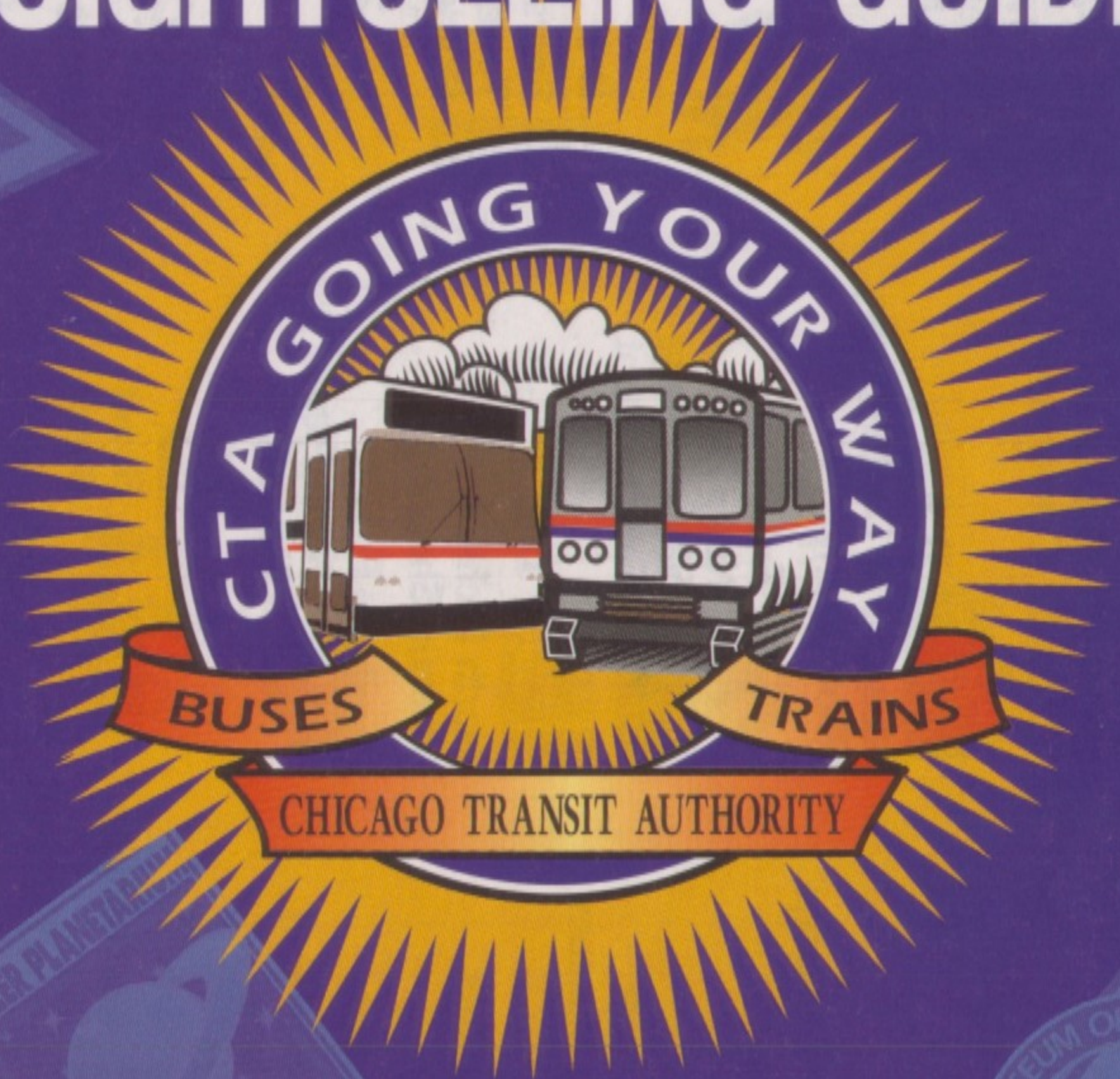


# **DOWNTOWN** **Transit** **SIGHTSEEING GUIDE**



**SUMMER, 1995**

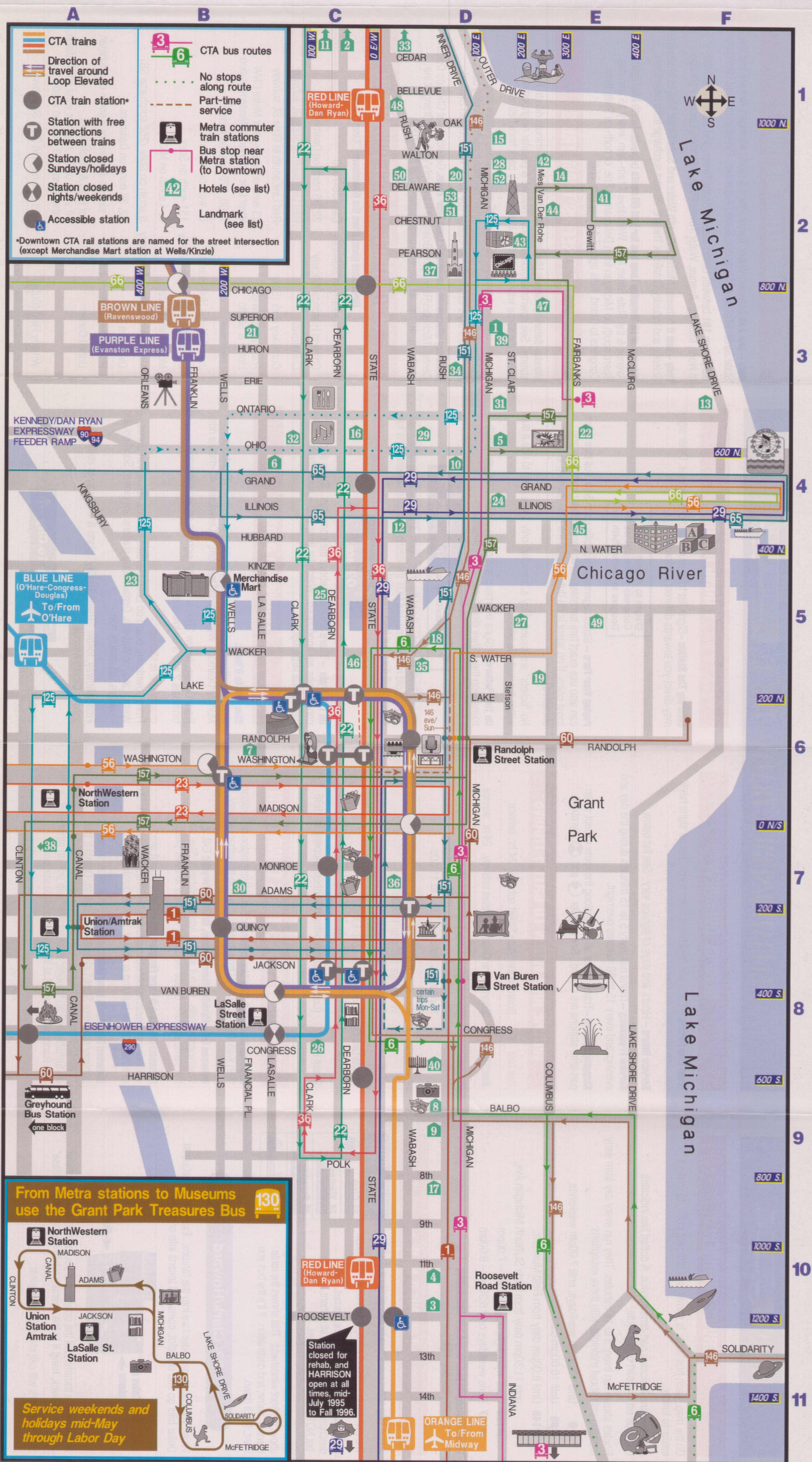
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# Downtown Attractions

Visitor Information Centers are located in the Cultural Center (at Michigan/Randolph) and the Old Water Tower (at Michigan/Chicago). Both are open daily.

<b>F-11</b> Adler Planetarium	<b>A-7</b> Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tours	<b>C-8</b> Harold Washington Library	<b>E-4</b> Museum of Contemporary Art	<b>C-4</b> River North Restaurants & Nightlife	<b>C-6</b> State of Illinois (Thompson) Center
<b>C-11</b> American Police Museum	<b>C-6</b> Daley Center & Picasso	<b>D-2</b> Here's Chicago Show	<b>D-9</b> Museum of Contemporary Photography	<b>D-1</b> Rush Street Nightlife	<b>F-11</b> Soldier Field
<b>D-7</b> Art Institute of Chicago	<b>E-11</b> Field Museum of Natural History	<b>B-3</b> International Cinema Museum	<b>F-4</b> Navy Pier/Skyline Stage Entertainment	<b>B-7</b> Sears Tower Skydeck	<b>C-6 C-7</b> State Street Mall Shopping
<b>E-8</b> Buckingham Fountain	<b>E-7</b> Grant Park Concerts	<b>D-6</b> Loop Tour Train	<b>D-2</b> North Michigan Avenue Shopping	<b>F-10</b> Shedd Aquarium	<b>E-8</b> Taste of Chicago (late June - early July)
<b>D-7</b> Chicago Architecture Foundation	<b>A-8</b> Greek Town	<b>E-11</b> McCormick Place	<b>F-4</b> North Pier Markets	<b>D-5 F-4 F-10</b> Sightseeing Boats	<b>Theatres (Live):</b>
<b>F-4</b> Chicago Children's Museum	<b>D-2</b> John Hancock Observatory	<b>B-5</b> Merchandise Mart	<b>E-1</b> Oak Street Beach	<b>D-8</b> Spertus Museum of Judaica	<b>Auditorium</b> <b>D-8</b> <b>Chicago</b> <b>C-6</b> <b>Goodman</b> <b>D-7</b> <b>Reskin</b> <b>D-9</b> <b>Schubert</b> <b>C-7</b>
<b>D-6</b> Chicago Cultural Center		<b>D-6</b> Museum of Broadcast Communications	<b>D-2</b> Old Water Tower		



## Alphabetical List of Downtown Hotels

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|---|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Allerton Hotel, D-3                          | <b>19</b> Fairmont Hotel Chicago, E-6          | <b>37</b> Park Hyatt, D-2                        |
| <b>2</b> Ambassador West, C-1                         | <b>20</b> Four Seasons Hotel, D-2              | <b>38</b> Quality Inn Downtown, A-7              |
| <b>3</b> Avenue Motel, D-10                           | <b>21</b> HoJo Inn, B-3                        | <b>39</b> Radisson Hotel and Suites Chicago, D-3 |
| <b>4</b> Best Western Grant Park Hotel, D-10          | <b>22</b> Holiday Inn Chicago City Centre, E-4 | <b>40</b> Ramada Congress Hotel, D-8             |
| <b>5</b> Best Western Inn Of Chicago, D-4             | <b>23</b> Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, A-5          | <b>41</b> Raphael Hotel, E-2                     |
| <b>6</b> Best Western River North Hotel, C-4          | <b>24</b> Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, D-4 | <b>42</b> Residence Inn By Marriott              |
| <b>7</b> Bismarck Hotel, B-6                          | <b>25</b> Hotel Nikko Chicago, C-5             | Downtown Chicago, E-2                            |
| <b>8</b> The Blackstone Hotel, D-9                    | <b>26</b> Hyatt on Printers Row, C-8           | <b>43</b> Ritz Carlton Chicago Hotel, D-2        |
| <b>9</b> Chicago Hilton and Towers, D-9               | <b>27</b> Hyatt Regency Chicago, D-5           | <b>44</b> The Seneca Hotel, E-2                  |
| <b>10</b> Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel, D-4        | <b>28</b> The Knickerbocker Chicago Hotel, D-2 | <b>45</b> Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, E-4 |
| <b>11</b> Claridge Hotel, C-1                         | <b>29</b> Lenox House Suites, D-4              | <b>46</b> Stouffer Renaissance Chicago, C-5      |
| <b>12</b> Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Chicago, D-4 | <b>30</b> Midland Hotel, B-7                   | <b>47</b> Summerfield Suites Hotel Chicago, E-3  |
| <b>13</b> Days Inn Lake Shore Drive, F-3              | <b>31</b> Motel 6, D-3                         | <b>48</b> The Sutton Place, D-1                  |
| <b>14</b> Double Tree Guest Suites-Chicago, E-2       | <b>32</b> Ohio House Motel, C-4                | <b>49</b> Swissotel Chicago, E-5                 |
| <b>15</b> The Drake Hotel, D-1                        | <b>33</b> Omni Ambassador East, D-1            | <b>50</b> The Talbot Hotel, D-2                  |
| <b>16</b> Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown, C-4        | <b>34</b> Omni Chicago Hotel, D-3              | <b>51</b> Tremont Hotel, D-2                     |
| <b>17</b> Essex Inn on Grant Park, D-9                | <b>35</b> Oxford House Hotel, D-5              | <b>52</b> Westin Hotel Chicago, D-2              |
| <b>18</b> Executive Plaza Hotel, D-5                  | <b>36</b> The Palmer House Hilton, D-7         | <b>53</b> Whitehall Hotel, D-2                   |



# INTRODUCTION

This is a simplified transit map of Chicago's downtown and North Michigan Avenue areas, showing:

- CTA bus routes which visitors use most
- CTA elevated/subway train routes (the 'L')
- Metra commuter train stations
- Major attractions & hotels

This map is available at hotels shown, Visitor Centers, O'Hare and Midway airports, or call the transit information number below.

**For transit information**, call 836-7000 (area codes 312, 708, 815). Open daily, 5am to 1am. Maps & brochures can be mailed.

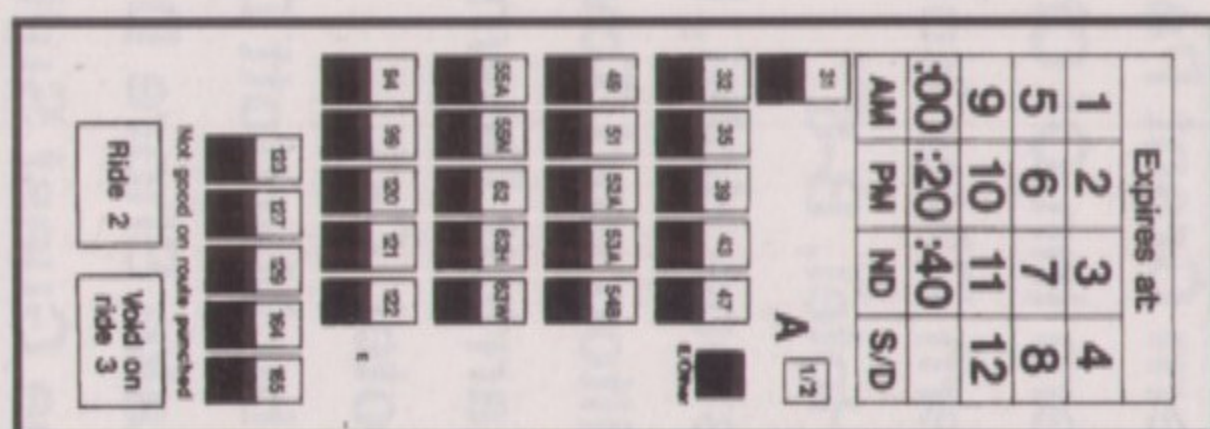
**For group trip planning information**, call CTA Marketing at (312) 664-7200 ext. 3376 weekdays 8:00am to 4:30pm.

**CTA is the best way to see Chicago. You can get to most major attractions on just one bus or train from downtown. Let's go!**

CTA FARES		FULL	REDUCED <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Cash Fares:</b>	Weekdays	\$1.50	\$ .75
	Weekends & major holidays	\$1.25	\$ .60
<b>Transfer <sup>(2)</sup></b>		\$ .25	\$ .10
<b>Express Surcharge</b> (#6 bus FROM downtown)		\$ .25	\$ .25
<b>Tokens <sup>(3)</sup></b>		10 for	20 for
<b>Save time &amp; money...your best fare deal!</b>		\$12.50	\$12.00

**(1) REDUCED FARES** are for children ages 7 through 11. Seniors 65 years and older and riders with disabilities must obtain a Chicago-area "RTA Reduced Fare Card" for reduced fares. This process takes 3 to 4 weeks. Call 836-7000.

**(2) TRANSFERS** allow two more rides within two hours, except on the route you started on. Purchase when you pay your fare.



**(3) TOKENS** are available at banks, currency exchanges, and Jewel and Dominick's food stores citywide. Call 836-7000. Full fare tokens are silver in color; reduced fare tokens are gold.



# BUSES



## SERVICE OVERVIEW

On the map, each bus route is shown in a different color, to make it easier to follow.

A dashed line indicates part-time service. A dotted line indicates no stops on that part of the route.

Routes shown run every 5 to 15 minutes. They run every day from early morning until about midnight, with these exceptions:

- #6** Until 10:30pm weekdays; until 7:00pm weekends
- #65** Until 10:00pm daily
- #146** Until 8:00pm daily from Field Museum;  
until 11:30pm daily from State St./North Michigan Ave.
- #125** Runs weekdays only 6:30am – 7:00pm
- #157** Runs weekdays only 6:30am – 9:00pm

**These downtown bus routes are accessible:**

1, 3, 22, 29, 56, 60, 151.



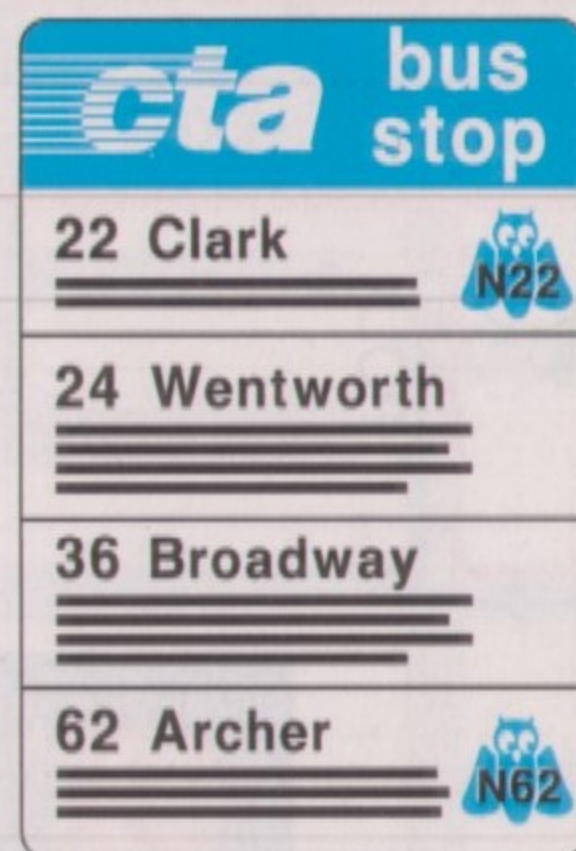
## TAKING A RIDE

Buses stop about every two blocks, at signs like this:

The owl symbol means all-night service on that route.

These signs show the numbers, names, and descriptions of routes which stop there, but NOT the direction of travel.

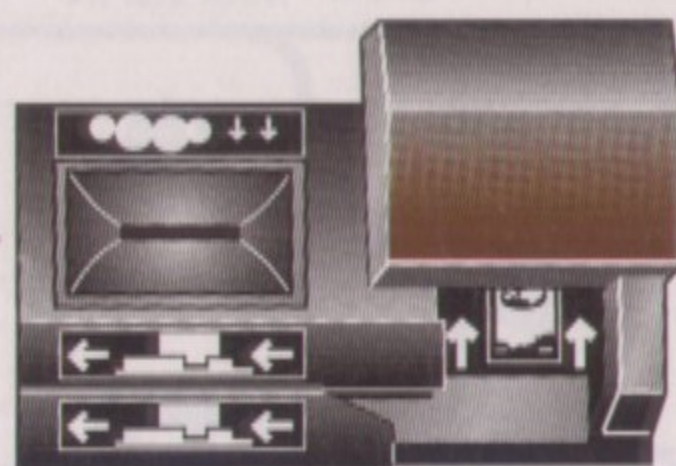
When a bus approaches, read the destination sign above the front windshield. This shows the route number, name, and destination. If it's the bus you want, flag it down.



### 22 Clark/Howard

When you board, pay your fare into the farebox. Exact fare is required. Dollar bills go into one slot, coins and tokens into another.

Coins and  
tokens →



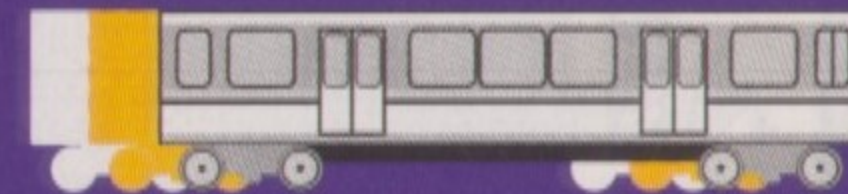
← Dollar bills

If you need a transfer, tell the operator. If you already have a transfer and want it back, hand it to the operator while saying "return please".

Bus operators will call stops upon request.



# ELEVATED/SUBWAY TRAINS--THE 'L'





## SERVICE OVERVIEW

**Train Line Names** – Each line now has a color name, but as signs have not been changed, old route names are also shown.

**Service Hours** – Hours and days of service vary. See list below.

**Service Frequency** – Trains run every 5 to 15 minutes during the day and evening, and every 15 to 30 minutes overnight.

**Stopping Pattern** – Trains make all stops along the route except when part-time stations are closed. See map for  and  symbols.

## WHERE AND WHEN TO CATCH TRAINS

<b>Red Line</b>	Board in the State Street subway. 24 hr. service
<b>Blue Line</b>	Board in the Dearborn Street subway. 24 hr. service
<b>Orange Line</b>	Board on the Loop Elevated Weekdays & Saturdays 5:30a to 11:30p Sundays & Holidays 7:55a to 11:30p
<b>Brown Line</b>	Board on the Loop Elevated Weekdays 5:25a to 10:00p Saturdays 6:15a to 8:00p
<b>Purple Line Exp.</b>	Board on the Loop Elevated Weekdays 7:05a to 10:00a & 3:40p to 6:05p
<b>Green Line</b>	(Loop Elevated) being rehabbed; reopens in 1996

## FREE TRAIN CONNECTIONS DOWNTOWN

**Between Red Line & Blue Line subways:** Exit at Washington or Jackson, then walk DOWNSTAIRS from train platform to the other subway.


**Between Loop Elevated lines (Brown, Orange, Purple):** Exit at Washington/Wells, Clark/Lake, or Adams/Wabash. Stay on the same platform or use overhead walkway to other platform.

**Between Blue Line & Loop Elevated lines:** Exit at Clark/Lake; walk or use elevators between subway & elevated stations thru State of Illinois Center building or 203 N. LaSalle building.

**Between Red Line & Loop Elevated lines:** Exit at Washington/State subway station or State/Lake elevated station. Obtain a free "train-to-train" transfer from specially-marked turnstiles. Push button on turnstile and go through; transfer will "pop up" on other side. Use Randolph/Lake exit at Washington/State station.

## TAKING A RIDE


**Entering The Station** – Signs list train routes and destinations. Other signs may direct you towards different platforms.

O'Hare to Airport   
Congress to Desplaines Av  
Douglas to Cermak/54th Av

**Paying Your Fare** – Station agents accept bills up to \$10. Full fare riders can also use exact fare turnstiles, which accept full fare tokens and most coins. If no agent is on duty, pay on the train (bills up to \$5 accepted).

No "tickets" are issued. Buy a "transfer" only if you need to ride a bus within the next two hours.

**On The Platform** – Signs overhead and on the columns tell you which trains stop there, their directions, and destinations.

← Trains to West Side  
Congress-Douglas      Trains northwest  
to O'Hare  →

**When A Train Arrives** – Read the train signs. They show the route color and the old route name, but NOT the destination. Use station signs for direction. If it's your train, board it!

Congress  
O'Hare

**On The Train** – There are maps above the doorways. Stops and connections are announced. Watch for your stop – each station has several large signs.

## TRAINS TO PLANES

### Blue Line to O'Hare:

From downtown, board in subway stations at Jackson/Dearborn, Monroe/Dearborn, Washington/Dearborn, & Clark/Lake. 40-minute ride.

From O'Hare, follow "Trains To City" signs to station (between terminals 2 and 3 on lower level).

### Orange Line to Midway:

From downtown, board on Loop Elevated stations above Van Buren, Wells, Lake, or Wabash. Certain Loop stations are closed Sundays and Holidays. 30-minute ride.

From Midway, follow "Trains To City" signs & walkway to station, across Cicero Avenue.

 Trains To City ↑



## SIGHTSEEING BUS TRIPS

**Daily – bus 146** between Water Tower Place & North Michigan Avenue and the State Street Mall, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Planetarium, and lakefront.

**Daily – bus 151** between Union Station, Sears Tower, and State Street Mall to North Michigan Avenue, Water Tower Place, lakefront, Lincoln Park Zoo.

**Daily – bus 6** between Michigan/South Water and State Street Mall to Museum of Science and Industry/Omnimax Theatre. 25 cent surcharge from downtown.

**Ride the #15 Shopping Loop bus for just 50 cents** between North Michigan Avenue & the State Street Mall. Weekdays 11am-2pm, every 15 minutes. Board south on Michigan from Delaware to Erie, or north on State from Congress to Grand. Kids ages 7-11 pay only 25¢!

## SIGHTSEEING TRAIN TRIPS

**Monday-Saturday: Brown Line from Loop Elevated;** 20-minute ride to Belmont station. See downtown, loft districts, historic & popular neighborhoods. Return the same way or take Red Line subway back from Belmont.

**Daily: Orange Line from Loop Elevated;** 25-minute ride to Pulaski station. See the skyline, industrial districts, ethnic neighborhoods. Coming back, exit at our 1890's style Quincy/Wells station (by Sears Tower/Union Station).

**Saturday afternoons (summer): Loop Tour Train.** Get tickets at Chicago Cultural Center (Michigan/Randolph). Board at Randolph/Wabash (Orange Line platform). 40-minute ride with commentary. Call 836-7000.

## DESTINATIONS OUTSIDE DOWNTOWN

### Directions given from the downtown ("Loop") area

Chicago Academy of Sciences	Call 836-7000
Chicago Historical Society	22, 36 north on Dearborn
Chinatown	Red Line south in State St. subway
Comiskey Park (Sox)	Red Line south in State St. subway
Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio	23 west on Madison or Metra CNW West Line from Northwestern Station
Greektown	7, 60, 126 west on Adams
Jane Addams Hull-House	60 west on Adams
Lincoln Park Zoo/Conservatory	151 north on State
McCormick Place	3, 4 south on Michigan
Museum of Science & Industry	6 south on State (25¢ surcharge SB)
Old Town	22, 36 north on Dearborn
Prairie Avenue mansions	1 east on Jackson or 3 south on Michigan
United Center	For Bulls & Blackhawks, 19 south on Michigan or west on Madison. Other events: 20 west on Madison.
Wrigley Field (Cubs)	Red Line north in State St. subway