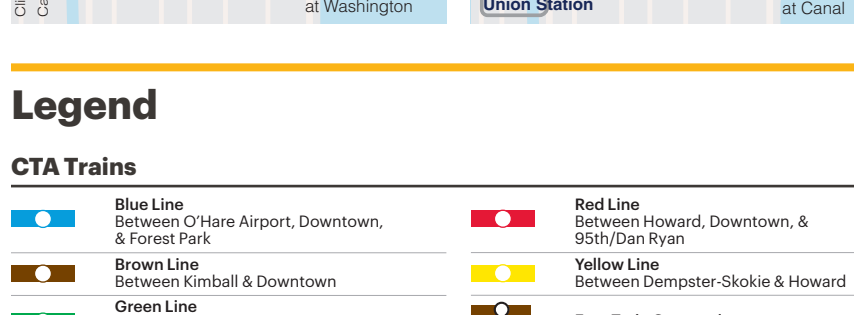
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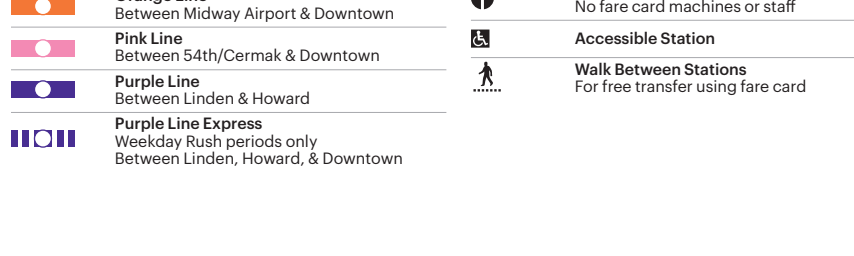
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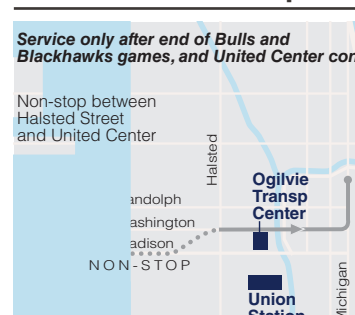


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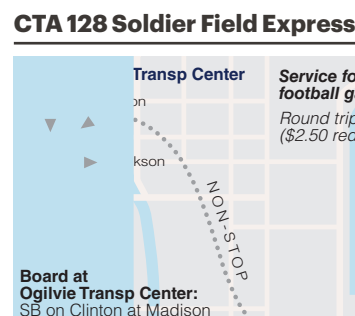


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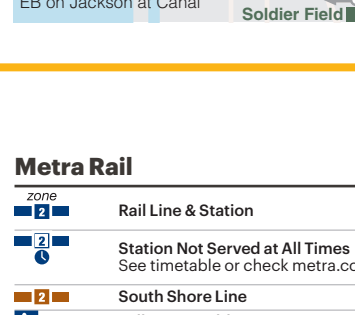
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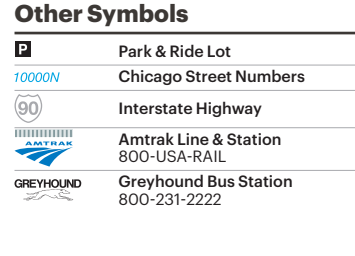
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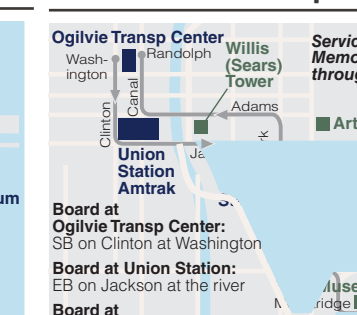
CTA 128 Soldier Field Express



CTA 192 UChicago Hospitals Express



Pace Express Service to Soldier Field

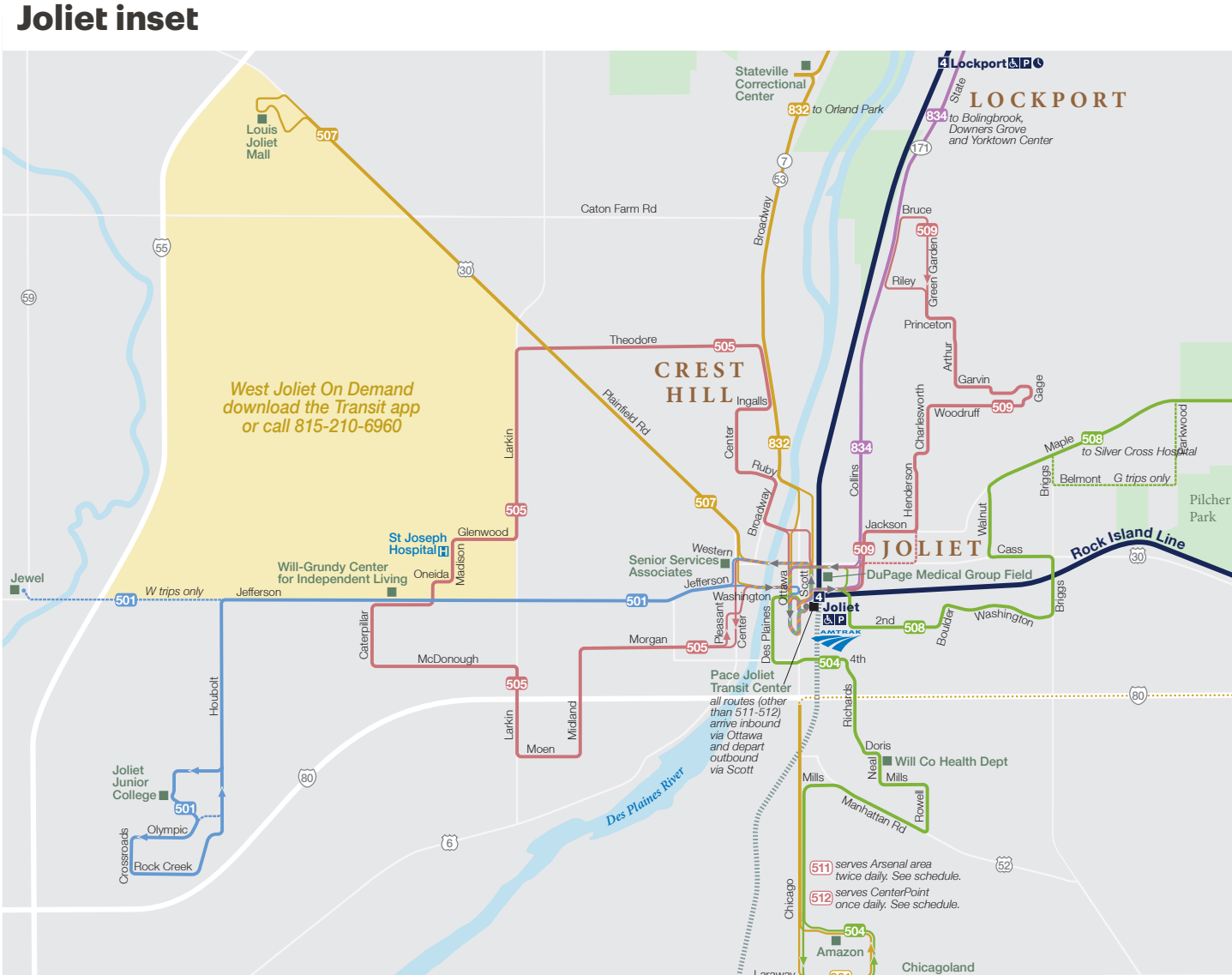
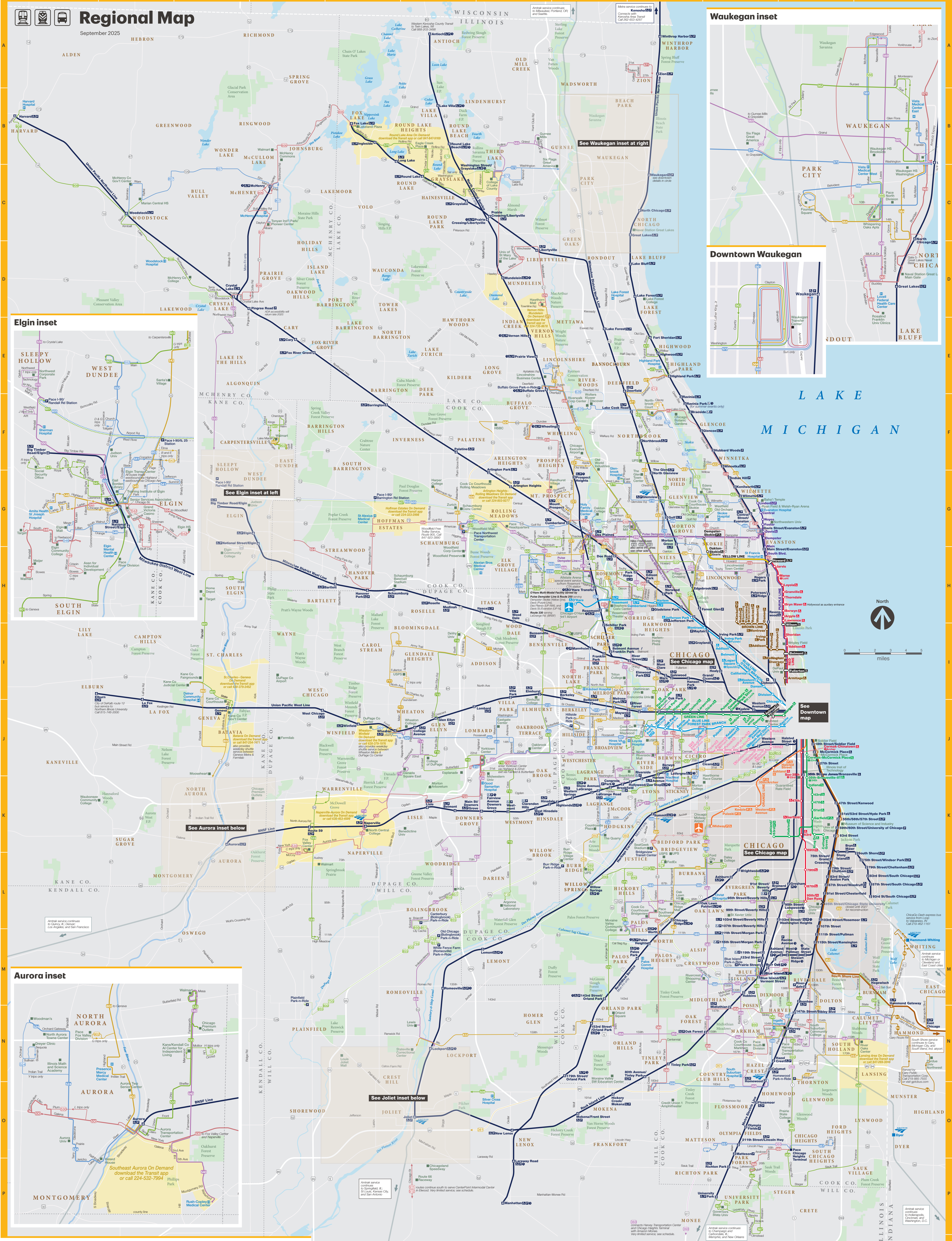


Legend

Blue Line Between O'Hare Airport, Downtown, & Forest Park	Red Line Between Howard, Downtown, & 98th/Dan Ryan
Brown Line Between Kimball & Downtown	Yellow Line Between Dempster-Skokie & Howard
Green Line Between Harlem/Lake, Downtown, & Cottage Grove	Free Train Connections Between Midway Airport & Downtown
Orange Line Between Midway Airport & Downtown	Automated Station Entrances No fare card machines or staff
Purple Line Between 54th/Cermak & Downtown	Walk Between Stations For free transfer using fare card
Pink Line Between Linden & Howard	Accessible Station
Purple Line Express Weekday Rush periods only between Linden, Howard, & Downtown	Other Symbols

Metra Rail Rail Line & Station	Pace Buses Bus Route
Metra Rail Station Not Served at All Times	Pace Buses Park Time Service
Metra Rail Metra Union Station	Pace Buses Certain Trips Only
Metra Rail South Shore Line	Pace Buses Non-Stop Express Service
Metra Rail Fully Accessible Station	Pace Buses Limited Stops Along Bus Route
Metra Rail Partially Accessible Station	Pace Buses Night Owl Service Only
Metra Rail Routes Terminate	Pace Buses Non-Stop Service

CTA Buses Bus Route	CTA Buses Park Time Service
CTA Buses Park Time Service	CTA Buses Certain Trips Only
CTA Buses Night Owl Service Only	CTA Buses Non-Stop Service
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Legend	
CTA Trains	
	Blue Line Between O'Hare Airport, Downtown, & Forest Park
	Brown Line Between Kinzie & Downtown
	Green Line Between Madison/Lake, Downtown, Ashland/53rd & Cottage Grove
	Orange Line Between Midway Airport & Downtown
	Pink Line Between 54th/Cermak & Downtown
	Purple Line Between Linden & Howard
	Purple Line Express Non-Stop Express Service Between Linden, Howard, & Downtown
	Red Line Between Howard, Downtown, & 95th/Dan Ryan
	Yellow Line Between Dempster/Skokie & Howard
	Free Train Connections
	Automated Station Entrance No fare card machines or staff
	Accessible Station
Other Symbols	
	Amtrak service continues
	Point of Interest
	Interstate Highway
	US Highway
	State Highway
	Park & Ride Lot
Metra Rail	
	Rail Line & Station
	South Shore Line & North & Downtown Chicago
	Station Not Served at All Times See timetable or check metra.com
	Fully Accessible Station
	Partially Accessible Station
Pace Buses	
	Bus Route
	Part-Time Service
	Certain Trips Only
	Non-Stop Express Service
	Non-Stop Express, Part-Time Service
	United States Along Bus Route
	On Demand service zone
Visit pacebus.com to download route timetables for specific trip time.	
Metra fares are distance-based by zone	

Towns and Cities	
Addison	A-1
Aldine	A-2
Algonquin	A-3
Alton	A-4
Antioch	A-5
Arlington Heights	A-6
Aurora	A-7
Bannockburn	A-8
Barrington	A-9
Bartlett	A-10
Barry	A-11
Bedford Park	A-12
Bellevue	A-13
Bensenville	A-14
Berkeley	A-15
Berwyn	A-16
Bloomington	A-17
Blue Island	A-18
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Carpentersville	A-29
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