

# TIPS AND TRICKS FOR GETTING TO GEMS 2020 CONFERENCE

## From Chicago O'Hare Airport

All travel from airport to the campus of Wheaton College is the responsibility of the conference attendee. There is not a shuttle provided for you. The following information is available to help you determine which form of transportation you would like to use from the airport.

### TAXIS

Getting to and from O'Hare International Airport by taxi is both easy and convenient.

### Leaving O'Hare

There are Taxi Stands at the lower level curb front (outside of Baggage Claim) at each terminal. Taxi service is available to Chicago and suburban destinations. Please make sure to use the designated Taxi Stands to ensure you have a licensed driver. For your protection, do not accept rides from drivers outside the cab stand or on the departure level (second level) of the terminal roadways. All taxis should have a working meter to calculate the fare based on time and mileage.

Fares are based on traffic conditions, but an average fare from O'Hare to downtown Chicago is \$30-40

For current fare information, please check the City of Chicago taxi passenger information website at [cityofchicago.org](http://cityofchicago.org)

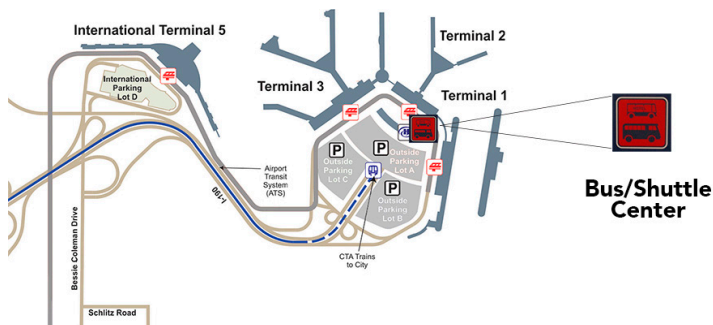
For wheelchair accessible vehicles, please call 1-855-WAV-1010

Shared ride service is available to those who wish to share a ride and pay a flat rate to certain destinations if multiple parties are available for the trip. Shared ride fares from O'Hare include:

Downtown (\$24 per person)

McCormick Place (\$24 per person)

Midway International Airport (\$37 per person)



### Going to O'Hare

If you are taking a taxi to O'Hare from Chicago and are not located in an area where taxis are readily available, the list of taxi companies and phone numbers below may be useful to schedule a pick up.

For suburban pick up, contact your local cab company.

**American United Cab Association** 773-327-6161

**Blue Ribbon Association, Inc.** 773-508-9100

**Checker Taxi Association, Inc.** 312-243-2537

**Chicago Carriage Cab** 312-326-2221

**Choice Taxi Association** 773-338-9503

**5 Star Taxi Association, Inc.** 773-866-9933

**Flash Cab Company** 773-561-1444

**Globe Taxi Association, Inc.** 773-725-6500

**Gold Coast Taxi Association** 773-271-0163

**King Drive Cab Affiliation** 773-488-8000

**KOAM Taxi Association** 773-973-3535

**Royal 3 CCC Chicago Taxi Association** 312-326-2221

**Service Taxi Association, Inc.** 773-262-2211

**Sun Taxi Association, Inc.** 773-736-3883

**24 Seven Taxi Affiliation** 773-878-8294

**Yellow Cab Affiliation, Inc.** 773-907-0020

## RIDESHARE

A Rideshare company provides pre-arranged transportation services for compensation through an Internet-enabled application or digital platform to connect passengers with drivers of vehicles for hire. Downloading the UBER or LYFT app ahead of time and getting your information put in it is really helpful for making travel smooth.

Loading zones for Rideshare services are at the following locations:

**Terminal 2** - waiting area Upper Level between Door 2A and Door 2D

**Terminal 5** - waiting area Lower Level Door 5C  
Uber Black and Uber Taxi will pick up on the Lower Level. For more information about the Rideshare program, please visit the City of Chicago website.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

There are a few different public transportation options that make O'Hare International Airport easily accessible. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is the most economical option. Passengers may also utilize the Metra and Pace Bus routes.

### CTA Blue Line

The CTA offers both train and bus service throughout the City of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. The trains in Chicago are known as the "L," and the Blue Line trains are the easiest and most affordable way to get to O'Hare via public transit.

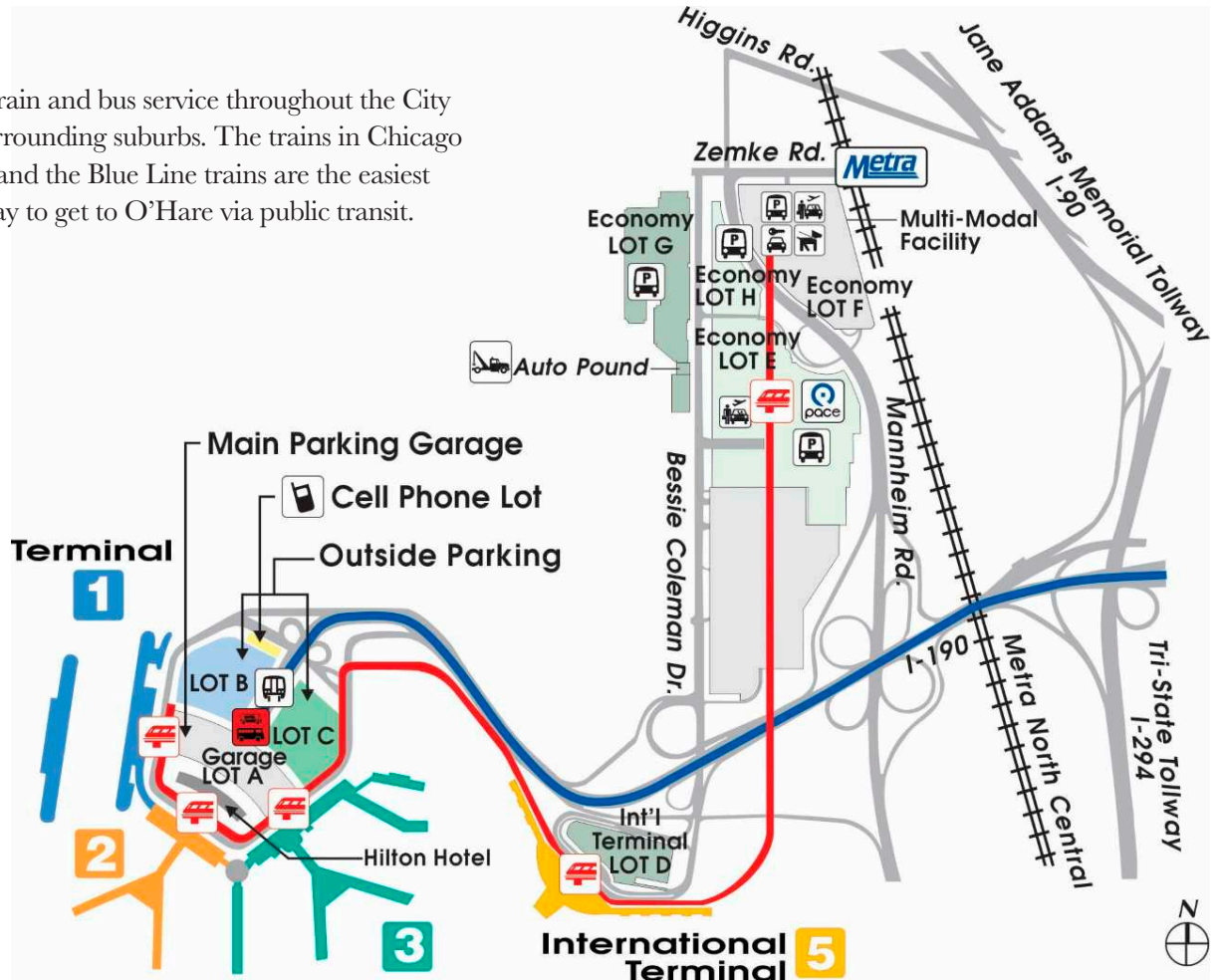
The Blue Line offers 24 hour service with more frequent service during weekday morning and evening rush hours. You can also connect to most other CTA lines through the Blue Line. With regularly scheduled arriving and departing trains, you will experience minimal wait times.

To see the most up-to-date schedule and timetable, visit the CTA website <https://www.transitchicago.com/blueline/#timetable>

**Location** - Lower level of the parking garage.

**Directions** - You can walk through the pedestrian tunnel at each domestic terminal to reach the station. Just follow the "Trains to City" on the overhead wayfinding signs.

**Payment** - You can purchase fare with cash or credit. There are vending machines located outside the station. For additional information on the CTA, or to view the CTA's trip planning tools and information, visit their website <https://www.transitchicago.com>



# From Chicago Midway Airport

## TAXIS

Getting to and from Midway International Airport by taxi is both easy and convenient.

### Leaving Midway

Taxi stands are located on the lower level curbside of the terminals, and taxis are available on a first come, first serve basis. To ensure you have a licensed taxi driver, please be sure to use the taxi stands. For your protection, do not accept rides from drivers outside the cab stand or in the departure area of the terminal roadways. All taxis should have a working meter to calculate the fare based on time and mileage.

Fares are based on traffic conditions, but an average fare from Midway to downtown Chicago is \$35-40.

For current fare information, please check the City of Chicago taxi passenger information website.

For wheelchair accessible vehicles, please call: Open Taxis 855-928-1010

Shared ride service is available to those who wish to share a ride and pay a flat rate to certain destinations if multiple parties are available for the trip. Shared ride fares from Midway include:

Downtown (\$18 per person)

McCormick Place (\$18 per person)

O'Hare International Airport (\$35 per person)

### Going to Midway

If you are taking a taxi to Midway from Chicago and are not located in an area where taxis are readily available, the list of taxi companies and phone numbers near the bottom of this page may be useful to schedule a pick up.

For suburban pick up, contact your local cab company.

## RIDESHARE

A Rideshare company provides prearranged transportation services for compensation through an Internet-enabled application or digital platform to connect passengers with drivers of vehicles for hire.

The loading zone for rideshare services is on the Lower Level Outside of Baggage Claim, Door 4.

For more information about the Rideshare program, please visit the [City of Chicago website](#).

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