

# COMMON GOOD

## Major Highways



There is arguably no city in America more pivotally located than Chicago. From the days of **French voyageurs** to the age of **canals**, from **railroads** to **airplanes**, Chicago has been a central hub in virtually every transportation era. Today, as always, all roads do indeed lead to Chicago. It's good thing, too, because locals now consider the automobile as a favorite way to get around. Cross-country **Interstate I-90** converges with **I-94** and **I-57** on the Southside before waltzing through town and exiting to the north. Various expressways emanate like spokes from the central hub of the city to link with **I-294**, giving the system the appearance of one of Ignaz Schwinn's famous bicycle tires.

## Major Expressways

- I-57
- I-290
- Calumet
- Dan Ryan
- Edens
- Eisenhower
- John F. Kennedy
- Kingery
- Adlai Stevenson

## City Layout

Since 1830 when civil engineer **James Thompson** first platted the town, Chicago has been one of America's most smartly designed locales. The vast majority of streets run North/South or East/West, creating a neat grid-work that is easy to navigate. Armed with the knowledge that there are eight blocks to the mile in most of Chicago, and that major intersections occur every four blocks, even visitors can get just about anywhere in the city. Residents know that numerical addresses are referenced from the corner of **State** and **Madison**

Streets, and can usually pinpoint a location when given a number. Here's a hint: 800 North, 1600 West will put you 1 mile north of Madison and 2 miles west of State. Got it? Good.

