

TRANSPORTATION

Airports

The world loves to visit Chicago and when they do they usually touch ground 20 miles northwest of the city center at O'Hare International Airport. As one of the busiest airline hubs in the world, O'Hare processes some 2,500 flights a day (that's almost 2 per minute if you're keeping score). In a year that's about 70 million travellers. And those travelers have recently voted O'Hare "Best Airport in North America". The airport was named in honor of Edward "Butch" O'Hare, a young naval hero from Chicago who was killed in World War II.

South of the city is the smaller but growing Midway International Airport. In recent years, Midway has gone through major renovations doubling the airport's public space featuring the grand New Terminal.

Railroads

The railroad has played a bigger role in the success of building Chicago than arguably any other factor. So, Chicago is not about to abandon the rhythm of the rails. What's more romantic than boarding a night train called "The City of New

Orleans" bound for the Big Easy from Union Station? Amtrak will also gladly carry all aboard back home to the Windy City. And by the way, Chicago - not New Orleans - is where that classic folk song was written.



▲ Chicago Police officers at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on their Segway Human Transporters (AP Photo/Brian Kersey)



▲ Commuters ride Amtrak's Hiawatha train from Milwaukee to Chicago (AP Photo/Journal Times, Mark Hertzberg)