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EXECUTIVE RISK DASHBOARD

CATEGORY	STATUS	EXECUTIVE IMPACT
Overall Executive Travel Risk	MODERATE	Favorable weather reduces environmental risk, while McCormick Place convention traffic, River North/Merchandise Mart activity, evening baseball and persistent urban crime exposure remain the principal movement concerns.
Demonstration / Public Order	MODERATE	No large Loop-core demonstration was verified in the reviewed calendar. Morning court-support activity is listed at 2650 S. California Ave.; short-notice downtown activity remains possible.
Weather	LOW	Sunny to partly sunny and comfortable, with a high near 76°F. No significant weather-driven movement disruption is expected today.
Ground Transportation	MODERATE	ACS Fall 2026 at McCormick Place, Chicago Collective at THE MART and evening Rate Field traffic will create localized congestion and curbside pressure.
Air Travel	LOW-MODERATE	FAA reports general arrival and departure delays of 15 minutes or less at both ORD and MDW, with no destination-specific delays reported.
Protective Intelligence	LOW-MODERATE	No verified executive-specific threat identified. Armed phone robberies on the Near South Side and stolen-vehicle activity in Streeterville reinforce disciplined movement procedures.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chicago executive travel risk is assessed as **MODERATE** for Monday. Weather is favorable and should not materially degrade movement. The primary operational concerns are event- and destination-driven: ACS Fall 2026 is active at McCormick Place with more than 10,000 chemistry professionals expected during the meeting; Chicago Collective Women's Edition is underway at THE MART; and the White Sox host Texas at Rate Field at 6:40 p.m. No major Loop-core demonstration was verified in the reviewed public calendar, though morning court-support activity is listed at 2650 S. California Ave. The Cook County Forest Preserves Teamsters strike remains an active labor issue. FAA status indicates generally manageable ORD and MDW operations. Recent armed phone robberies near 32nd/State and stolen-vehicle activity in Streeterville warrant continued attention. No credible executive-specific threat was identified in reviewed reporting.

WEATHER & OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Current: Sunny, about 70°F at review time. **Today:** Partly sunny and pleasant, high near 76°F; low near 62°F. **Tuesday:** Partly sunny and favorable, high near 78°F. **Protective posture:** Normal weather posture. Preserve shade/hydration for extended outdoor details and continue routine route validation; weather should not be a meaningful constraint today.

AIR TRAVEL & AIRPORT ACCESS

O'Hare (ORD): FAA real-time status reports general arrival and departure delays of 15 minutes or less and no destination-specific delays. **Midway (MDW):** FAA reports the same general condition, with gate-hold/taxi and airborne delays at 15 minutes or less. **Assessment:** Air-travel risk is LOW-MODERATE. Confirm the individual flight, carrier, terminal curb/FBO and surface route immediately before movement.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION & DOWNTOWN ACCESS

CORRIDOR / AREA	CURRENT CONDITION / EXECUTIVE IMPACT
McCormick Place / Near South Side	ACS Fall 2026 runs Aug. 23-27. Monday registration is active from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; the Expo is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Expect heavier taxis, rideshare and curb demand around Cermak, Indiana, King Drive and I-55 approaches.
River North / THE MART	Chicago Collective Women's Edition runs Aug. 23-26 at THE MART. Expect localized rideshare, loading and pedestrian pressure around Orleans, Wells, Kinzie and Wacker approaches.
Rate Field / South Side	White Sox host Texas at 6:40 p.m. Expect evening congestion on 35th, Wentworth, Shields and Dan Ryan approaches before first pitch and after the game.
Loop / River North	Routine weekday commuter and construction variability. Preserve alternate curb locations and minimize stationary exposure in dense pedestrian areas.



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DOWNTOWN PROTEST / DEMONSTRATION & LABOR ACTIVITY

TIME / STATUS	LOCATION	VERIFIED DETAILS / EXECUTIVE IMPACT
MORNING - VERIFIED CALENDAR LISTING	2650 S. California Ave. / Cook County criminal courthouse	Chicago Activism Hub lists court-support activity for Keshia Golden on Aug. 24. Current listings reference an 8:30 a.m. mass-meeting/court-support item and an 11:00 a.m. courtroom entry. Expect localized pedestrian presence and possible curb congestion; this is outside the Loop core.
NO MAJOR LOOP PROTEST VERIFIED	Loop / Federal Plaza / Daley Plaza / Michigan Ave.	No large Aug. 24 Loop-core demonstration was verified in the reviewed current public calendar. This is not proof of absence. Recheck Federal Plaza, Daley Plaza/City Hall, Michigan/Wacker and major corporate destinations before principal movements.
6:00 p.m. - VERIFIED	6808 N. Ashland Blvd.	Black August Study Group is listed at Living Water Church. This is a meeting/study event rather than a large march; localized pedestrian activity is possible in the immediate area.
ONGOING STRIKE - VERIFIED	Cook County / Forest Preserves	Nearly 200 Forest Preserve District workers represented by Teamsters Local 700 remain on strike following the Aug. 17 walkout. Preserves remain open, but picketing may occur at worksites or government-related locations.
UNCONFIRMED SOCIAL MEDIA	69 W. Washington / City Hall area	A prior social-media post referenced strike-related picketing near 69 W. Washington. No current independent corroboration was identified for today. Treat the location as unconfirmed until verified by direct observation, official notice or reliable reporting.

MAJOR EVENTS & CROWD-DRIVEN MOVEMENT IMPACT

EVENT	TIME / AREA	EXECUTIVE TRAVEL IMPACT
ACS Fall 2026	All day / McCormick Place	Meeting runs Aug. 23-27 and draws 10,000+ chemistry professionals. Monday registration 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Expo 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Expect sustained curb, hotel and convention traffic.
Chicago Collective - Women's Edition	Aug. 23-26 / THE MART	Trade event adds business-travel, rideshare and loading demand in River North and around Merchandise Mart Plaza/Wells/Orleans.
Texas Rangers @ White Sox	6:40 p.m. / Rate Field	Expect pregame and postgame congestion on Dan Ryan exits, 35th Street, Wentworth and Shields; avoid venue-adjacent loading during peak ingress/egress.
ACS hotel / evening networking	South Loop / McCormick Place hotels	Meeting-related receptions and poster activities extend into the evening, increasing hotel lobby, rideshare and pedestrian demand beyond the daytime Expo window.

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME DEVELOPMENTS

Armed phone robberies - Bronzeville / Lake Meadows: Chicago police issued a community alert after three recent robberies in which victims were threatened at gunpoint and ordered to unlock and surrender mobile phones. Reported incidents occurred in the 400 block of E. 32nd Street and the 3000 block of S. State Street. This is directly relevant to Near South Side movements, McCormick Place transfers and South Side hotel/event corridors.

Streeterville stolen-vehicle / pursuit activity: Police arrested occupants of a stolen sedan after a pursuit-related crash near the 600 block of N. DuSable Lake Shore Drive on Aug. 21. The incident underscores persistent stolen-vehicle and rapid police-activity exposure on downtown/lakefront approaches.

Protective interpretation: Minimize exposed pedestrian time, keep principals off phones during curbside transitions, stage vehicles before principals exit controlled spaces, avoid prolonged stationary vehicle time, and favor attended/controlled parking. Do not treat prior incident locations as active scenes without current confirmation.



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PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE STAFF ASSESSMENT

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Executive travel risk is **MODERATE** through today. The dominant issue is schedule integrity rather than a targeted threat: convention and trade-show activity at McCormick Place and THE MART, evening Rate Field traffic, routine Monday construction and commuter variability, and persistent opportunistic crime exposure. No large Loop-core demonstration was verified in the reviewed calendar, but court-support activity is listed on the Southwest Side and the Forest Preserves labor dispute remains active. Weather is favorable and FAA airport conditions are presently manageable. No reviewed source identified a credible threat specifically directed at executives, corporate facilities or protective teams.

1	Reconfirm downtown, McCormick Place and River North routes immediately before every movement. Use live navigation plus City/IDOT/Travel Midwest information; preserve a viable alternate.
2	Plan McCormick Place arrivals and departures around convention peaks. Stage away from congested convention curbs when possible and bring vehicles forward only when principals are ready to load.
3	Minimize stationary exposure in River North and around THE MART. Favor controlled loading areas and keep devices, credentials and bags out of view during transitions.
4	Apply heightened phone-theft countermeasures on Near South Side pedestrian approaches, especially around 31st/32nd and State/King corridors. Keep principals off phones during exposed foot movement.
5	Plan around Rate Field ingress/egress this evening. Add time margin for southbound movements and avoid 35th/Wentworth/Shields loading when crowds are peaking.
6	Reconfirm ORD/MDW flight and terminal-curb status immediately before departure. Current FAA conditions are manageable, but O'Hare remains a high-volume environment and operating programs can change quickly.

24-72 HOUR OUTLOOK

Tuesday, August 25: Generally favorable weather and continued ACS activity at McCormick Place; Chicago Collective remains active at THE MART. Routine commuter congestion, construction and crime exposure persist. **Wednesday, August 26:** Warmer and more humid with a spot afternoon thunderstorm possible; ACS and trade-show activity continue. Reassess airport, flood-prone routes and curb conditions before afternoon movements. **Thursday, August 27:** ACS concludes; humid conditions with a shower possible. Convention-driven congestion should begin to ease after the meeting, while routine downtown and airport-transfer variability remains.

SOURCE & RELIABILITY NOTE

This brief is based on publicly available information reviewed near publication time. Real-time traffic, protest, police, weather and aviation conditions can change without notice. Social-media reporting is used only where specifically identified and should be independently verified before operational use. The absence of a reported threat, protest or closure does not confirm the absence of risk.

Sources reviewed: Chicago Activism Hub; American Chemical Society ACS Fall 2026 official pages; THE MART event calendar; FAA O'Hare and Midway real-time airport status; FlyChicago delay resources; Teamsters Local 700 / Teamsters reporting; CBS Chicago and WTTW labor reporting; NBC Chicago, CBS Chicago and Chicago Sun-Times crime/public-safety reporting; current Chicago weather forecast data.