



Rapid Transit Station



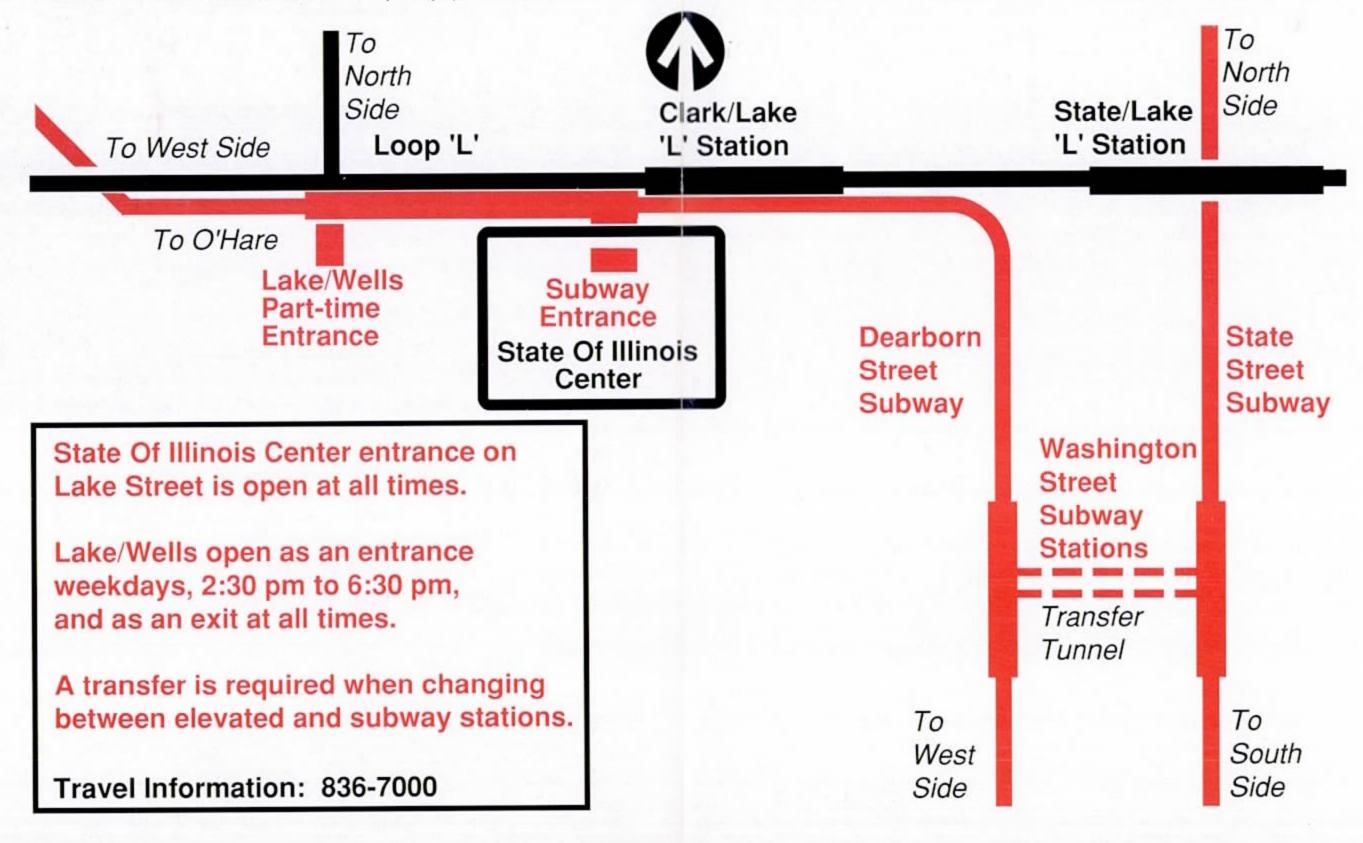
We are pleased to announce the opening of the State Of Illinois Center entrance to CTA's Lake Transfer subway station, which is served by O'Hare-Congress and O'Hare-Douglas rapid transit trains. This opening completes the first phase of the development of the Clark/Lake subway and elevated station, which will be a major transfer point between elevated and subway routes.

The State Of Illinois Center station entrance features the newest generation of CTA fare collection equipment. "Electrofare" displays above the ticket agents display the fares paid at agents' booths. Numerous automated exact fare turnstiles accept pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, Susan B. Anthony dollar coins and full fare tokens, and they issue full fare transfers. An electronic display provides

step-by-step instructions for turnstile use, and a new coin return feature returns incorrect deposits.

The new facility may be entered at all times from the Lake Street ground level entrance to the State Of Illinois Center. During hours when the building is open, the station may also be entered from the street level and the concourse level inside the building.

Inside the new station entrance, escalators and stairways lead to the Lake Transfer subway platform. Access for disabled riders is provided by two elevators. Riders transfering to the Lake/Dan Ryan, Ravenswood and Evanston trains on the Loop 'L,' may use the stairs to the Clark/Lake elevated station, located midblock between Clark and LaSalle on Lake Street.



When the entire project is completed, a multi-level transit station will provide free transfer between O'Hare-Congress and O'Hare-Douglas trains in the subway and Lake/Dan Ryan, Ravenswood and Evanston trains on the Loop elevated. Riders may also transfer to Howard-Englewood and Howard-Jackson Park trains in the State Street Subway after a short subway ride to the Washington station in the Dearborn Street subway, where an underground walkway connects the two subways.

Escalators and stairways will enable elevated and subway riders to transfer between trains or enter the State Of Illinois Center without going outdoors. Direct access to the 203 North LaSalle building on the north side of Lake Street will be provided from the elevated platform and through the concourse level of the State Of Illinois Center. Elevators in the State Of Illinois Center station entrance will provide accessibility for disabled riders.

Through the State Of Illinois Center concourse level, riders will enter the city's underground pedway system, which provides a sheltered walkway extending through City Hall, the County Building, the Richard J. Daley Civic Center, and on to the State Street shopping area and Michigan Avenue.

