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EXECUTIVE RISK DASHBOARD

CATEGORY	STATUS	EXECUTIVE IMPACT
Overall Executive Travel Risk	ELEVATED	VIP movement, major road closures, multiple demonstrations, large events and an unresolved downtown hotel strike threat create above-normal routing volatility.
Demonstration / Public Order	ELEVATED	Verified protest activity is scheduled near Millennium Park and Medinah; other secondary listings require independent confirmation.
Weather	LOW	Dry and generally favorable today with light winds and temperatures rising into the mid-to-upper 60s.
Ground Transportation	ELEVATED	Half Marathon closures affect the South Lakefront; Medinah Road remains restricted; Milwaukee Avenue pedestrianization and event traffic add localized pressure.
Air Travel	MODERATE	Weather risk is low, but expected presidential movement through O'Hare and VIP airspace/security measures can create short-notice holds or ground-access restrictions.
Protective Intelligence	ELEVATED	No verified executive-specific threat identified; the operational risk is concentrated in access compression, crowd interaction and unpredictable law-enforcement restrictions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chicago executive-travel risk is assessed as **ELEVATED** for Sunday, September 27. The dominant operational issue is the convergence of the Life Time Chicago Half Marathon's South Lakefront closures, the Presidents Cup final day at Medinah with expected presidential attendance, and multiple public-order events. A verified animal-welfare protest is scheduled outside Harris Theater at 205 E. Randolph from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; local reporting also describes competing demonstrations near Medinah during the morning. Downtown hotel workers at 46 properties have authorized strikes, but no citywide walkout was verified at publication. Weather is favorable. Citizen and activist-calendar items are treated as preliminary unless corroborated.

WEATHER & OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Current: About 53 F and mostly clear near 7:00 a.m. CDT.

Sunday: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy, high in the mid-to-upper 60s; light northerly to northeasterly wind. No severe-weather signal.

Monday: Mostly sunny, high near 68 F. **Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, high near 73 F; shower/thunderstorm chances increase after midnight into Wednesday.

Protective posture: Weather should not constrain movement today. Preserve time margin for closures, VIP activity and event traffic rather than for meteorological conditions.

AIR TRAVEL & AIRPORT ACCESS

O'Hare (ORD): No material weather driver is expected this morning. Local reporting says the President is expected to arrive at O'Hare before traveling to Medinah. VIP/security movements can generate short-notice ramp, roadway or airspace restrictions; exact routes and timing may change.

Midway (MDW): No comparable VIP movement was identified and weather is benign. Normal airline/airport variability still applies.

Assessment: Air-travel risk is **MODERATE**. Reconfirm flight-specific status and FAA/airport conditions immediately before movement; do not rely on a static morning snapshot.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION & DOWNTOWN ACCESS

CORRIDOR / AREA	CURRENT CONDITION / EXECUTIVE IMPACT
Michigan Avenue / Millennium Park	Harris Theater protest at 205 E. Randolph is scheduled 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Expect localized police/pedestrian activity around Randolph, Columbus, Michigan and Millennium Park access points.
DuSable Lake Shore Drive / South Lakefront	Chicago Half Marathon: DLSD closes from 31st to 67th beginning 6:00 a.m., with multiple Hyde Park/Kenwood cross-street closures through late morning. Avoid South Lakefront through-routing until closures clear.
I-190 / Kennedy Expressway - ORD transfer	Expected presidential arrival at O'Hare creates potential for rolling law-enforcement restrictions on airport access or escorted routes. Exact route and timing are not public; stage a viable alternate before principal movement.
Medinah / western suburbs	Presidents Cup final day and presidential attendance increase traffic and security screening. Medinah Road is closed/restricted between Irving Park Road and Lake Street during tournament operations; preserve large time margins.
West Loop / Milwaukee Avenue / Union Park	International Festival of Life continues at Union Park; Randolph Street Market runs 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. "Meet Me on Milwaukee" closes Milwaukee Ave from North/Damen to Ashland to vehicles 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Dan Ryan / Stevenson / South Side	White Sox-Rockies at Rate Field begins 2:10 p.m. Half Marathon closures can displace traffic west toward interior arterials. Stevenson remains the primary downtown-MDW corridor when clear; reconfirm before airport transfers.

ROUTE CONFIRMATION

Reconfirm routes immediately before every movement. Use Chicago Traffic Tracker, City/OEMC advisories, IDOT/Travel Midwest, CTA alerts and driver reconnaissance. Build at least 45-60 minutes of contingency for ORD/Medinah or South Lakefront movements while VIP/race restrictions are active.

DOWNTOWN PROTEST / LABOR ACTIVITY

TIME / STATUS	LOCATION	PRELIMINARY DETAILS / EXECUTIVE IMPACT
VERIFIED ORGANIZER 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St.	Mercy For Animals/Animal Rights Chicago protest against caged hens. Expect localized pedestrian presence and possible curb impacts near Millennium Park; no march route was identified.
VERIFIED LOCAL REPORTING 9:00 a.m.	Medinah Rd / Lake St area	Pro-administration rally reported in connection with presidential attendance at the Presidents Cup. Crowd size and precise footprint can change; keep protective movements outside the gathering.
VERIFIED LOCAL REPORTING 11:00 a.m.	Medinah / Presidents Cup vicinity	Separate anti-administration protest reported by local media. Enhanced Secret Service/local law-enforcement posture may create additional access restrictions even if the gathering remains peaceful.
UNCONFIRMED SECONDARY LISTING 2:00 p.m.	Pioneer Plaza, 401 N. Michigan Ave.	A secondary demonstration calendar lists a "Free Imran Khan" gathering. No primary organizer notice was independently verified at publication; treat as a monitoring lead only.
LABOR - VERIFIED STATUS Ongoing strike authorization	46 downtown / McCormick Place-area hotels	More than 7,000 UNITE HERE Local 1 workers authorized strikes by an 85% vote. No citywide strike start was verified at publication; work stoppages or pickets could be called with short notice.

Operational note: One activist aggregator separately lists an anti-Trump Medinah protest from 3:00-5:00 p.m.; that timing was not independently corroborated and conflicts with local reporting of an 11:00 a.m. gathering. Treat social-media/aggregator timing and crowd-size claims as unverified until confirmed by an organizer, police/OEMC advisory or on-scene observation.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ALERT

Recent verified reporting includes at least two Brown Line robberies downtown, one involving a firearm, and a serious Red Line assault near Clark/Division. Maintain controlled pickup points, avoid unnecessary CTA use for principals during high-risk windows, keep devices and credentials out of sight, and minimize curbside dwell. Citizen.com also reported early-morning ATM-related incidents in River North/Lincoln Park; those Citizen items are **PRELIMINARY** unless independently corroborated.

CHICAGO CRIME TRENDS - EXECUTIVE RELEVANCE

TREND	CURRENT INDICATOR	PROTECTIVE INTERPRETATION
Downtown violent crime	Recent River North triple shooting	The Sept. 19 shooting in the 100 block of W. Erie remains a reminder that late-night entertainment corridors can shift rapidly from routine to high-risk. Favor controlled arrivals and reduced curb exposure.
CTA robbery / assault	Brown Line robberies; Red Line assault	Downtown Brown Line robberies and a serious Clark/Division Red Line assault reinforce the need for platform/station awareness and protected vehicle movement when practicable.
Burglary / smash-and-grab	West Loop break-in; Citizen ATM alerts	A verified West Loop business break-in and preliminary Citizen ATM reports indicate continuing overnight property-crime exposure. Do not leave bags, credentials, laptops or client material visible in vehicles.
Vehicle / curb exposure	Persistent citywide risk	Event congestion, hotel curbs and predictable loading patterns increase vulnerability to theft, robbery and unwanted contact. Favor attended parking and staged vehicles with engines/communications ready.
Public-order interaction	Elevated localized exposure today	Peaceful demonstrations can still produce rapid police closures, counter-protester contact and traffic compression. Keep principals separated from crowd lines and preserve an immediate egress route.

PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE STAFF ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT

Executive travel risk is **ELEVATED**. No credible executive-specific threat was identified in reviewed public reporting. The primary exposure is operational: presidential/Secret Service movement at ORD-Medinah, South Lakefront race closures, overlapping demonstrations, downtown hotel strike authorization and multiple public events. The highest-friction windows are approximately 6:00 a.m.-midday for lakefront movements and late morning through afternoon for ORD/Medinah. Protective teams should avoid crowd interfaces, minimize static curb time and hold alternate routes until the principal is moving.

1	Protect ORD/Medinah movements. Reconfirm airport access immediately before departure, stage an alternate route/pickup point and carry a 45-60 minute contingency buffer for rolling VIP restrictions.
2	Avoid South Lakefront closure windows. Keep executive routes away from DLSD south of 31st Street and Hyde Park/Kenwood race streets until OEMC restrictions are lifted.
3	Manage Millennium Park exposure. Avoid the Harris Theater frontage from roughly 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; use alternate curb locations on the west side of Michigan/Columbus if pedestrian activity expands.
4	Verify hotel operations. Before downtown hotel arrivals, confirm staffing, entrance access and any picket activity because the strike authorization can convert to property-specific action with little notice.
5	Separate verified intelligence from tripwire reporting. Citizen and activist-calendar posts should trigger checks, not immediate route changes, unless corroborated by police/OEMC, organizer sources, trusted media or on-scene staff.

24-72 HOUR OUTLOOK

Sunday, September 27: Highest movement complexity is expected through mid-afternoon. Half Marathon restrictions should ease late morning/noon, while Presidents Cup/VIP operations and Medinah demonstrations can remain fluid through the afternoon. **Monday, September 28:** Soldier Field hosts Bears-Eagles at 7:15 p.m., creating Museum Campus/South Loop congestion from late afternoon. A secondary/activist listing also advertises an 8:00 a.m. demonstration at 160 N. LaSalle; verify independently before operational use. Medinah Road restrictions may persist into Monday as tournament infrastructure clears. **Tuesday, September 29:** Daytime weather remains favorable and major-event pressure decreases, but hotel labor remains a short-notice watch item. Shower/thunderstorm chances increase after midnight into early Wednesday.

SOURCE & RELIABILITY NOTE

This brief is based on publicly available information reviewed near 7:00 a.m. CDT on September 27, 2026. Traffic, police, protest and aviation conditions can change without notice. **Verified** items are supported by official, organizer or established-media reporting. **Unconfirmed / preliminary** items are explicitly labeled and should be independently verified before operational use. Citizen.com and social-media/activist-calendar content are used as tripwire intelligence only unless corroborated.

Sources reviewed: National Weather Service Chicago; Chicago OEMC/City of Chicago; FlyChicago/FAA public status resources; Village of Roselle; Presidents Cup/PGA information; Soldier Field/Chicago Bears; Choose Chicago; Mercy For Animals; UNITE HERE-related reporting; ABC7 Chicago and other established local media; Citizen.com; Chicago Activism Hub and secondary demonstration calendars.