

Transportation To/From Congress: Public Transportation Details **REVISED 7.26.17**



Conference Facility Address:

Student Center West (SCW) – (UIC Building 938) 828 South Wolcott Avenue, Chicago IL 60612

NOTE: the “South Wolcott” is very important. There is a North Wolcott with the same address, two miles away.



Street view of Student Center West (on Wolcott facing West)

Dorms Address:

Polk Street Residence Hall (PSRH) – (UIC Building 937) 1933 West Polk Street, Chicago IL 60612



Street view of Polk Street Residence Hall (from Polk St facing South)

TAKING METRA (commuter train):

From Chicago O'Hare Airport:

Take Metra to Union Station + Taxi:

Travelers coming from O'Hare International Airport terminals can use the O'Hare Transfer Station to access Metra's North Central Service trains to downtown.

Tickets can be purchased from the conductor on the train.

Fare to Union Station = \$6

Taxi fare from Union Station to Conference Facility/Dorms = \$7 to \$12

1. Take an Airport Transit System shuttle bus to economy parking Lot E
2. Take another shuttle bus from Lot E to the O'Hare Transfer Station

Shuttle Bus Times:

- 5:00 am to 11:00 pm: shuttle buses run between Lot E and the O'Hare Transfer Station every 5-7 min
 - 11:00 pm to 5:00 am: shuttle buses run continuously between Lot E and the O'Hare Transfer Station based on passenger needs
3. **Take North Central Service Line (NCS) to Union Station** (approx. 45 mins)
Schedule [here](#).
 4. Take a taxi from Union Station to conference facility/dorms (approx. 10 mins)

TAKING THE CTA "L" (elevated train):

Please use this option only if you feel comfortable riding public transportation and walking in large cities alone with luggage. It is recommended that you ride during business hours when you will be among business commuters and students. Avoid early morning/late night travel when few people are around. Tourists with luggage can be "targets" for crime.

From Chicago O'Hare Airport:

Take CTA "L" Blue Line from O'Hare towards Forest Park + Walk:

Call CTA with any questions and for updated schedules: 312-836-7000

Location in airport: Lower level of Terminal 2.

You can purchase fare with cash or credit from vending machines.

Fare to IMD Station (CTA Single Ride Ventra Ticket) = \$5

On the Blue Line, the recommended destination station is Illinois Medical District (IMD), which has 3 street entrances (Damen, Ogden, Paulina).

**NEW: The IMD OGDEN ENTRANCE WILL CLOSE FRI JULY 28 ([SEE NOTICE](#)).
USE THE DAMEN AVE ENTRANCE.**

1. **Take CTA "L" Blue Line from O'Hare towards Forest Park**
Schedule [here](#).
2. Exit the train at your destination, **Illinois Medical District (IMD)** (approx. 50 min)
3. **Walk to Damen Ave entrance/exit (west)**

4. Walk to conference facility/dorms
 - a. Walk south on Damen to Polk Street
 - b. Take left on W. Polk St:
 - i. **On your right, you will pass the dormitories we will be using:**
SSR (Single Student Residence) and PSRH (Polk Street Residence Hall)
 - c. To continue to the conference center, SCW (Student Center West):
 - i. Continue on Polk Street one block
 - ii. Turn right onto S. Wolcott. Student West Center will be on your right.

From Midway International Airport:

Take CTA "L" Orange Line to Loop + Transfer to CTA "L" Pink Line + Walk

Call CTA with any questions and for updated schedules: 312-836-7000

Location in airport: The fully-accessible station is located just east of the airport terminal building at the Midway Transportation Center and is connected to the airport via an enclosed walkway. Follow the signs in the airport that read "CTA Trains" or "Trains to City." An orange line painted on the ground will guide you to the station.

You can purchase fare with cash or credit from vending machines.

Fare to Polk Street Station (CTA Single Ride Ventra Ticket) = \$3

1. **Take CTA "L" Orange Line from Midway towards Loop** (approx. 30 min)
Schedule [here](#).
2. **Exit at Washington/Wells Station**
3. **Transfer to CTA "L" Pink Line towards 54th/Cermak**
Orange and Pink Lines should be on same level, but check with staff.
Schedule [here](#).
4. **Exit at destination Polk St Station (1713 West Polk)** (approx. 10 min)
View of Polk Street Station on Polk Street below.



- a. Walk down approx. 1-2 flights of stairs to Polk Street; (on return, you will walk up stairs)
5. Walk to conference facility/dorms (0.3 miles)
 - a. Head west on Polk Street
 - i. For Student Center West, turn left on Wolcott (building will be on your right)
 - ii. For Polk Street Residence Hall, continue on Polk St (dorms will be on your left)

See [MAP](#)