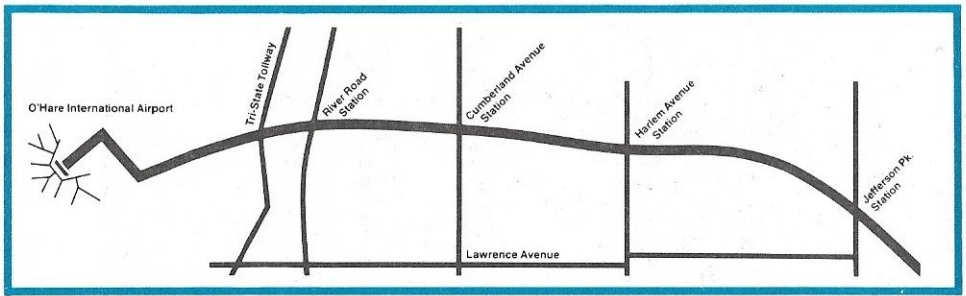




# *O'Hare rapid transit*





## CTA all the way to O'Hare

The completion of the 7.9 mile O'Hare Rapid Transit Extension, from Jefferson Park Station to O'Hare International Airport, is the culmination of years of cooperative planning and engineering by Chicago Transit Authority and City of Chicago Department of Public Works planners.

This rapid transit link between O'Hare, the world's busiest airport, and downtown Chicago, one of the world's great business centers, is truly a transportation marvel. No private property was purchased for either the right-of-way or the stations because the entire route, except the subway portion under the airport, operates in the median of the Kennedy Expressway.

The O'Hare Extension includes four stations - - - three intermediate stations at Harlem Avenue, Cumberland Avenue, and River Road, and the O'Hare Terminal at the airport.

The entire \$196 million project was funded by the federal and state governments.

### O'Hare Terminal

The O'Hare Terminal Station (cover photo), designed by Murphy-Jahn architects, is centrally located under the main parking garage. Easy access to all major airline terminals is provided by moving walk-ways from the mezzanine and fare collection area.

Escalators, stairs, and an elevator provide access between the mezzanine and the train platform.

The O'Hare Extension is expected to generate 42,000 additional rapid transit passenger trips each week-day. The most important benefit will be convenience for airport employees and airline passengers, who can now avoid the traffic tie-ups, the rush hour delays, and the expense of driving.

The 17.5 mile ride on the O'Hare Extension and the section of the West-Northwest rapid transit route between O'Hare Terminal and downtown Chicago takes only 35 minutes, and riders may transfer to other CTA rapid transit and bus routes that serve the entire city and nearby suburbs. In the downtown area, trains operate in the Dearborn subway.

This major transit improvement will not only maintain Chicago's pre-eminence among the great cities of the world, but also strengthen an already powerful central business district and promote the growth of residential, commercial, and hotel development along the Kennedy Expressway corridor to O'Hare.

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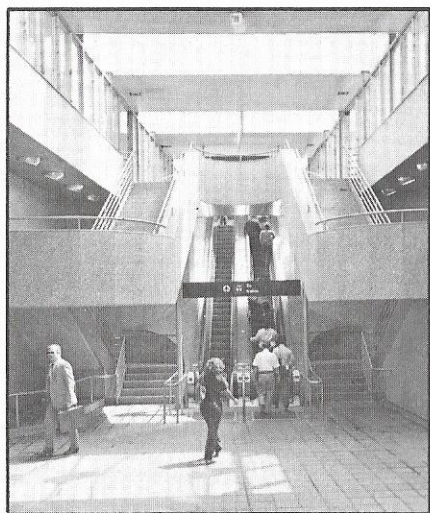


## River Road

The River Road Station stands as a memorial to Police Officer Martin Emmett Darcy, Jr. who died in the line of duty on September 27, 1982.

The station was designed by the architectural firm of Metz, Train, Olsen and Youngren, and built by Wil-Freds, Inc.

The station features a large bus boarding terminal located north of the expressway and adjacent to DesPlaines River Road, a Park-N-Ride lot with spaces for 800 cars, and Kiss-N-Ride short-term parking. Access to the station is by way of a pedestrian tunnel under the westbound Kennedy lanes, and then to the platform by escalators, stairs, and an elevator.

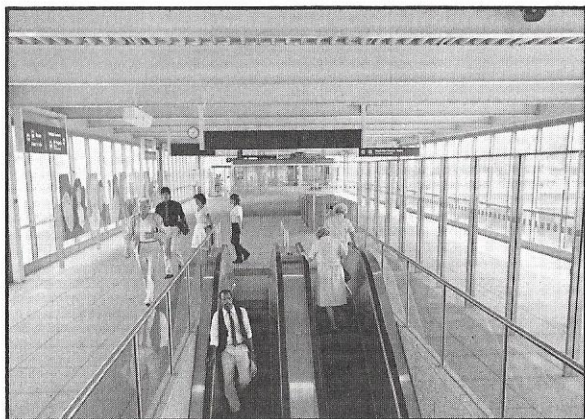


## Harlem

The Harlem Station is dedicated to Police Officer Richard J. O'Brien, who died in the line of duty on February 9, 1982.

The two-level station, designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, features a Kiss-N-Ride area with 33 parking spaces, a bus terminal with nine bus berths, and a central island platform at track level.

Riders may enter the station from Harlem Avenue or the bus/auto area.



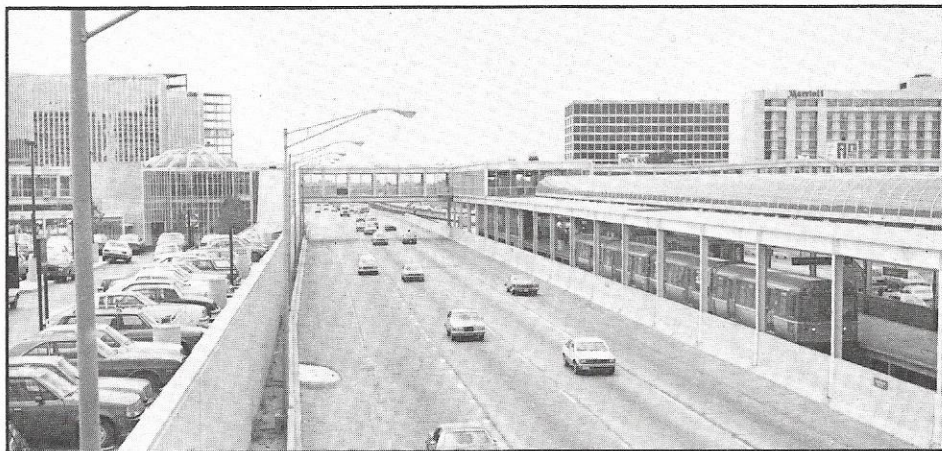
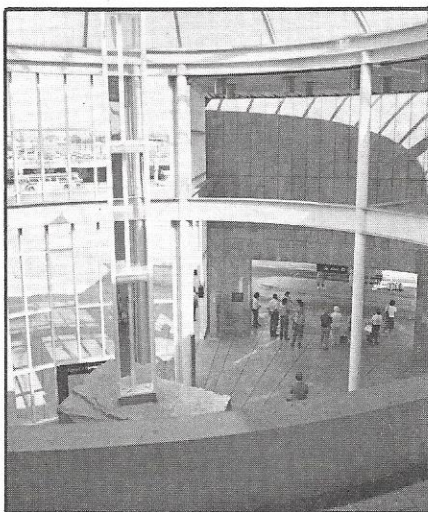


## Cumberland

The Cumberland Station is dedicated to the memory of Police Officer James Doyle who died in the line of duty on February 5, 1982.

The two-level station was designed by the architectural firm of Perkins and Will, and built by the Walsh Construction Company. The station features large bus boarding areas, Kiss-N-Ride short-term parking, and 714 parking spaces for Park-N-Ride users.

The platform level is connected to fare collection and bus boarding areas by escalators, stairs, and an elevator. Riders may also enter the station from either side of the expressway by enclosed pedestrian bridges.




Modern rapid transit cars with air conditioning, comfortable seats, and a quiet ride serve the O'Hare Extension. The newest cars have wide sliding doors for easy entry and exit, and a special fold-away seat that provides a locking device for wheelchairs or space for luggage.







 **Rapid Transit to O'Hare**

*A modern Chicago Transit Authority rapid transit train passes under the taxiway bridge at O'Hare International Airport during its 35-minute trip to downtown Chicago.*

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