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EXECUTIVE RISK DASHBOARD

CATEGORY	STATUS	EXECUTIVE IMPACT
Overall Executive Travel Risk	**MODERATE-ELEVATED**	Grant Park race-week road closures started at 4:00 a.m.; City Hall organizing, McCormick Place expo traffic and two evening events intersect with a fresh Loop carjacking concern. [4-5,6,9-11]
Demonstration / Public Order	**MODERATE**	Organizer-listed 9:00 a.m. housing press conference at City Hall and noon UIC rally. Turnout, any march route and police/traffic posture are NOT independently verified. [6-7]
Labor Activity	**MODERATE**	Verified Sept. 21 authorization: over 7,000 hotel workers at 46 properties voted 85% to permit strikes. No active citywide walkout independently confirmed this morning. [8]
Weather	**LOW**	NWS: mostly sunny near 71 F, west-northwest 5-10 mph with gusts to 15. Friday brings a 40% chance of showers and possible late-day thunderstorms. [1]
Ground Transportation	**ELEVATED**	Columbus, Jackson, Balbo, Ida B. Wells and adjacent Grant Park restrictions begin today; McCormick Place plus Rate Field/United Center generate separate congestion peaks. [4-5,9-10]
Air Travel	**LOW**	FAA update 7:10 a.m. CDT: ORD and MDW show no destination-specific delays and general departure/arrival delays of 15 minutes or less. Individual flights may differ. [2-3]
Protective Intelligence	**MODERATE-ELEVATED**	A stolen vehicle struck cars and a police cruiser near State/Randolph Wednesday; combined with the recent Streeterville garage shooting, vehicle-transition exposure warrants priority. [11-12]

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executive travel risk is **MODERATE-ELEVATED** for Thursday, Oct. 8. Marathon staging now restricts Grant Park vehicle access; an organizer-confirmed 9:00 a.m. City Hall housing event merits a short-notice downtown access check. From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., race packet pickup draws traffic to McCormick Place. **White Sox ALDS Game 4 was moved to 7:00 p.m. CDT** and Gorillaz starts at United Center at 7:30 p.m. The Oct. 7 State/Randolph stolen-car collision reinforces downtown curbside discipline. Weather and FAA conditions are currently favorable. [4-6,9-11]

WEATHER & OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Today: NWS Chicago update 2:50 a.m. CDT: mostly sunny, high near 71 F; WNW winds 5-10 mph, gusts near 15 mph. Low near 53 F tonight. [1]

Friday: Partly sunny around 72 F with a 40% chance of showers and possible thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Build rain contingencies for evening transfers. [1]

Protective posture: No weather-driven closure is indicated at cutoff. The main operational hazard today is access compression and event sequencing, not weather.

AIR TRAVEL & AIRPORT ACCESS

O'Hare (ORD): FAA last updated 12:10 UTC (7:10 a.m. CDT): no destination-specific delays; arrival/departure delay bands 15 minutes or less. [2]

Midway (MDW): FAA updated 7:10 a.m. CDT: same general status. Airport-wide status does not verify each flight. [3]

Access: CTA Blue Line O'Hare branch retains a modified non-rush schedule; Addison-Montrose same-track work is planned again tonight 10 p.m.-4 a.m. [14]

CLICKABLE SOURCE INDEX

[1] NWS Chicago
[2] FAA ORD
[3] FAA MDW
[4] Marathon closures
[5] Marathon calendar
[6] Housing coalition
[7] Activism Hub
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GROUND TRANSPORTATION & DOWNTOWN ACCESS

CORRIDOR / AREA	CURRENT CONDITION / EXECUTIVE IMPACT
Grant Park / Columbus / Jackson	VERIFIED - Starting today at 4:00 a.m. Thursday, the marathon closes Columbus Dr. (Ida B. Wells to Roosevelt), multiple Jackson Dr. and Balbo Dr. segments, Ida B. Wells Dr. (Michigan to Columbus) and other inner-park streets. Some remain closed until Oct. 11-12. Use the posted official closure grid. [4]
Loop / City Hall - LaSalle	ORGANIZER CONFIRMED for 9:00-10:00 a.m. housing press conference at 121 N. LaSalle, outside west entrance. No city-issued road closure or police footprint was independently established; curb pickup on LaSalle/Washington should be rechecked. [6]
South Loop / McCormick Place	VERIFIED: Abbott Health & Fitness Expo/runner packet pickup operates 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at McCormick Place North Building. Anticipate South Loop hotel, shuttle, pedestrian and rideshare demand. [5]
Rate Field / United Center	VERIFIED: Guardians at White Sox ALDS Game 4 moved to 7:00 p.m. CDT at Rate Field; Gorillaz at United Center 7:30 p.m. (gates 6:00 p.m.). Avoid chained West Side-to-South Side principal transfers during ingress/egress. [9-10]
ORD / CTA Blue Line	VERIFIED CTA planning: O'Hare branch modified non-rush schedule. Same-track Blue Line operation between Addison and Montrose is scheduled tonight 10:00 p.m.-4:00 a.m. Allow extra airport-rail or staff-transfer margin. [14]

ROUTE CONFIRMATION

Prioritize **Grant Park avoidance all day**. Treat the City Hall west entrance as an advance-check zone around 9:00 a.m. For Rate Field and United Center, stage vehicles separately, pick principal transfer points outside crowd queues, and use alternate egress paths rather than one pre-committed corridor.

DOWNTOWN PROTEST / DEMONSTRATION & LABOR ACTIVITY

TIME / STATUS	LOCATION	DETAILS / EXECUTIVE IMPACT
9:00-10:00 a.m. **ORGANIZER CONFIRMED**	City Hall, west entrance 121 N. LaSalle	Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness lists a Keep Chicago Housed press conference; timing/location corroborated by an organizing partner. **Turnout, traffic restrictions and police posture UNVERIFIED.** [6]
12:00 p.m. **ORGANIZER-LISTED**	UIC Quad Harrison / Halsted area	Chicago Activism Hub lists a campus rally about sexual violence. Not a verified Loop march. **Crowd size, routes and travel impact UNCONFIRMED.** [7]
MORNING CUTOFF **REVIEW LIMIT**	Loop / CBD	No additional major moving Loop march was corroborated in sources reviewed by cutoff. This does **not** establish that spontaneous gatherings or short-notice closures will be absent. [7]
LABOR WATCH **VERIFIED AUTHORIZATION**	46 Chicago hotels Citywide / McCormick	About 7,000 Local 1 members authorized potential strike action in September; activation is property-dependent. **Active walkout not verified** at 7:20 a.m.; reconfirm hotel staffing, loading, valet, housekeeping and entrances. [8]

MAJOR EVENTS & CROWD-DRIVEN MOVEMENT IMPACT

EVENT	TIME / AREA	EXECUTIVE TRAVEL IMPACT
Abbott Health & Fitness Expo	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. McCormick Place	Marathon packet pickup and expo opening day. Traffic focus: MLK Dr., Cermak, convention drop zones, South Loop hotels. [5]
White Sox vs. Cleveland - ALDS G4	**7:00 p.m. CDT** Rate Field	**START TIME CHANGED** from earlier 4:00 p.m. listings. Plan for evening inbound/outbound traffic near 35th, Wentworth, I-94. [9]
Gorillaz - The Mountain Tour	7:30 p.m. (gates 6:00) United Center	Overlaps ALDS crowd movement. Event has early 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. pit-wristband activity; build venue front-of-house and vehicle zone alternatives. [10]

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CHICAGO CRIME TRENDS - EXECUTIVE RELEVANCE

TREND	CURRENT INDICATOR	PROTECTIVE INTERPRETATION
Loop hijacked vehicle / collision OCT. 7 - NEW	VERIFIED REPORTING: At approximately 4:10 p.m. Wednesday a stolen Lincoln struck a CPD cruiser and several vehicles near **State and Randolph**; two occupants fled and were detained, and police recovered a handgun. No injuries reported. [11]	Highest-relevance fresh downtown event: traffic impact near Block 37 and business/hotel travel corridors. Use controlled curbside vehicle authentication and avoid staging at exposed intersections.
Streeterville garage shooting / hijacking OCT. 2 - CASE UPDATE	VERIFIED: Suspects 22 and 16 were charged after an attempted robbery/shooting of a 64-year-old visitor in the 400 block of E. Illinois; police linked them to an alleged carjacking in the 200 block of E. Grand. [12]	Suspect arrests lower case-specific immediacy, not the ongoing garage/valet vulnerability. Advance attended parking, keep vehicle doors secure until transfer, minimize principal dwell.
North Side stray-bullet injury OCT. 7 FOLLOW-UP	VERIFIED REPORTING: ABC7 reported Oct. 7 that a 14-year-old shot by a stray bullet in a prior-week North Side shooting was paralyzed; an attempted-murder charge was filed. [15]	Community-safety signal, **not** a verified executive-specific plot. Avoid open-air dwell adjacent to evolving law-enforcement scenes; do not generalize risk to every North Side corridor.
Social media collection	NO NEW INDEPENDENTLY CORROBORATED SOCIAL MEDIA-ONLY downtown crime alert was located for this edition. Public Citizen dispatch and user posts may include unverified 911 calls or observer reports. [16]	Use real-time community alerts as leads, not final fact. Verify location, time, incident type and roadway footprint using CPD, OEMC or established reporting before issuing an external client claim.

PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE STAFF ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT

The operational rating is **MODERATE-ELEVATED**, chiefly due to verified race-week road restrictions and tightly timed South Side / West Side evening events. Downtown public-order activity is organizer-confirmed at City Hall but crowd and traffic impacts are unverified. The Oct. 7 State/Randolph hijacked-vehicle collision gives immediate weight to protected pickup zones, while the Streeterville parking-garage case reinforces secure vehicle transitions. Airport and weather conditions are presently favorable; hotel strike authority warrants direct property checks. No corroborated executive-specific threat was identified in the morning review. Use route optionality, short curb dwell, flight rechecks and live monitoring.

#	PRIORITY	ACTION
1	Grant Park advance	Re-route all principal arrivals away from Columbus, Jackson, Ida B. Wells and Balbo closures; update hotel/garage access instructions.
2	City Hall public order	Around 8:30-10:30 a.m. confirm LaSalle/Washington access; maintain alternate entrances, avoiding crowd frontage.
3	Evening event separation	Treat the **7:00 p.m.** Rate Field ALDS game and **7:30 p.m.** United Center show as separate congestion zones.
4	Garage / curb protection	Use attended pickup facilities, positive driver/vehicle ID, locked doors until transfer and minimum curb dwell.

24-72 HOUR OUTLOOK

PERIOD	OUTLOOK / PROTECTIVE IMPLICATION
Thu., Oct. 8	Grant Park closures are already active. Noon UIC organizer rally and 9:00 a.m. City Hall housing gathering are listed; Expo 10-6, White Sox 7 p.m., Gorillaz 7:30 p.m. High evening multi-node friction. [4-7,9-10]
Fri., Oct. 9	Expo continues 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bulls host Grizzlies at United Center at 7 p.m. NWS indicates 40% shower chance with thunder possible after 4 p.m. Keep weather/traffic buffers. [1,5,13]
Sat., Oct. 10	Abbott Chicago 5K begins 7:30 a.m. downtown; Expo continues 9 a.m.-6 p.m. More lakefront/Grant Park closures; pre-stage vehicles outside the 5K and Marathon course footprint. [4-5]
Sun., Oct. 11 72h boundary	Marathon 55,000-runner event: course streets begin closing 6:00 a.m.; wheelchair start 7:20 a.m. and pro start 7:30 a.m. Road restrictions expand well beyond CBD. Treat 6 a.m. onward as a major citywide barrier. [4-5]

SOURCE & RELIABILITY NOTE

VERIFIED = attributable government, venue or established reporting. **ORGANIZER-CONFIRMED / OSINT** = stated plan, **not** verified attendance, street impact or CPD footprint. **UNCONFIRMED** = social / Citizen user or dispatch claim lacking independent corroboration. Reviewed through approx. 7:20 a.m. CDT Oct. 8.