

# Taking Chicago public transportation from O'Hare airport to Radisson Blu or Swissotel for #AMERSA2024

## Why Take Public Transportation?

- This is by far the most environmentally friendly way that you can travel across Chicago.
- It is less expensive than taking an Uber or Lyft.
- It often does not take any longer due to Chicago traffic which makes driving quite slow.
- Give it a try! You will be doing the earth a favor and you will feel very accomplished once you have done it!

## How to Take Public Transportation

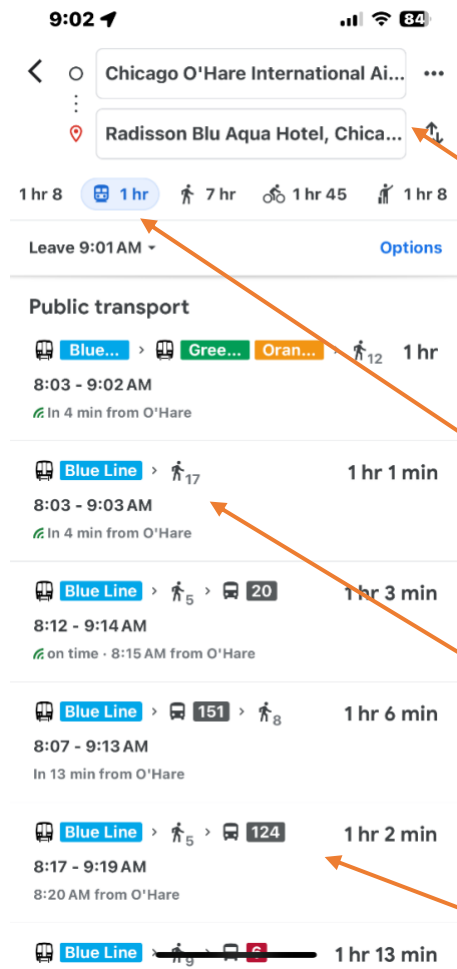
The instructions below are an example to help familiarize you with how to use Chicago's public transit system. Your times/options will vary depending on your arrival time. (You can also use a similar process from the Chicago Midway Airport.)

See <https://www.transitchicago.com/fares/> for additional information on fare costs, schedules, maps, etc.

1. When you arrive at the airport, we suggest you use one of the map apps on your phone (e.g. Google maps or Apple maps) to find the available transit options.
2. Enter the name of your hotel and select the icon to display the available public transit options (see the example from Google maps to the right.)
3. You will see multiple options for public transportation. Many will start with a ride on the Chicago metro, called the "L". Conveniently, the L Blue line comes directly to the O'Hare airport. Examine the options and tap any option to see the details for that trip.

Things to consider when picking the best transit option.

- The total time of the journey.
- How many times you would have to change trains or change to a bus.
- How far you will have to walk at any point in the journey.



Type the name of hotel where you will be staying

Click on the little train icon in order to see public transportation

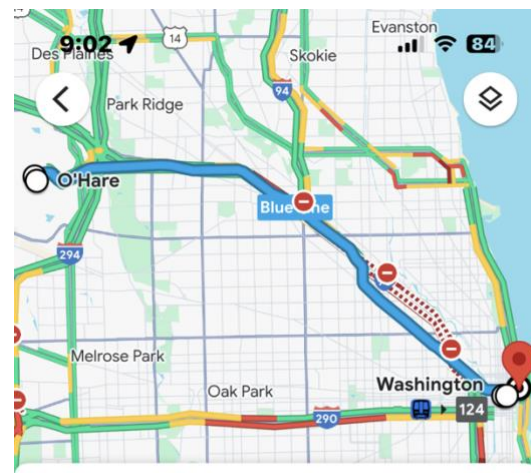
You might select this option if you preferred to walk to avoid a transfer to a bus

You might select this option, based on total time to minimize walking time with a suitcase

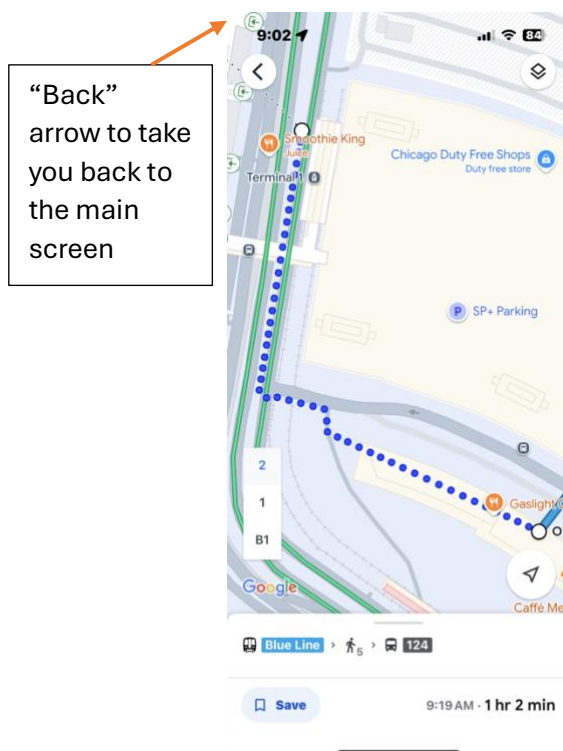
## Example Route

Tapping your preferred option will pull up a screen that displays a map of the route and gives step-by-step directions for your journey. See below for an example of one potential route.

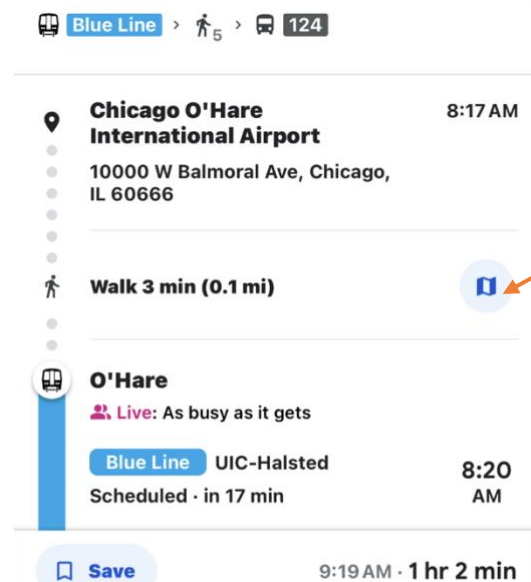
1. Walk from the baggage claim area 3 minutes to the Blue line. There will be signs for the train, or ask any airport personnel. You can also tap the small blue icon (see picture to the right) next to "Walk 3 min" and it will open a detailed map of where to walk (see below). You can also track your progress on the app to make sure that you're walking in the right direction.
2. Once you arrive at the Blue line, use the "back" arrow at the upper left of the screen (see below) to return to your detailed route directions.



Tapping this icon will open a detailed map instructing you where to walk, and tracking your progress



"Back" arrow to take you back to the main screen



Save

9:19 AM · 1 hr 2 min

3. Before you board the Blue line, buy a ticket from a ticket machine in the terminal, using a credit card. Follow the instruction on the machine to buy a metro card. (Useful tip: you can either buy a single trip card valid for 3 trips/2hrs or a card that can be loaded with additional fare to use later in the week. See <https://www.transitchicago.com/fares/> for details on fare costs.) Alternatively, some metro stations are now equipped with a machine on the platform turn-style that allows you to simply tap your smart phone to automatically charge your fare via an app such as "Apple pay" that has been preloaded with your credit card information.

4. Board the Blue line. In this example (to the right) you would board the Blue Line in the direction of "UIC-Halsted".

5. Follow the directions to determine where to get off of the train. In this example, you would ride 17 stops for about 42 minutes. You would then get off at the Washington exit. If you want to see each stop listed to follow along on your journey, tap "Ride 17 stops", and a list of the remaining stops will appear.

6. Once you arrive at the Washington St. Station, follow the signs to exit via N. Dearborn St.

7. Tap on the map icon on the right of the "walk" instructions, for detailed instructions for your 5-minute walk to "Washington & State" to catch the bus.

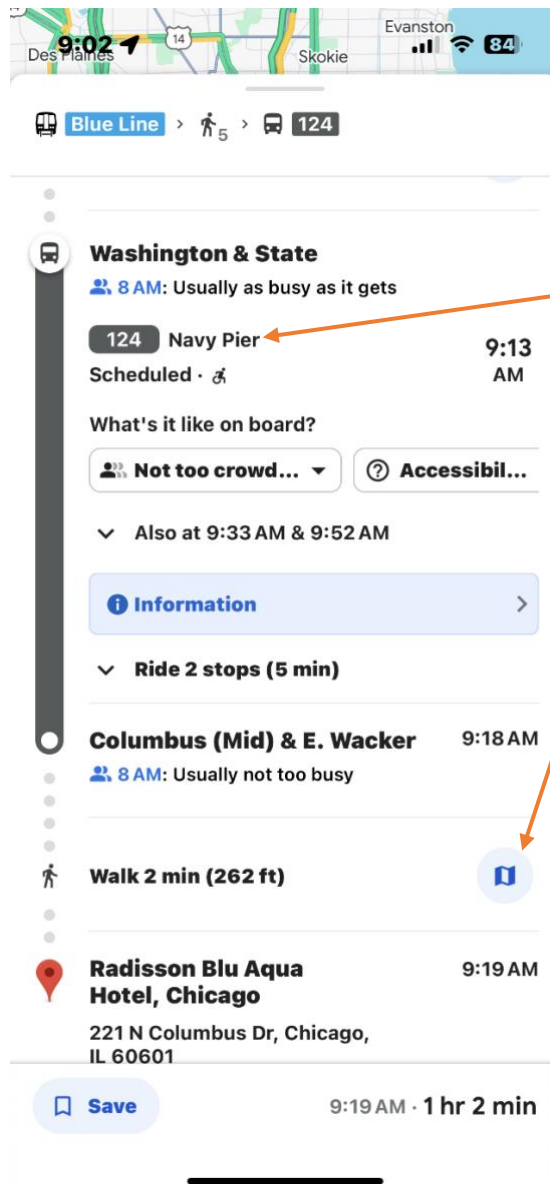
Note: You could also walk 0.7 miles to the hotel after departing the train station.

Take the Blue line metro in the direction of UIC Halsted (it will say this on signs on the platform and usually also on the train itself)

Ride 17 stops and get off at the Washington exit. Follow signs in order to leave the terminal via N. Dearborn St.

Again, tap the map icon to open a map that shows you exactly where to walk for 5 minutes to the bus stop. Then use the "back" button to return back to this screen.

8. Catch the 124 bus toward Navy Pier (see to the right).
9. Ride for two stops, and get off at the Columbus (Mid) & E. Wacker stop.
10. Walk two minutes to the entrance of the hotel!
11. You made it! Congratulations!



Take the 124 bus toward Navy Pier. Ride for 2 stops and get off at the Columbus (Mid) & E. Wacker exit.

Open the map by clicking the map icon, and walk 2 minutes to the hotel!