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Blue Line

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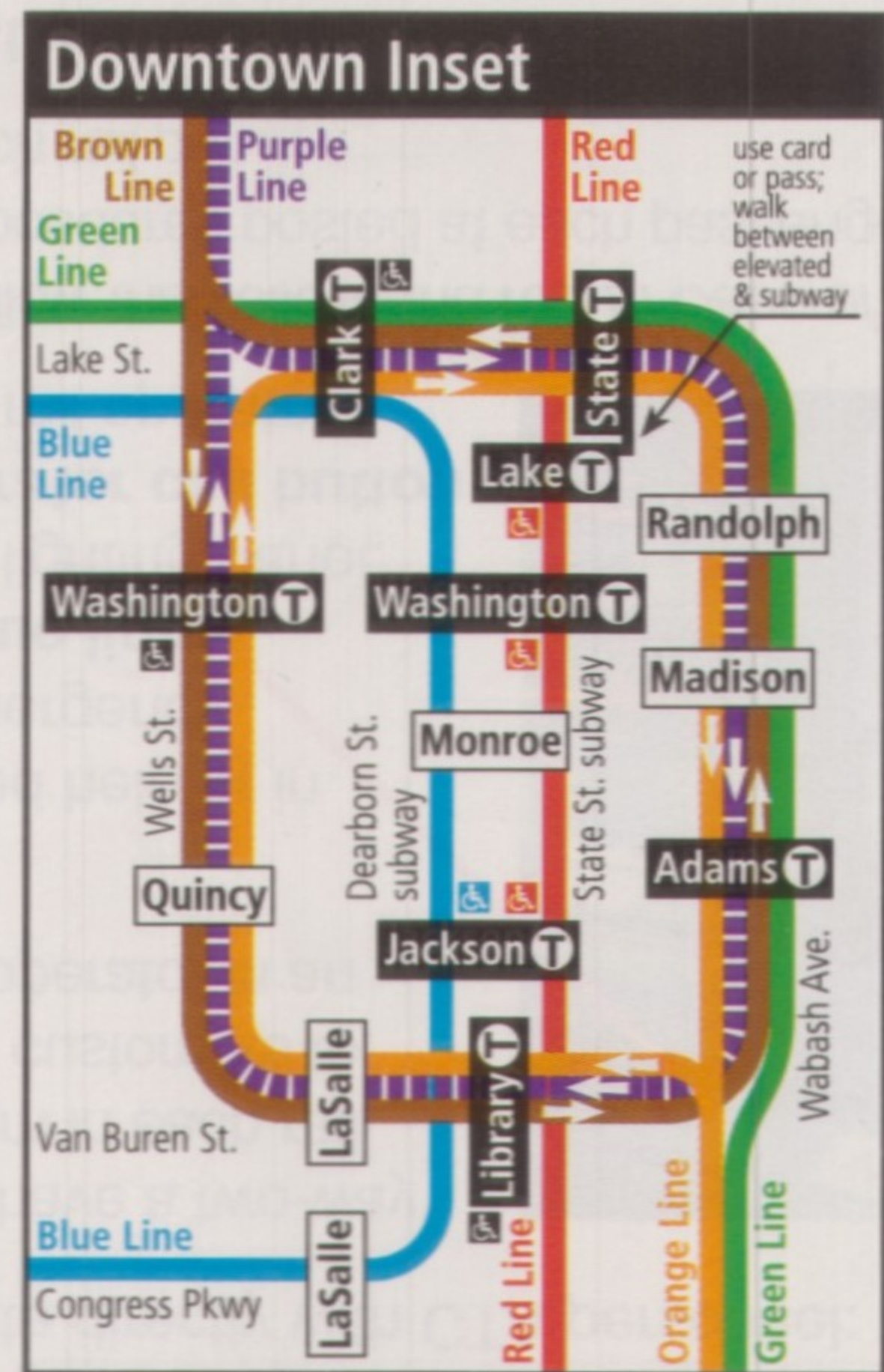
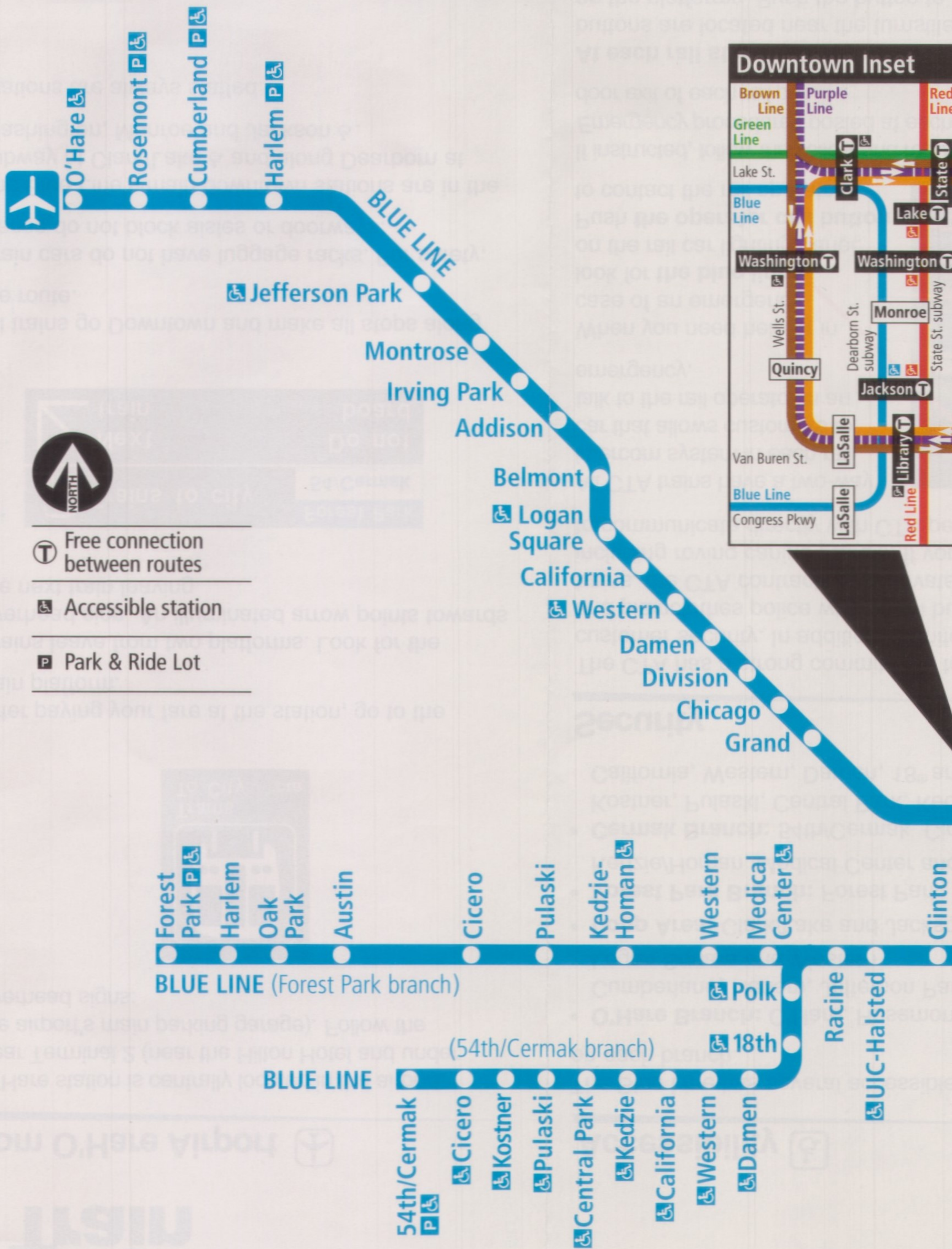
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Quick Ride Guide

All attractions are within two blocks of the station shown, unless noted by *

Destination:	Leave train at:	Transfer to bus or train:
Art Institute*	Monroe; walk 3 blocks east	
Chicago Board of Trade	LaSalle; walk 1 block north	
Chicago Children's Museum*	Washington; Take bus 124 east on Washington or bus 29 north on State to Navy Pier	
Chicago Cultural Center	Washington	VISITOR INFO CENTER
Chicago Historical Society*	Washington; Take bus 22 or 36 north on Dearborn to Clark/North	
City Hall/County Building	Washington	
Columbia College*	Jackson &; (free connection) Take Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train south to Harrison	
Daley Center	Washington	
DePaul University (Downtown)	Jackson &	
Federal Buildings	Jackson &	
Gallery 37 Center for the Arts*	Washington; Walk 2 1/2 blocks east on Randolph	
Harold Washington College	Clark/Lake &; Walk 3 blocks east on Lake	
Harold Washington Library Center	Jackson &; Walk 1 block east on Van Buren	
John Hancock Observatory*	Washington; Take bus 10, 145, 146, 147 or 151 north on State to Michigan/Chestnut	
John Marshall Law School	Jackson &	
Lincoln Park Zoo/Conservatory*	Monroe; Take bus 151 north on State to Stockton/Webster	
Loyola University (Water Tower Campus)*	Washington; (free connection) Take Red Line (Howard) train north to Chicago &	
McCormick Place*	Jackson &; Take bus 3 or X3 south on Michigan to King Drive/McCormick Sq. (2300S)	
Merchandise Mart/Apparel Center	Clark/Lake &; (free connection) Take Brown Line train to Merchandise Mart &	
Midway Airport	Clark/Lake &; (free connection) Take Orange Line train to Midway &	
Museum Campus*	Jackson &; Walk 1 block east to State. Take bus 146 south to Adler Planetarium, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Soldier Field and Northerly Island	
Navy Pier/Skyline Stage*	Washington; Take bus 124 east on Washington or bus 29 north on State to Navy Pier	
North Michigan Avenue Shopping*	Washington; Take bus 10, 145, 146, 147 or 151 north on State to Chicago/Michigan	
Ogilvie Transportation Center*	Monroe; Take any bus west on Madison to the station	
Northwestern University/Hospital*	Washington; Take bus 10, 145, 146, 147 or 151 north on State to Huron/Michigan	
Robert Morris College Center*	Jackson &	
Roosevelt University*	Jackson &	
Sears Tower*	Jackson &; Take any bus west on Adams	
Thompson (State of Illinois) Center	Clark/Lake &	
State Street Shopping	Washington or Monroe	
Theater District (Randolph Street)	Washington	
Union Station (Amtrak)*	Clinton, walk two blocks north on Clinton	
United Center	Medical Center; Use the Damen exit. Walk two blocks north on Damen to United Center	
U.S Cellular Field (White Sox)	Jackson &; (free connection) Take Red Line (95th/Dan Ryan) train south to Sox-35th & station	
Water Tower Place*	Washington; Take bus 10, 145, 146, 147 or 151 north on State to Michigan/Chestnut	
Wrigley Field (Cubs)	Jackson &; (free connection) Take Red Line (Howard) train north to Addison &	



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Downtown
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Riding The Train

Routing

- Blue Line trains run between O'Hare, Downtown, Chicago's west side and western suburbs.

First Train/Last Train

- Service between O'Hare, Downtown and Forest Park operates at all times every day
- Service from O'Hare to 54th/Cermak

Day	First Train	Last Train
Monday-Friday	4:00 a.m.	12:45 a.m.
Saturday	4:00 a.m.	12:45 a.m.
Sunday	4:00 a.m.	12:45 a.m.

- Service from 54th/Cermak to O'Hare

Day	First Train	Last Train
Monday-Friday	4:09 a.m.	1:00 a.m.
Saturday	4:09 a.m.	1:00 a.m.
Sunday	4:09 a.m.	1:00 a.m.

- Alternating trips from O'Hare serve the Forest Park and the 54th/Cermak branches. From approximately 4:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. (overnight), service operates every 30 minutes between O'Hare and Forest Park only.


Phone Numbers

- RTA Travel Information:** (312) 836-7000
Daily from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. TTY for speech and hearing-impaired: (312) 836-4949
- Lost and Found (O'Hare Airport Terminal):**
(773) 686-2385, 24 hours a day
- Customer Assistance:** 1-888-YOUR-CTA
(1-888-968-7282), weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TTY: 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (1-888-282-8891)
- RTA Reduced Fare Permits:**
(312) 913-3110, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.


To O'Hare Airport

- At station entrances, signs list train routes and destinations:

Blue Line Trains


O'Hare  Forest Park-54/Cermak

- After paying your fare, go to the train platform. Signs over the platform show which side to board the train on:

O'Hare 

Forest Park
54/Cermak

- Train destination signs in front and on the sides show the final stop:

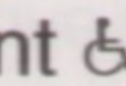
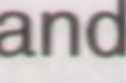
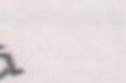
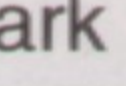
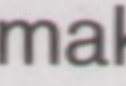
O'Hare 

Forest Park

54/Cermak

Be sure to board the train marked O'Hare.

Parking at Stations (No overnight parking)

Station	Cost and Time Limit	Spaces
Rosemont 	\$3.00 for 18 hours	798
Cumberland 	\$2.00 for 12 hours; cost varies after the initial time limit	1,633
Harlem  (O'Hare Branch)	\$2.00 for 24 hours	53
Forest Park 	\$3.00 for 12 hours	1,051
54th/Cermak 	\$2.00 for 24 hours	175

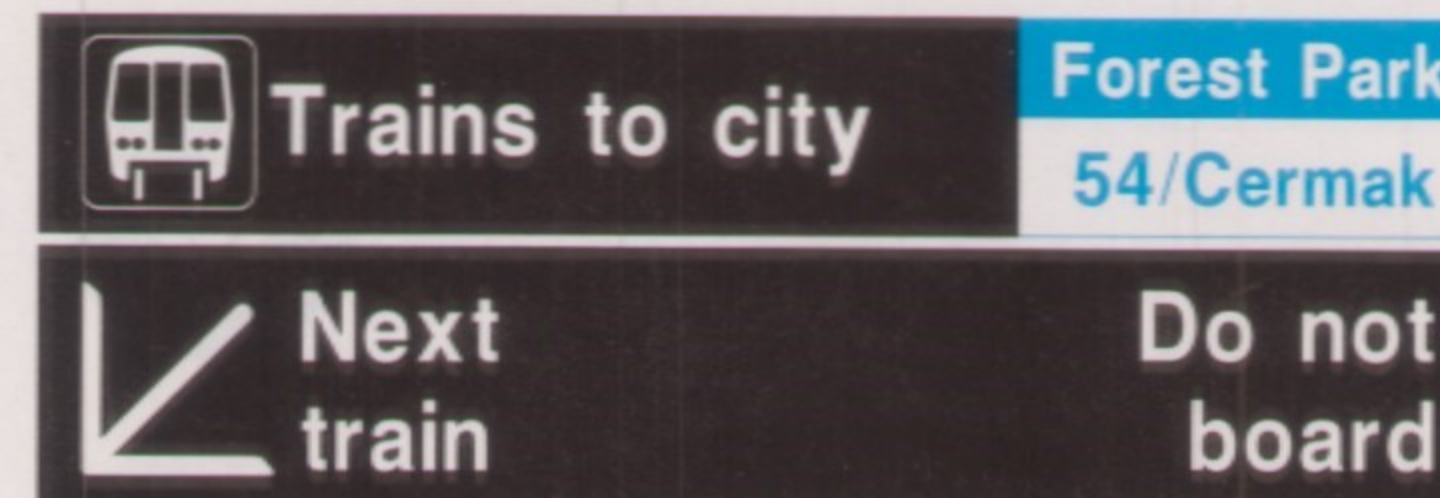
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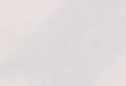
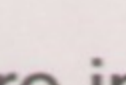
From O'Hare Airport

- O'Hare station is centrally located in the airport, near Terminal 2 (near the Hilton Hotel and under the airport's main parking garage). Follow the overhead signs:



- After paying your fare at the station, go to the train platform.
- Trains leave from two platforms. Look for the overhead sign. An illuminated arrow points towards the next train leaving.



- All trains go Downtown and make all stops along the route.
- Train cars do not have luggage racks. For safety, please do not block aisles or doorways.
- The Blue Line's main downtown stations are in the subway at Clark/Lake  and along Dearborn at Washington, Monroe and Jackson .
- Stations are always staffed.

Accessibility

The Blue Line has several accessible stations on each branch.

- O'Hare Branch:** O'Hare, Rosemont, Cumberland, Harlem, Jefferson Park, Logan Square and Western
- Loop Area:** Clark/Lake and Jackson
- Forest Park Branch:** Forest Park, Kedzie/Homan, Medical Center and UIC-Halsted
- Cermak Branch:** 54th/Cermak, Cicero, Kostner, Pulaski, Central Park, Kedzie, California, Western, Damen, 18th and Polk

Security

The CTA has a strong commitment to customer security. In addition to uniformed and plainclothes police who patrol buses and trains, the CTA contracts with private companies including roving canine patrols. If you need to communicate directly with CTA personnel:

All CTA trains have a two-way intercom system in each rail car that allows customers to talk to the rail operator in an emergency.

When you need help or in case of an emergency, look for the **blue light** on the rail car lighting panel. Push the **operator call button** to contact the rail operator.



If instructed, follow the yellow and red *In Case of Emergency* procedures posted at each passenger door exit of each rail car.

At each rail station, Customer Assistant call buttons are located near the turnstiles and on the platforms. Push the button to call for assistance at your location.

Fare Information

Cash Fare

Exact fare only. Coins and bills accepted on buses only. **Full fare:** \$2.00; **Reduced fare:** \$1.00. Transfers are not available to customers paying with cash. Note: Cash is not accepted at rail station turnstiles.

Chicago Card®/ Chicago Card Plus™



Cards deduct full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace (except Pace route 835). **Full fare:** \$1.75 (bus and rail); 1st Transfer: 25¢, 2nd Transfer: Free. Transfers must occur within the first two hours of the first ride. Up to seven full-fare customers can share a card.

Buy Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus online at www.transitchicago.com. For more information, call 1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282); TTY: 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (1-888-282-8891). Both cards receive a \$2 bonus for every \$20 purchase or added value. The \$5 purchase fee per card is waived through March 31, 2006.

Value can be added to Chicago Cards at CTA rail stations and select Touch-n-Go locations. For a listing of Touch-n-Go locations near you, visit www.transitchicago.com or call 1-888-YOUR-CTA.

Transit Cards



Cards deduct full and reduced fares, and transfers on CTA and Pace (except Pace route 835). **Full fare:** \$1.75 (bus), \$2.00 (rail); 1st Transfer: 25¢, 2nd Transfer: Free. **Reduced fare:** 85¢, (bus and rail); 1st Transfer: 15¢, 2nd Transfer: Free. Transfers must occur within the first two hours of the first ride. Up to seven full-fare customers can share a card.

Buy full-fare Transit Cards at CTA rail station Transit Card vending machines. Put in the amount you want

on the card (\$1.75 to \$100). Pre-valued Transit Cards and Reduced Fare Transit Cards (restrictions apply) are available at Currency Exchanges, select Jewel, Dominick's and Cub Food stores, and CTA's web site at www.transitchicago.com.

Value can be added to full-fare and reduced fare Transit Cards at CTA rail stations.

Passes

Best Value!

(For Visitor Passes, see back cover.)

Unlimited rides on CTA and Pace (except Pace Route 835) with our 1-Day Fun Pass, 7-Day, 30-Day and 30-Day Reduced Fare passes. Passes are good for consecutive days from the time of first use. They are available at Currency Exchanges, select Jewel, Dominick's and Cub Food stores and CTA's web site at www.transitchicago.com.



Paying Your Fare

- When using a Chicago Card or a Chicago Card Plus, touch it to the designated pad on the turnstile and go.
- Insert a Transit Card or pass in the turnstile farecard slot and remove.



Transferring Between Trains

Downtown connections between CTA trains are free. (See Train Connections)

Train Connections

To connect free to:

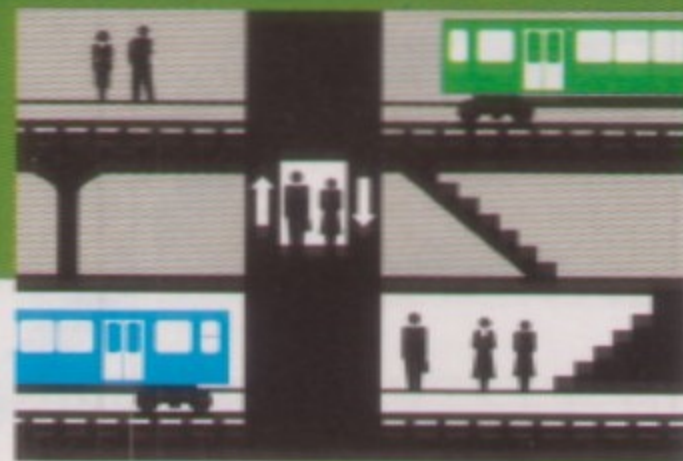
Leave Blue Line train at:

Brown Line



Clark/Lake & — Walk upstairs through the 203 N. LaSalle Building to the Clark/Lake & elevated station. Brown Line trains operate from 5:24 a.m. until 12:48 a.m. on weekdays, 5:21 a.m. until 12:48 a.m. on Saturdays, and 7:26 a.m. until 12:18 a.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Green Line



Clark/Lake & — Walk upstairs to the Clark/Lake & elevated station through the Thompson Center (State of Illinois Building) (to go south toward 63rd St.) or the 203 N. LaSalle Building (to go west toward Harlem/Lake). Green Line trains operate from 4:21 a.m. until 1:26 a.m. on weekdays, 6:22 a.m. until 1:26 a.m. on Saturdays, and 6:52 a.m. until 1:26 a.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Orange Line



Clark/Lake & — Walk upstairs through the Thompson Center (State of Illinois Building) to the Clark/Lake & elevated station. Orange Line trains operate from 4:25 a.m. until 1:25 a.m. on weekdays, 5:04 a.m. until 1:20 a.m. on Saturdays, and 6:04 a.m. until 12:01 a.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Purple Line



Clark/Lake & — Walk upstairs through the Thompson Center (State of Illinois Building) to the Clark/Lake & elevated station. Purple Line trains operate weekday rush periods from 6:06 a.m. until 10:08 a.m. and from 3:13 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

Red Line



Washington or Jackson & — Walk downstairs through the connecting passageway to the State Street subway. Red Line trains operate every day at all times.

Note: CTA's transfer tunnel at Washington (between State and Dearborn) may close later in the year due to construction.

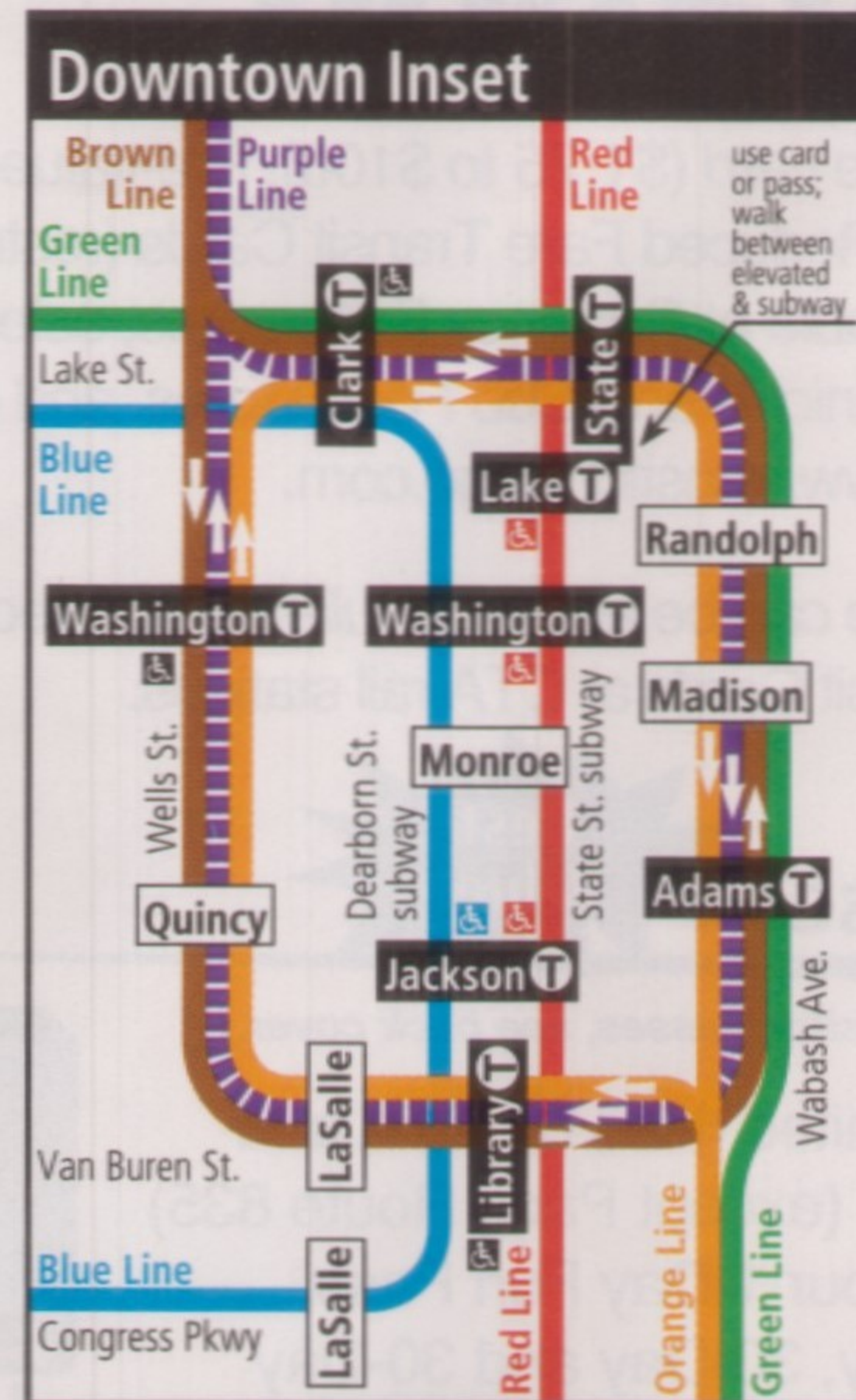
Yellow Line



Washington or Jackson & — Take State Street (Red Line) subway (all times) north to Howard.

Yellow Line trains operate between Howard and Skokie weekdays 4:52 a.m. until 10:02 p.m. On weekends and holidays, take the #97 Skokie & bus between Howard and Skokie.

CTA Trains



- T Free connection between routes
- A Accessible station
- P Park & Ride Lot



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Visitor Passes

Unlimited rides on all CTA buses and trains:

Passes activate the first time they are used and are good for the number of consecutive days shown on the front of each pass. Passes cannot be shared or recharged.



For groups of 15 or more, we recommend ordering Visitor Passes in advance at www.transitchicago.com or calling 1-888-YOUR-CTA.

Buy passes at these locations:

Open daily unless indicated by *

Midway Airport	CTA Midway (Orange Line) station
O'Hare Airport	CTA O'Hare (Blue Line) station
Chicago Cultural Center	78 E. Washington
Chicago Water Works	163 E. Pearson
Navy Pier Store in the Family Pavilion	700 E. Grand
CTA Blue Line stations	Cumberland and Rosemont
Chicago Marriott Downtown	540 N. Michigan
Chicago Rush Currency Exchange	62 E. Chicago
Federal Currency Exchange	744 N. Damen
CTA Sales Center*	567 W. Lake, 2nd Floor
Hilton Oak Lawn	9333 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn
Hot Tix Centers*	72 E. Randolph
	163 E. Pearson
House of Two Urns Bed & Breakfast	1239 N. Greenview
Kimball Lawrence Currency Exchange	3421 W. Lawrence
Illinois Center Currency Exchange*	100 W. Randolph St.
Ira J. and Nikki Harris Family Hostel	24 E. Congress Pkwy.
McCormick Place*	
(Chicago Sports & Novelty)	2301 S. Lake Shore Dr.
RTA Office*	175 W. Jackson, Suite 250
Sears Tower	
Accent Chicago (Skydeck Entrance)	233 S. Wacker Drive
Shedd Aquarium	1200 S. Lake Shore Dr.
St. Clair-Ohio Currency Exchange*	543 N. St. Clair
State-Ohio Currency Exchange*	10 W. Ohio
Upper Mart Currency Exchange*	350 N. Wells St.