



Lisa says... Terrific Transit

You do not need a car to get to the diverse neighborhoods and fun sights of the "Windy City." Chicago is a great city to get around by train, bus and walking. Take our subway, called the "L", and our buses to reach every corner of the city.

Public Transit is a Terrific Way to See the City! \$2.00/ride



PASS

Visitor Pass: Save Money and Time. CTA Visitor Passes give you unlimited rides on all CTA trains and buses starting at the time the first trip is taken. Visitors Passes for \$5 (1-Day), \$9 (2-Day), \$12 (3-Day), \$18 (5-Day) are available at the hostel. Check out [CTA's website](http://www.transitchicago.com) for more info: www.transitchicago.com



the "L"

CTA L Trains: "L" is short for elevated train. Station names refer to the street that the train crosses. HI-Chicago is in the center of downtown, close to all train lines:

- **RED** line stop at Jackson
- **ORANGE BROWN** and **PURPLE** line stop at Library
- **GREEN** line stop at Adams/Wabash
- **BLUE** line stop at LaSalle



bus

CTA Buses: The bus system in Chicago is extensive and surprisingly easy to use. Grab a window seat and enjoy the unique, close-up vantage point of the passing neighborhoods. All major streets have a bus route. At the hostel, ask at the information desk when you arrive for more information.

Explore the Suburbs and the Indiana Dunes!



METRA

Metra: Metra is the regional commuter train. Metra serves the Chicago suburbs. Some lines go as far as Indiana and Wisconsin. Timetables are found in Metra stations or at the hostel. For more information about Metra trains visit www.metrail.com.



rail

South Shore Line: Going to Indiana for fun in the sun and a stop at the dunes? The South Shore InterUrban electric rail service takes you there. Timetables can be found at South Shore stations or at the hostel. For more information about the South Shore Line, visit: www.nictd.com

Easy to get into the city from Chicago's Airports!



FLY

O'Hare Airport: At O'Hare follow the signs for CTA, trains to city, go to the lower level of Terminal 2 and buy a \$2.00 ticket or a Visitor Pass. Take the **BLUE** line to LaSalle station. Walk 3 blocks east on Congress Parkway to hostel, 24 East Congress. O'Hare Airport info: www.flychicago.com/ohare/home.asp



FLY

Midway Airport: Follow signs to CTA Orange line. Buy a visitor pass or put \$2.00 on a transit card. Take the **ORANGE** line to Library stop, walk east to State, turn right and walk 1 block south to Congress, turn left and the hostel is 1/2 way up the block. Midway info: www.flychicago.com/midway/home.asp

AMTRAK, Greyhound, megabus - all close to the hostel!



AMTRAK

AMTRAK: You arrive at Union Station. Find CTA bus #126 on Jackson going east. Get off at State and walk 2 blocks south to Congress, turn left and the hostel is 1/2 way up the block. Taxi is \$10 to hostel. For more AMTRAK info: www.amtrak.com



bus

Greyhound bus station: Walk one block north to the Clinton **BLUE** line L stop, take the train in the direction of O'Hare and get off one stop later at LaSalle. You can walk, about 20 minutes, 8 blocks east on Congress Parkway to the hostel. Taxi is \$10 to hostel. Greyhound info: www.greyhound.com



bus

megabus: Intercity bus service in the Midwest. You arrive at Union Station. Find CTA bus #126 on Jackson going east. Get off at State and walk 2 blocks south to Congress, turn left and the hostel is 1/2 way up the block. For more megabus info: www.megabus.com/us

Take a taxi - great option when you are tired



zoom!

Taxi: All taxis have meters. A taxi from O'Hare to the hostel is about \$40 plus tip, and from Midway it's about \$30 plus tip. You pay a base amount of, \$2.25 for the first 1/9 mile. Each additional 1/9th of a mile is \$0.20 and every 36 seconds of time adds an additional \$0.20. The flat fee for the first additional passenger is \$1.00, the flat fee for each additional passenger is \$0.50.

