

Our region needs your help!
 You use transit to run errands, meet friends or for your daily commute. But if you could improve transit in Northeastern Illinois - what would you change?

Improve and expand mass transit
 The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is looking for those ideas. The RTA along with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, Pace and dozens of Partners for Transit are working to improve and expand our transit network. We're calling it the Moving Beyond Congestion project because we believe the best way to address our severe road congestion is with an expansion of our transit network. Your comments and ideas will help develop a strategic plan to ease congestion on our roads, provide transit options for millions of people, reduce our reliance on foreign oil, help clean our air, and improve our overall quality of life here in Northeastern Illinois.

Resources fall short of existing demand
 Because of the skyrocketing price of fuel, employe benefits, paratransit and post-9-11 security, transit costs are rising faster than transit funding, even with higher demand. The CTA, Metra, and Pace have all used money earmarked for capital projects to keep trains and buses running on a daily basis. We can only do that for a short time before frequent equipment breakdowns due to deferred maintenance affect reliability. The funding gap also eliminates any expansion, now or in the future. You want dependable transit service, and that's why we need your help.

Show your support!
 As the RTA and our partners develop a strategic plan, we need to hear from you. First, become a Partner for Transit by logging on to www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org and filling out our online transit survey. Your comments will help us develop a regional consensus on how to move forward. Then, get involved: contact your legislators, tell your friends, and show your support for transit expansion as we shape the future of our region.

Did you know?

- Facts on the Costs of Road Congestion**
- Congestion is a severe and growing threat that costs the Northeastern Illinois region \$4.2 billion a year in wasted fuel and wasted time sitting in traffic.
 - Each commuter in our region traveling during rush hour pays an average of nearly \$1,000 per year in wasted fuel and 151 million gallons of fuel sitting in traffic jams.
 - The region's commuters burn 253 million hours and 151 million gallons of fuel sitting in traffic jams.
 - Northeastern Illinois ranks 2nd in the nation for the highest average commute time.

Facts on the System that Moves Millions

- The RTA system covers 3,700 square miles in the six-county region with a population of more than 8.3 million people.
- The combined operations of the RTA's three Service Boards - the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace constitute the second-largest transit system in North America and the nation's third-largest bus system.
- There are more than 2 million trips on transit every day in Northeastern Illinois. If all those people were on the roads, the result would be gridlock. The U.S. Department of Transportation reported that our transit network saved the region more than \$1.6 billion because of the reduction in road congestion.

The Fact is - You can Help!

■ You can play a role in addressing congestion in our region. Fill out the online transit survey at www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org or call 1-866-771-7781 and help us shape the future of transit in Northeastern Illinois.



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The RTA System

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) provides financial oversight, funding and planning for the six-county transit system covering Cook (Chicago), DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties.

The 2006 RTA System Map features the most current route information available at the time of publication. This user-friendly map has color coded routes and numerous graphics icons to help our transit customers use part or all of the RTA system to complete a trip.

Service Overview

The CTA runs buses, routes 1 through 204, and elevated/subway rapid transit lines in Chicago and 38 nearby suburbs. Most run every day, early morning through late evening, five to 20 minutes. Some routes run overnight, usually every 30 minutes. CTA fares differ depending on how you pay. The fare is \$1.75 for buses and \$2.00 for trains. A cash fare is \$2.00 for both buses and trains. 30-Day, 7-Day, and Visitor Passes are also available. For more information or to order your Chicago Card™ or Chicago Card Plus™, log on to www.transitchicago.com.

METRA runs commuter trains from four downtown terminals. There are 11 rail lines that extend from the city to the suburbs. Trains run frequently during rush hour periods, otherwise every one to three hours. Fares are separate from CTA and Pace. Use cash, one-way, Ten Ride, Monthly Pass, Pace PlusBus or Metra Link-Up to ride. The price range of a single-ride ticket varies between \$1.95 to \$7.30 as a result of fares being distance and zone based. For more information, log on to www.metra.com.

PACE runs suburban buses, Routes 205 and above, in the six-county region, many connecting with Metra and CTA. Most routes run every 30 to 60 minutes through mid evening. Major routes run daily. Use cash, Commuter Club Card, Metra/Pace PlusBus, Metra Link-Up, 10 Ride Tickets, or student passes to ride. Basic fare: \$1.50. For more information, log on to www.pacebus.com.

South Shore Line runs trains on the Metra Electric line from downtown Chicago (Randolph/Van Buren) to South Bend, IN, serving the southeast portion of Chicago and Northwest Indiana. Single-ride ticket prices range from \$2.90 to \$10.35, depending on distance traveled. For more information, log on to www.tic.com.

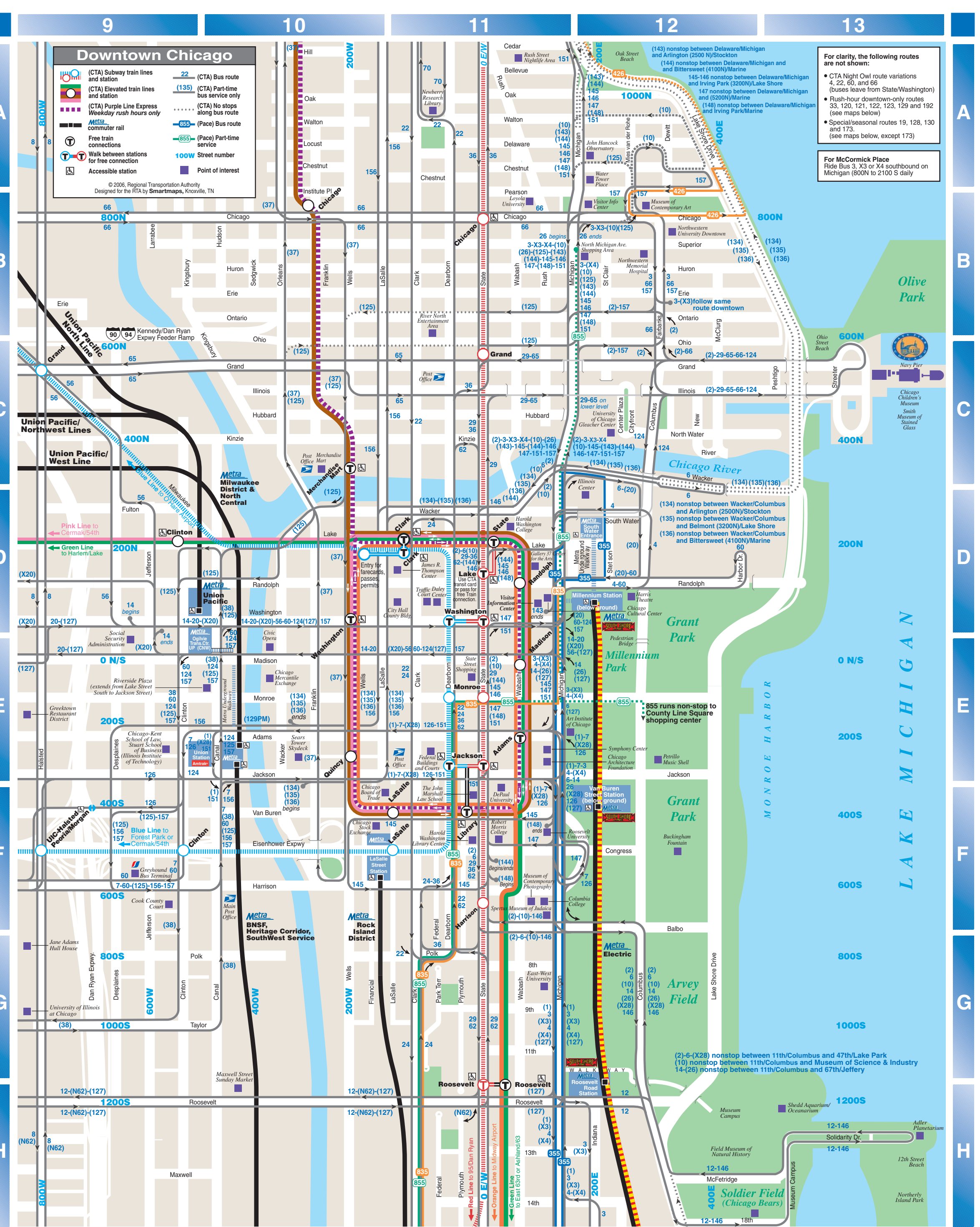
*All fare rates are as of September, 2006.

RTA Travel Information

The RTA Travel Information Center (TIC) is available on the Internet or by telephone. The TIC operates from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. The TIC provides customers with times, directions and connections to anywhere in the six-county service area. Log on to www.rtachicago.com or call 836-7000 from the city or suburbs. TIC users can obtain travel info by dialing 312-836-4949. Web enabled cell phone and PDA-users can obtain RTA Travel Information at www2.rtamobile.com. No area code is needed for the telephone-based service; for callers from the 312, 773, 630, 708 or 815 area codes. Residents of the 224 and 847 area codes must use their respective area codes when dialing. Note: you can reach RTA Travel Information from any location by using the 312 prefix.

Points of Interest - Outlying

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| 1 Allstate Arena, C-1 | 34 Loyola/Hines VA Medical Ctr., G-2 |
| 2 Baha'i Temple, A-5 | 35 Loyola University, Lake Shore, C-6 |
| 3 Broadview Village Square Mall, G-2 | 36 Malcolm X College, F-5 |
| 4 Brookfield Zoo, G-2 | 37 Maywood Park Race Track, E-2 |
| 5 Chicago Academy of Sciences, E-6 | 38 McCormick Place, G-7 |
| 6 Chicago Historical Society, E-6 | 39 Moraine Valley College, K-2 |
| 7 Chicago Ridge Mall, K-3 | 40 Morton College, H-4 |
| 8 Chicago State University, K-6 | 41 Museum of History & Industry Omnimax, I-7 |
| 9 Chinatown, G-6 | 42 National-Louis University, A-5 |
| 10 US Cellular Field (White Sox), H-6 | 43 Nature Museum, E-6 |
| 11 Concordia University, F-3 | 44 Nazareth Academy, H-1 |
| 12 Cook County Courts: Bridgeview, K-3; Chicago at 26th/California, G-5; Maywood, F-2; Skokie, A-1 | 45 Northeastern Illinois University, C-5 |
| 13 Daley College, J-4 | 46 North Riverside Park, K-2 |
| 14 DePaul University, Lincoln Park, E-6 | 47 Northwestern University, Evanston, A-5 |
| 15 Donald E. Stephens Convention Center/Rosemont, C-2 | 48 Oakton Community College, A-1 |
| 16 Edens Plaza, A-4 | 49 Old Orchard Shopping Center, A-4 |
| 17 The Plaza, K-5 | 50 Olive-Harvey College, K-7 |
| 18 Ford City Shopping Center, I-4 | 51 Oriental Institute, I-7 |
| 19 Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio, F-3 | 52 Orland Square Mall, L-2 |
| 20 Garfield Park Conservatory, F-5 | 53 Peace Museum, F-5 |
| 21 Golf Mill Mall, A-2 | 54 Prairie Avenue Historic District, G-7 |
| 22 Greektown, F-6 | 55 Rosemont Theater, C-2 |
| 23 Harlem/Irving Plaza, D-3 | 56 Ryan Field (Northwestern Univ. Wildcats), A-5 |
| 24 Hawthorne Race Course, G-4 | 57 St. Xavier University, K-4 |
| 25 Illinois Institute of Technology, G-6 | 58 Smart Museum, I-7 |
| 26 International Museum of Surgical Science, E-6 | 59 Sportsman's Park Race Track, G-4 |
| 27 Jane Addams Hull House Museum, F-6 | 60 Trinity High School, E-3 |
| 28 Kiddieland, E-2 | 61 Triton College, E-2 |
| 29 Kennedy-King College, I-6 | 62 Truman College, D-6 |
| 30 Kohl Children's Museum, A-5 | 63 United Center (Bulls, Blackhawks), F-5 |
| 31 Lincoln Park Zoo & Conservatory, E-6 | 64 United Parcel Service-Hodgkins, J-1 |
| 32 Lincolnwood Town Center Mall, B-5 | 65 University of Chicago & Medical Center, I-7 |
| | 66 University of Illinois at Chicago, F-6 |
| | 67 UIC Pavilion, F-6 |
| | 68 Village Crossing Shopping Center, B-4 |
| | 69 West Point Plaza, F-1 |
| | 70 West Side Medical Center, Stroger Hospital, F-5 |
| | 71 Winston Plaza, E-2 |
| | 72 Wrigley Field (Cubs), D-6 |
| | 73 Wright College, D-3 |



Points of Interest - Downtown

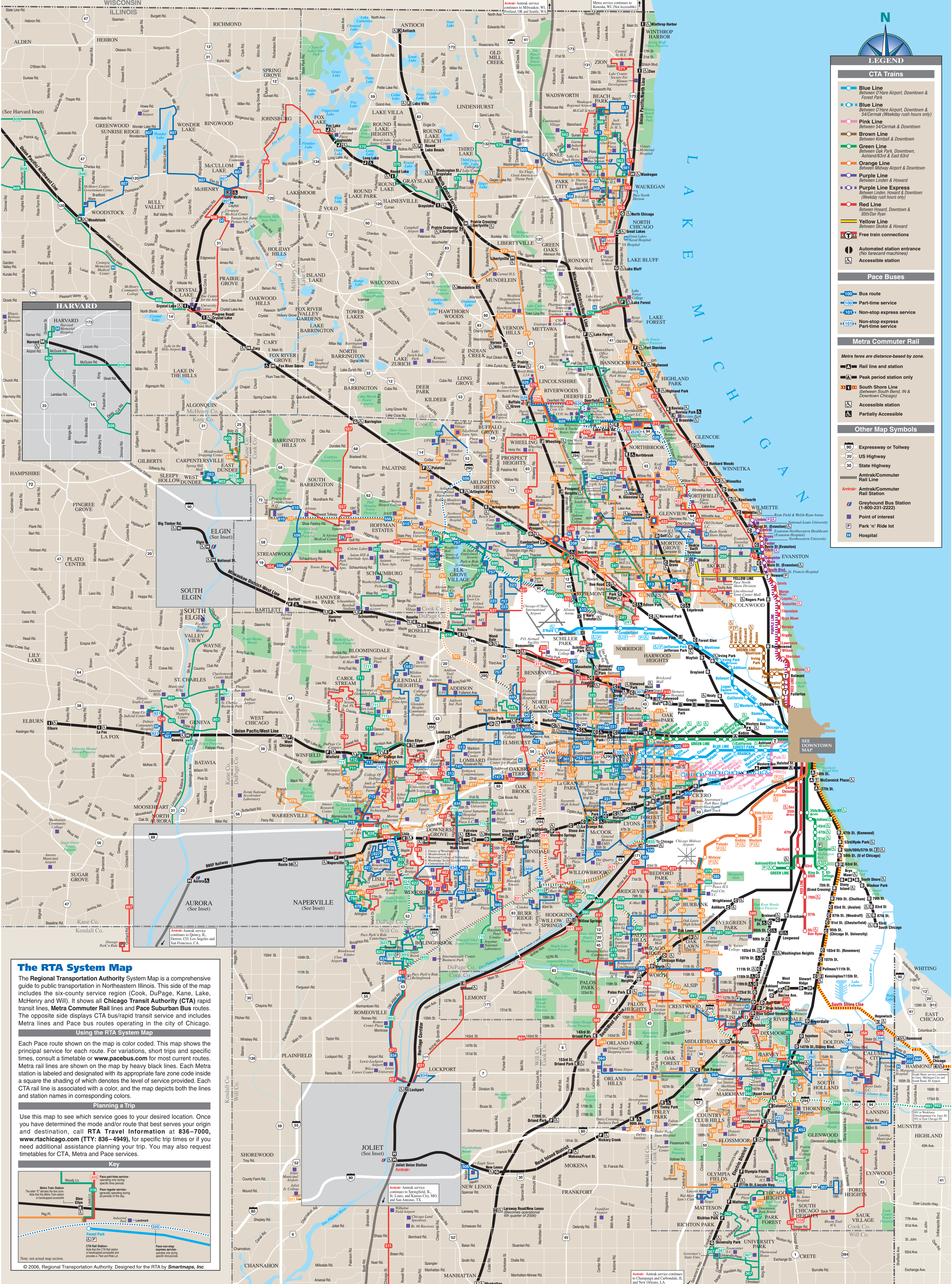
Railroad Terminals:
 LaSalle St. Station (Metra, F-10)
 Millennium Park Station (Metra/South Shore Line), D-12
 Cook County Court (Clinton/Harrison), F-9
 Union Station (Amtrak, Metra), E-9
 DePaul University, downtown, F-11
 East-West University, G-12
 Federal Buildings and Courts, E-11
 Field Museum of Natural History, H-13
 Gallery 37 Center for the Arts, D-11
 Grant Park, F-12
 Greektown Restaurant District, E-9
 Greyhound Bus Terminal, F-9
 Harold Washington College, D-11
 Northwestern University, downtown, B-12
 University of Illinois at Chicago, G-2
 River North Entertainment Area, B-11
 Visitor Information Centers, B-12, D-11
 Water Tower Place, A-12

City Hall/County Building, D-10
Civic Opera House, E-10
The John Marshall School of Law, F-11
Loyola University, Water Tower, B-11
Maxwell Street Sunday Market, H-1
Merchandise Mart, C-10
Mid-America Commodity Exchange, F-10
Millennium Park, E-12
Museum of Contemporary Art, B-12
Museum of Contemporary Photography, F-11
Navy Pier/Skyline Stage, C-10
Newberry Research Library, A-11
North Michigan Ave. shopping area, B-12
Northwestern Memorial Hospital, B-12
Northwestern University, downtown, B-12
Patricia Music Shell, E-12
River North Entertainment Area, B-11
Illinois Institute of Technology, downtown, E-9

Riverside Plaza, (Lake street D-10 South to Jackson Street E-10)
Robert Morris College, F-11
Roosevelt University, F-11
Rush Street Nightlife Area, A-11
Sears Tower Skydeck, E-10
Shedd Aquarium/Oceanarium, H-13
Special Security Administration, E-9
Soldier Field, H-13
Sportus Museum of Judaica, F-11
State of Illinois (Thompson Center), D-10
State Street Shopping, D-11
Symphony Center, E-11
Traffic Court (in Daley Center), D-11
University of Chicago, Gleacher Center, C-12
University of Illinois at Chicago, G-2
Visitor Information Centers, B-12, D-11
Water Tower Place, A-12

Rush Hour Buses from Downtown Metra Stations 120, 121, 122, 123, 127, and 129; Other Special Seasonal Routes 10, 19, 33, 128, 130 and 192

120 NW Wacker Express Service weekly rush hours only	122 Illinois Center/NW Express Service weekly rush hours only	127 Madison/Roosevelt Circulator Service weekly rush hours only	129 West Loop/South Loop Service weekly rush hours only	192 University of Chicago Business Express Service weekly rush hours only
10 Museum of Science & Industry Service on weekends and holidays all year, except Christmas	19 United Center Express Service on weekends and holidays all year, except Christmas	33 Magnificent Mile Express Service on weekends and holidays all year, except Christmas	128 Soldier Field Exp-51 fare Service on weekends and holidays all year, except Christmas	130 Grant Park Treasures Service on weekends and holidays all year, except Christmas



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CTA Trains

- Blue Line: Between O'Hare Airport, Downtown & Forest Park
- Blue Line: Between O'Hare Airport, Downtown & 54th Street (Weekday rush hours only)
- Pink Line: Between 54th Street & Downtown
- Brown Line: Between Kimball & Downtown
- Green Line: Between Midway Airport & Downtown
- Orange Line: Between Midway Airport & Downtown
- Purple Line: Between Linden & Howard
- Purple Line Express: Between Linden, Howard & Downtown (Weekday rush hours only)
- Red Line: Between Howard, Downtown & 89th Street
- Yellow Line: Between Skokie & Howard
- Free train connections

Pace Buses

- 100: Bus route
- 100: Part-time service
- 101: Non-stop express service
- 101+: Non-stop express Part-time service

Metra Commuter Rail

Metra fares are distance-based by zone.

- Black line: Rail line and station
- Black square: Peak period station only
- Black square with 'S': South Shore Line (between South Bend, IN & Downtown Chicago)
- Black square with 'A': Accessible station
- Black square with 'P': Partially Accessible

Other Map Symbols

- Blue circle: Expressway or Tollway
- Blue circle with '20': US Highway
- Blue circle with '30': State Highway
- Black line: Amtrak/Commuter Rail Line
- Red square: Amtrak/Commuter Rail Station
- Blue square: Greyhound Bus Station (1-800-231-2222)
- Blue square: Point of Interest
- Blue square with 'P': Park 'n' Ride lot
- Blue square with 'H': Hospital

The RTA System Map

The Regional Transportation Authority System Map is a comprehensive guide to public transportation in Northeastern Illinois. This side of the map includes the six-county service region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will). It shows all Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) rapid transit lines, Metra Commuter Rail lines and Pace Suburban Bus routes. The opposite side displays CTA bus/rapid transit service and includes Metra lines and Pace bus routes operating in the city of Chicago.

Using the RTA System Map

Each Pace route shown on the map is color coded. This map shows the principal service for each route. For variations, short trips and specific times, consult a timetable or www.pacebus.com for current routes. Metra rail lines are shown on the map by heavy black lines. Each Metra station is labeled and designated with its appropriate fare zone code inside a square the shading of which denotes the level of service provided. Each CTA rail line is associated with a color, and the map depicts both the lines and station names in corresponding colors.

Planning a Trip

Use this map to see which service goes to your desired location. Once you have determined the mode and/or route that best serves your origin and destination, call RTA Travel Information at 836-7000, www.rtaichicago.com (TTY: 836-4949), for specific trip times or if you need additional assistance planning your trip. You may also request timetables for CTA, Metra and Pace services.

Key

- Metra Train Station: Metra train service continues to Springfield, IL, St. Louis, and Kansas City, MO, and San Antonio, TX.
- CTA Rail Station: CTA rail service continues to O'Hare, Midway, and Meigs Field airports.
- Pace Bus Stop: Pace bus stop service continues to various locations.
- Amtrak Station: Amtrak service continues to Chicago, St. Louis, and other cities.
- Greyhound Station: Greyhound bus service continues to various locations.
- Point of Interest: Markers for various points of interest.
- Park 'n' Ride Lot: Markers for park and ride locations.
- Hospital: Markers for hospital locations.

