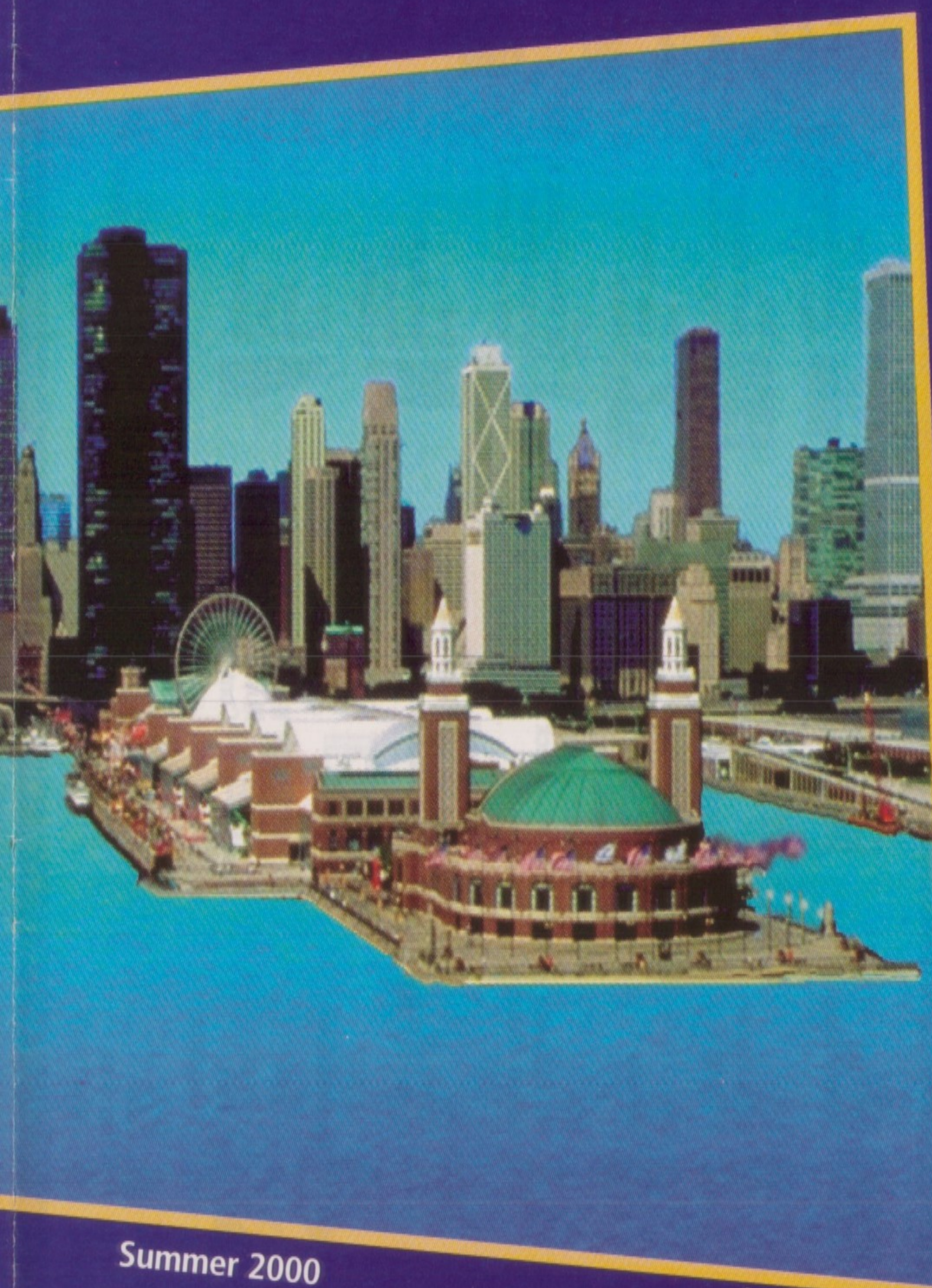


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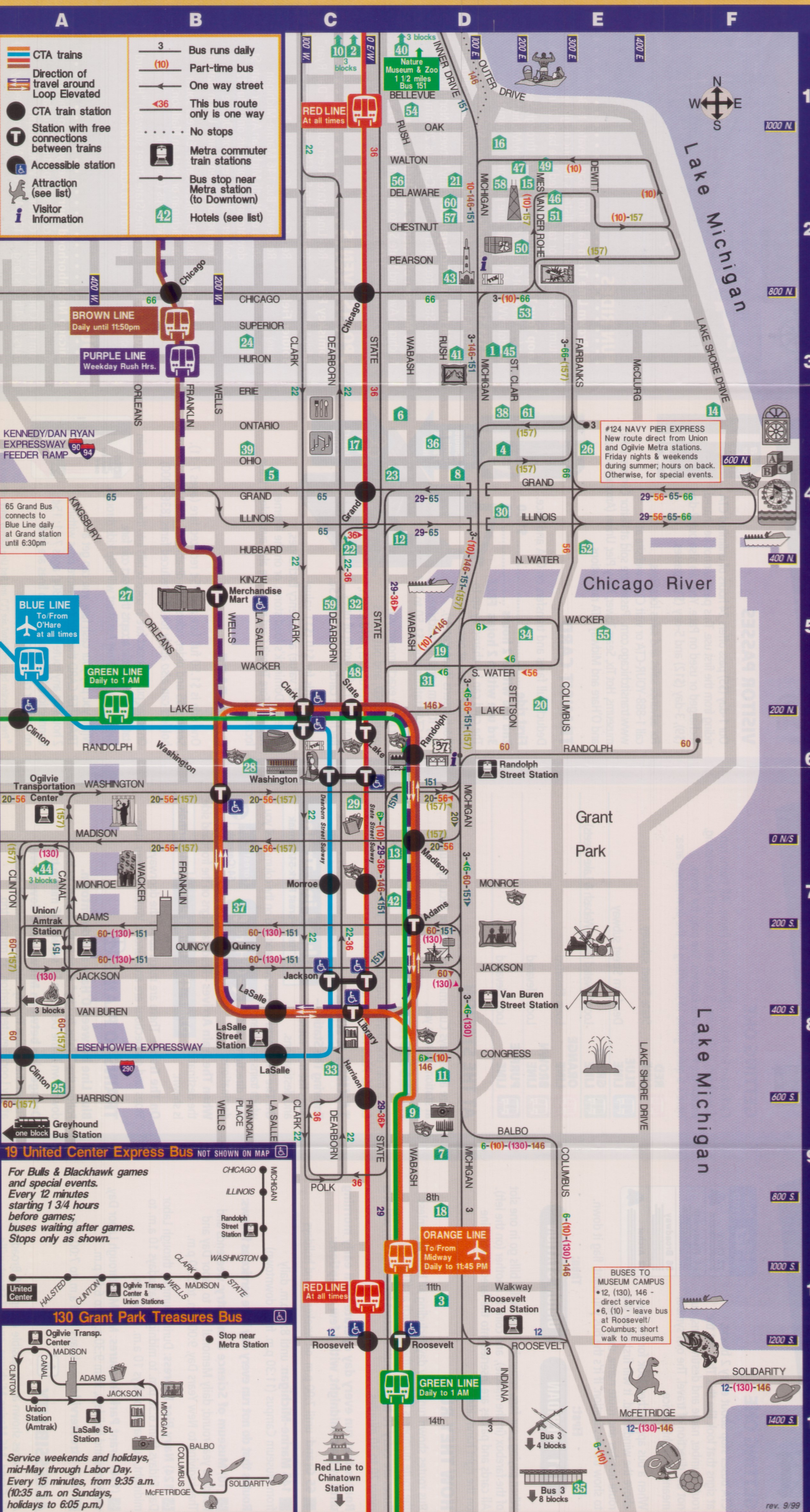
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DOWNTOWN ATTRACTIONS

Visitor Information Centers are in the Cultural Center (Michigan/Randolph), the Historic Water Tower (Michigan/Chicago), and Navy Pier. Open daily. Special Event Hot Line: (312) 744-3370

F-11 Adler Planetarium	C-6 City Hall, County Bldg.	C-8 Harold Washington Library	F-4 Navy Pier/ Skyline Stage/ Visitor Info Center	F-10 Shedd Aquarium	D-7 Symphony Center
D-7 Art Institute of Chicago	C-6 Daley Center & Picasso	C-6, D-2 Hot Tix Booths	D-2 North Michigan Avenue Shopping	D-5 Sightseeing Boats	E-8 Taste of Chicago (late June-early July)
E-8 Buckingham Fountain	C-11 Chinatown	D-6 Loop Tour Train (May-Sept.)	E-1 Oak Street Beach	D-8 Spertus Museum of Judaism	Theatres (Live):
D-7 Chicago Architecture Foundation Tours	E-11 Field Museum of Natural History	E-11 McCormick Place	D-2 Old Water Tower & Pumping Station/ Visitor Info Center	C-6 State of Illinois Center	D-8 Auditorium
F-4 Chicago Children's Museum	D-6 Gallery 37 Center For The Arts	B-5 Merchandise Mart	C-4 River North Restaurants & Nightlife	F-11 Soldier Field	B-6 Cadillac Palace
A-6 Civic Opera House	A-8 Greektown	D-6 Museum of Broadcast Communications	B-7 Sears Tower Skydeck	C-6 State Street Shopping	C-6 Chicago Shakespeare
D-6 Chicago Cultural Center/ Visitor Info Center	E-7 Grant Park Concerts	E-2 Museum of Contemporary Art	F-4 Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows	D-4 Terra Museum of American Art	D-7 Goodman
A-7 Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tours	D-2 John Hancock Observatory	D-9 Museum of Contemporary Photography			D-9 Reskin
					C-7 Shubert
					F-11 Vietnam Veterans Art Museum



ALPHABETICAL LIST OF DOWNTOWN HOTELS

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|---|--|--|---|
| 1 Allerton Crowne Plaza Hotel, D-3 | 16 The Drake Hotel, D-1 | 33 Hyatt on Printers Row, C-8 | 48 Renaissance Chicago Hotel, C-5 |
| 2 Ambassador West Hotel, C-1 | 17 Embassy Suites Hotel Chicago, C-4 | 34 Hyatt Regency Chicago, D-5 | 49 Residence Inn By Marriott - Chicago Downtown, E-2 |
| 3 Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10 | 18 Essex Inn, D-9 | 35 Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, E-11 | 50 The Ritz-Carlton - Chicago, E-2 |
| 4 Best Western Inn Of Chicago, D-4 | 19 Executive Plaza, D-5 | 36 Lenox Suites Hotel, D-4 | 51 The Seneca Hotel, E-2 |
| 5 Best Western River North Hotel, C-4 | 20 Fairmont Hotel - At Grant Park, E-6 | 37 Midland Hotel, B-7 | 52 Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, E-4 |
| 6 Cass Hotel, D-3 | 21 Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, D-2 | 38 Motel 6, D-3 | 53 Summerfield Suites Hotel Chicago - Downtown, E-3 |
| 7 Chicago Hilton and Towers, D-9 | 22 Hampton Inn & Suites, C-4 | 39 Ohio House Motel, C-4 | 54 The Sutton Place Hotel, D-1 |
| 8 Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, D-4 | 23 Hilton Garden Inn, C-4 | 40 Omni Ambassador East, D-1 | 55 Swissotel Chicago, E-5 |
| 9 Chicago Travelodge, D-9 | 24 Ho Jo Inn, B-3 | 41 Omni Chicago Hotel, D-3 | 56 The Talbott Hotel, D-2 |
| 10 The Claridge Hotel, C-1 | 25 Holiday Inn & Suites | 42 Palmer House Hilton, D-7 | 57 The Tremont Hotel, D-2 |
| 11 Congress Plaza Hotel, D-8 | 26 Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre, E-4 | 43 Park Hyatt Chicago Hotel, D-2 | 58 The Westin Michigan Avenue, D-2 |
| 12 Courtyard by Marriott / Chicago Downtown, D-4 | 27 Holiday Inn - Mart Plaza, A-5 | 44 Quality Inn Chicago, A-7 | 59 The Westin River North, C-5 |
| 13 Crowne Plaza - Silversmith Hotel, D-7 | 28 Hotel Allegro Chicago, B-6 | 45 Radisson Hotel and Suites Chicago, D-3 | 60 Whitehall Hotel, D-2 |
| 14 Days Inn Chicago - Lake Shore Drive, F-3 | 29 Hotel Burnham, C-6 | 46 The Raphael Hotel, D-2 | 61 Wyndham Chicago, E-3 |
| 15 Doubletree Guest Suites - Chicago, E-2 | 30 Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, D-4 | 47 Regal Knickerbocker Chicago Hotel, D-2 | |
| | 31 Hotel Monaco, D-5 | | |
| | 32 House of Blues, C-5 | | |



All Aboard

This guide will show you how to see Chicago by transit in the downtown and North Michigan Avenue areas, and a few places beyond.

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) runs buses and elevated/subway trains (the 'L') in the city and nearby suburbs. From downtown, you can get to most attractions on just one bus or train.

WE HAVE ANSWERS

You can get travel information from the RTA Travel Center by calling (312) 836-7000, daily 5 a.m. - 1 a.m. TTY: (312) 836-4949.

Get answers about CTA, Metra commuter trains, and Pace suburban buses; order maps, timetables, and brochures. CTA System Maps are also available at any CTA train station.

LOG ON

CTA's website is: www.transitchicago.com. You can get information, see our map, and even buy your fare in advance! Metra's website is: www.metrarail.com.

GROUPS ARE GREAT

We'll help you plan your CTA trips and purchase your fares in advance. Call weekdays: 1-888-YOUR-CTA.

WE'RE LISTENING

Comment, commendation, or inquiry?

Call 1-888-YOUR-CTA. (1-888-968-7282)

Open weekdays 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
or leave a voice mail message at other times.

TTY number: 1-888-CTA-TTY1.

Or, write to us at CTA Customer Service,
Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, IL 60654

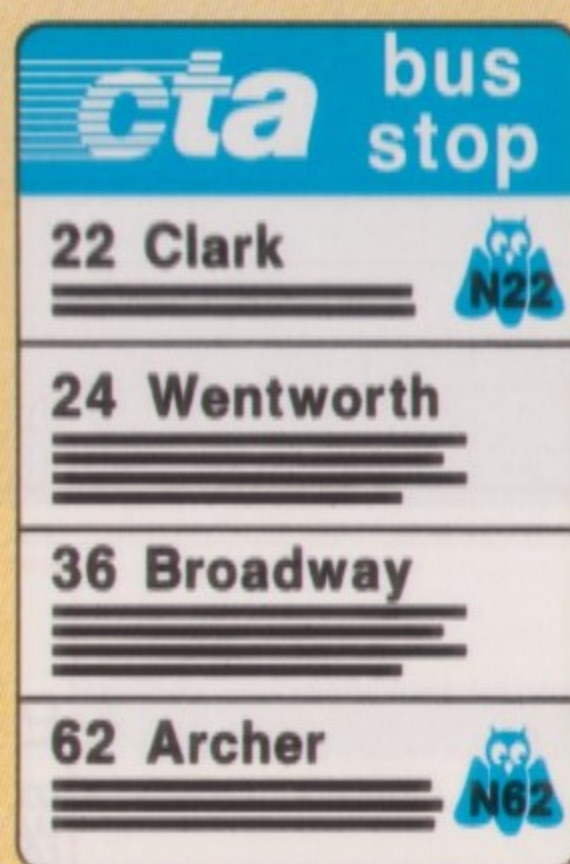


BUSES

GETTING ONE

CTA buses stop about every 2 blocks, at signs that look like this. They list the route number, name and destinations, but not the direction of travel. The owl symbol means all-night service.

When a bus approaches, look for the sign above the windshield. It will first show the route number and route name, then "flip" to show the destination. If it's the bus you want, flag it down.



First:

151 SHERIDAN

Then:

UNION STATION

When paying your fare, remember that dollar bills go in one slot of the farebox (in the middle), and coins in another (on the left). All cards and passes are inserted into the farecard machine on the right hand side.

HOW THEY RUN

Bus routes shown run every day, including all holidays, unless the route number is in parentheses, such as (10).

Buses are every 10 to 15 minutes, except for route (10), which is every 20 to 30 minutes.

Routes that run every day operate from early morning until at least midnight, with a few exceptions:

■ **65 Grand:** until 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays

■ **146 Marine-Michigan:** until 8:00 p.m. daily from Museum Campus (11:30 p.m. from downtown)

Routes that do not run every day have service as follows:

♿ **(10) Museum of Science & Industry:** weekends and holidays year-round; daily Memorial Day to Labor Day and Thanksgiving to New Years Day, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

♿ **(124) Navy Pier Express:** During summer through Labor Day, Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight, Sundays/Holidays 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

♿ **(130) Grant Park Treasures:** Mid-May through Labor Day, weekends and holidays, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

■ **(157) Streeterville:** weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY



All bus routes shown are accessible except: 36 Broadway, 65 Grand, 146 Marine-Michigan, and 157 Streeterville.



TRAINS

GETTING ONE

Each train line has a different color name. All trains run downtown daily, every 5 to 15 minutes until late evening, except the Purple Line Express. See map for hours.

Here's a quick guide to boarding in the downtown area:



**RED
LINE**

State Street subway



**BLUE
LINE**

Dearborn Street subway



**GREEN
LINE**

Loop Elevated (along Wabash & Lake streets)



**ORANGE
LINE**

Loop Elevated



**BROWN
LINE**

Loop Elevated



**PURPLE
LINE**

Loop Elevated

AT THE STATION

There are always Customer Assistants or Security Guards at stations to help you.

ACCESSIBILITY



More than one-third of our stations are accessible.

Call 836-7000 for more information.

TAKING A RIDE

Entering The Station –

Signs list train routes and destinations.

Blue Line Trains

O'Hare-Forest Park-54/Cermak

On The Platform –

Signs overhead and on the columns tell you which trains stop there, their directions, and destinations.



O'Hare



Forest Park

54/Cermak



When The Train Arrives –

Read train signs on the front and side; the destination is shown:

O'Hare



Forest Park

54/Cermak

On The Train –

There are maps above the doorways. Stops and connections are announced. Watch for your stop.

TRAINS TO PLANES



Blue Line between O'Hare and downtown.

Follow the "Trains To City" signs in the airport, or board downtown in the Dearborn St. subway. 45 minute trip.

Orange Line between Midway and downtown.

Follow the "Trains To City" signs in the airport or board at any Loop Elevated station. 35 minute trip.



FARES

VISITOR PASSES

Our 1-day (\$5) pass offers 24 hours of unlimited CTA riding from the first use. This pass cannot be shared, recharged or used on Pace. You can also buy 2-day (\$9), 3-day (\$12) and 5-day (\$18) passes.



For advance sales and sales locations, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA or visit CTA's website at www.transitchicago.com. Passes are sold at Visitor Centers, select museums, Hot Tix, Sears Tower, Navy Pier, Union (Amtrak) Station, and O'Hare and Midway CTA rail stations.

TRANSIT CARD

Deducts full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace.

First ride \$1.50

2nd use within 2 hours30

3rd use within 2 hours **FREE**

The card can be shared by up to 7 full fare riders at once (each inserts it separately).

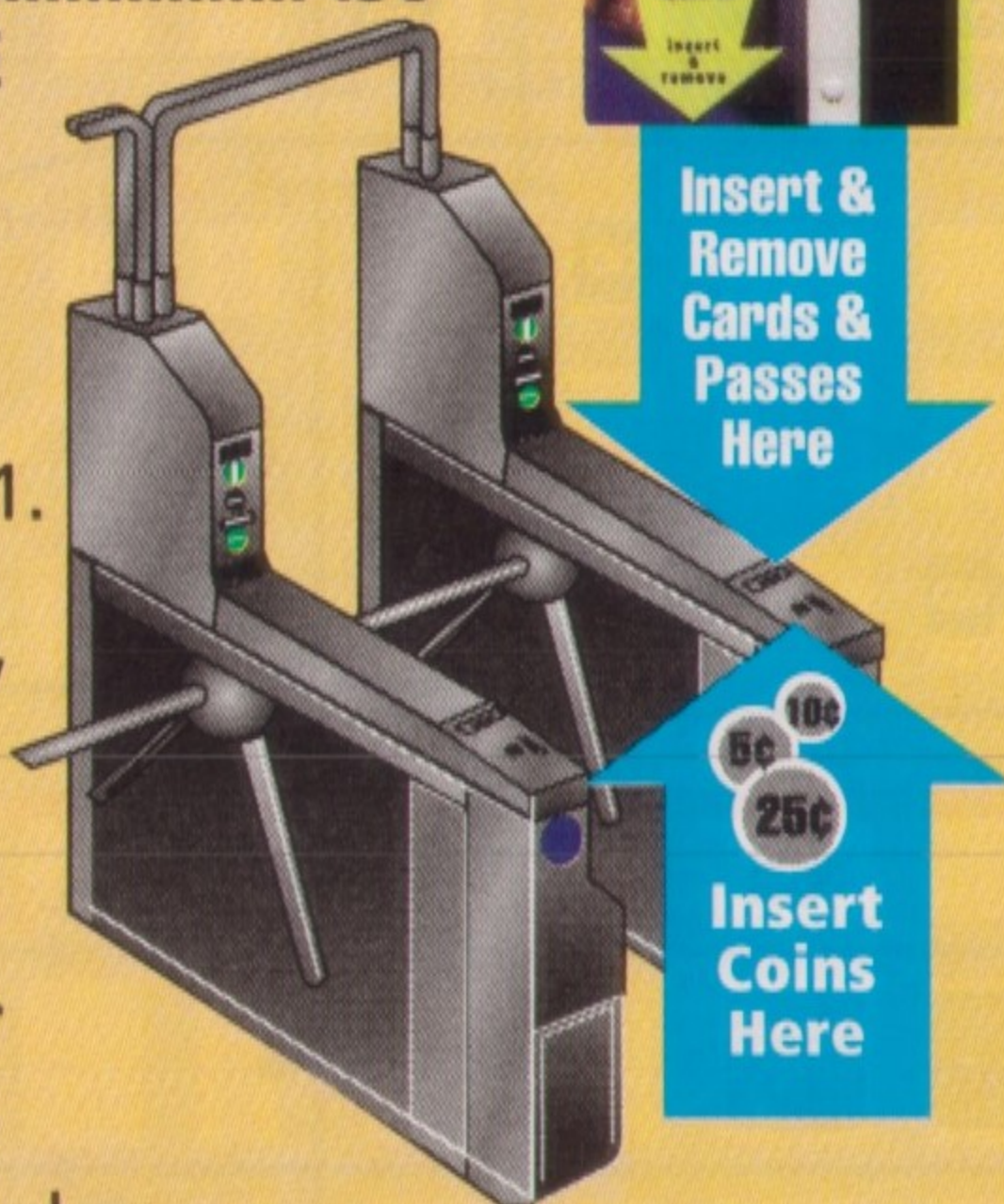
Buy it from vending machines at CTA stations from \$1.50 to \$91.

Put in the exact amount you want, push **VEND**, and out comes your card! For every \$10 put in, you get \$11.00 worth of rides. Recharge cards for as little as 5¢.

Or, buy cards for \$10 (\$11 value) or \$20 (\$22 value) at Currency Exchanges, Jewel or Dominick's food stores, or on the Internet. Reduced Fare Transit Card packs are also available at these locations.



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CASH FARE

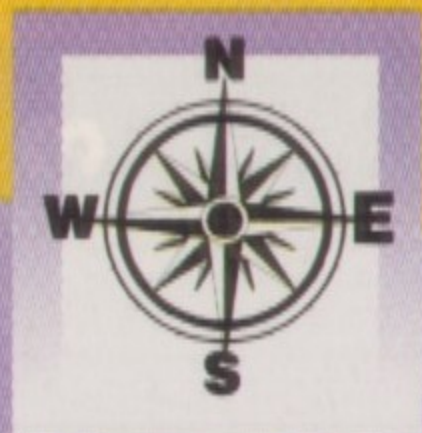
One ride is \$1.50 full fare and 75¢ reduced fare (ages 7-11). Seniors 65 and older, riders with disabilities and Medicare card holders can *also* apply for RTA reduced fares (836-7000).

On buses, put the exact fare in coins or bills into the farebox. At train stations, one turnstile accepts the exact coin fare. The station Customer Assistant will help kids through.

When you pay your cash fare, you can get a TRANSFER CARD that allows 2 more rides within 2 hours on any route (full fare: 30¢; ages 7-11: 15¢). Connections between CTA train lines are free; no transfer card needed.*



* Free connection between State/Lake ('L') and Red Line subway **only** with card or pass.



TRIPS



FUN RIDES

■ **Brown Line Train** daily from Loop Elevated to Belmont station. See downtown, loft districts, historic neighborhoods. Return the same way or take the Red Line back. 20 minute ride.

Loop Tour Train (Saturday midday, May through September). Get free tickets at Cultural Center (Randolph/Michigan). Board at Randolph/Wabash (Orange Line platform). 40 minute trip.

♿ **151 Sheridan Bus** daily between Union Station, State Street, North Michigan Ave., lakefront, and Lincoln Park Zoo. 30 minute trip.

■ **146 Marine-Michigan Bus** daily between North Michigan Avenue, State Street, and Museum Campus. 20 minute trip.

♿ **10 Museum of Science and Industry Bus** from North Michigan Ave. and State St. to museum. Weekends year round, daily in summer and Christmas seasons. 35 minute trip.

SPORTS EVENTS

Comiskey Park (White Sox) Red Line (State Street subway) "Dan Ryan" train south to Sox/35th station.

Soldier Field (Bears)
(Fire) Red, Green or Orange Line Trains to Roosevelt; Bus 146 Marine-Michigan south on North Michigan Ave. or State St. downtown; or (for Bears only) Bus 128 Soldier Field Express from Ogilvie Transportation Center and Union Station.

United Center (Bulls & Blackhawks) Bus 19 United Center Express south on Michigan or west on Madison. Limited stops (see map).

Wrigley Field (Cubs) Red Line (State Street subway) "Howard" train north to Addison station.

TOURS

Chicago Neighborhood Tours takes you into Chicago communities and cultural centers. Departing Saturdays from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77. W. Randolph. Tours are 4 hours long. (312) 742-1190. (Not operated by CTA.)