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SOC Daily Executive Intelligence Brief

Daily Situational Awareness for Executive Travel, Protective Operations, and Corporate Risk Management

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EXECUTIVE RISK DASHBOARD

CATEGORY	STATUS	EXECUTIVE IMPACT
Overall executive travel	**MODERATE**	Hotel labor disruption, evening venue activity and aviation follow-through are the key travel variables.
Demonstration / public order	**LOW-MODERATE**	No major Tuesday Loop march verified; rolling hotel labor actions can affect access. [8,9]
Weather	**LOW**	Dry, sunny conditions; approximately 55-57 F this afternoon. [1]
Ground transportation	**MODERATE**	Routine CBD/expressway variability; Blue Line overnight single-track work. [6,7]
Air travel	**MODERATE**	United system outage resolved Nov. 16; MDW runway 22L NOTAM active. Recheck flights. [2-5]
Protective intelligence	**MODERATE**	No corroborated threat specifically targeting an executive; heightened situational awareness at hotel curbs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executive travel risk is assessed **MODERATE**. Three hotel workforces - Marriott Marquis, Royal Sonesta and The Wade - began new walkouts over the weekend; earlier hotel strike participation is reported inconsistently and must be verified by property. United resolved a Nov. 16 systems outage after roughly 100 minutes, but airline recovery should be assessed flight-by-flight. A confirmed evening Blackhawks game and a Wintrust Arena basketball event will increase local venue traffic. No substantial downtown march for Tuesday was located in the reviewed public schedules; that is not a guarantee against spontaneous activity. [5,8-12]

WEATHER & OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Current: Sunny, approximately 39 F around 7 a.m. Chicago time. **Today:** dry with high about 55-57 F; low near 40 F. [1]

Wednesday: mainly dry, high near 58-60 F. **Thursday:** warmer, high around 63 F. [1]

Posture: Low direct weather disruption expected; keep cold-morning curb dwell short.

AIR TRAVEL & AIRPORT ACCESS

ORD: Chicago aviation dashboard showed a high on-time share for its rolling snapshot, but figures are dynamic. Monday United technology outage was resolved; check exact aircraft, crews and connecting itineraries. [2,5]

MDW: Runway 22L listed closed for takeoffs and landings through Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. CST (NOTAM 11/204, 11/205). This is not an airport-wide closure. [4]

FAA: Live NAS page requires interactive access; no definitive real-time ground-stop claim is made. [3]

GROUND TRANSPORTATION & DOWNTOWN ACCESS

CORRIDOR / AREA	CURRENT CONDITION / EXECUTIVE IMPACT
Michigan Avenue / Streeterville	Hotel contract-related picketing is a potential curb and pedestrian issue, particularly around River North, Mag Mile and Streeterville hotels. Verify specific entrance. [9]
Loop / State & Lake	State/Lake elevated station remains closed for major reconstruction; use Clark/Lake or Washington/Wabash for planned transit connections. Not a roadway closure. [6]
Kennedy / I-90 to ORD	No specific new closure independently corroborated for the morning review. Check Illinois travel feeds and live incidents before leaving the Loop. [15]
I-290 / I-90-94	Rush-hour congestion and incidents remain possible; confirm east/west and North/South alternates; avoid unverified closure claims. [15]
Stevenson / I-55 to MDW	Reconfirm airport approach and entrance conditions; the 22L closure affects airfield capacity, not necessarily road access. [4,15]
CTA Blue Line	Single-track delays scheduled Jefferson Park-Harlem, 10 p.m. Nov. 17 to 4 a.m. Nov. 18; overnight rail passengers should allow margin. [7]

ROUTE CONFIRMATION / ROAD CLOSURE VALIDATION
No comprehensive, confirmed downtown street-closure list was available from the reviewed sources at cutoff. Check IDOT/Travel Midwest, CDOT, Chicago Traffic Tracker and CTA; reconfirm Waze/Google Maps 30-60 minutes before departure. Do not interpret a missing closure listing as unrestricted access. [6,15]

DOWNTOWN PROTEST / LABOR ACTIVITY

TIME / STATUS	LOCATION	DETAILS / PROTECTIVE RELEVANCE
Tuesday 11/17 - no major rally verified	Federal Plaza / Loop core	The reviewed Titan public advisory lists no scheduled major Nov. 17 downtown march; spontaneous gatherings and short-notice actions remain possible. [8]
New labor walkouts - reported Nov. 16	Marriott Marquis / Royal Sonesta / The Wade	Independent hotel-industry reporting confirms newly commenced strike actions. Reports conflict on whether all eight earlier participating properties remain on active strike. Check staffing, picket line and valet status directly. [9]
Friday 11/20, 6 p.m. (beyond 72 h)	Federal Plaza, 230 S. Dearborn	Organizer/security advisory lists a justice rally. Attendance, route and road controls unconfirmed; advance-planning watch item only. [8,13]

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ALERT
Movement controls: Advance hotel approach by phone; use a secondary loading position away from lawful pickets; preserve free pedestrian movement and never block public access. No specific violence or disruption linked to Tuesday pickets was verified.

CHICAGO CRIME TRENDS - EXECUTIVE RELEVANCE

TREND / STATUS	RECENT VERIFIED INDICATOR	PROTECTIVE INTERPRETATION
Fulton Market / West Loop	Fox 32 Nov. 10: 18-year-old charged in three armed robberies/batteries at Racine, Fulton Market and Elizabeth, with incidents Oct. 27-Nov. 8. [14]	Treat as historical confirmed case information, NOT a fresh overnight Nov. 17 offense. Reduce sidewalk exposure after dark.
River North	CWB Nov. 7 reported two women robbed at gunpoint in 800 block N. Clark at about 11:30 a.m.; no injuries. [16]	Daytime theft/robbery exposure supports curbside pickup discipline and personnel awareness.
Loop / South Loop / Near North	No new major overnight shooting, robbery or carjacking in target downtown areas was independently corroborated in accessible reporting at cutoff.	This is an incomplete public-source scan, not a CPD incident log or an assertion of no criminal activity.
Citizen / social tripwires	No unverified social post has been treated as an established incident in this brief.	Validate dispatch, location, timing and road effects with police, credible media or direct scene observation.

PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE STAFF ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT
Overall posture is **MODERATE**, driven by labor-related downtown hotel access uncertainty, scheduled evening crowds, routine road variability and airline recovery concerns. Weather is comparatively favorable. No credible, named executive-specific threat was identified in the reviewed sources, and no major new overnight downtown incident was verified; neither finding constitutes a security clearance or complete police record. [1-16]

1	**Validate hotel access:** Call the property before finalizing staging, valet and service elevator plans; move staging away from lawful picket gatherings.
2	**Reconfirm each route:** 30-60 minutes before departure check Travel Midwest / traffic tracker and alternate CBD access; keep a secondary curb.
3	**Airport readiness:** Monitor United itinerary recovery and flight-specific status; reconfirm MDW NOTAMs, runway changes and curbside access.
4	**Control exposure:** Reduce stationary sidewalk dwell, protect phones / credentials, maintain vehicle control, and avoid open display of client schedules.
5	**Escalation:** Alert on independently confirmed scene closures, credible client-specific threats, airline interruptions or material hotel access loss.

24-72 HOUR OUTLOOK | NOV. 18-20

24-48 h / Wed. Nov. 18: Dry, high about 58-60 F. The Neighbourhood concert at United Center (7:30 p.m.) adds Madison/Damen crowd movements. Planned overnight Blue Line track work continues. [1,7,11] **48-72 h / Thu. Nov. 19 to Fri. morning:** Warmer Thu., high near 63 F; Blackhawks-Columbus at United Center (7 p.m.). Continue hotel-labor watch and revalidate airport/road conditions. [1,9,11]

SOURCE RELIABILITY / VERIFICATION STANDARD

Confirmed/primary: NWS forecast, CTA alerts, venue schedules, published NOTAM text and public airport dashboard. **Reported:** AP aviation coverage, Hotel Dive labor reporting and CPD-attributed local crime reporting. **Preliminary:** Titan/organizer event listings and any Citizen/social-media tip; attendance, road closures and claims of active incidents require independent confirmation. Snapshot cutoff approximately 7:05 a.m. CST.

SOURCE REGISTER | CLICKABLE REFERENCES

[1] NWS Chicago
[2] CDA flight statistics
[3] FAA NAS status
[4] MDW NOTAM 22L
[5] AP - United outage
[6] CTA live alerts
[7] CTA Blue Line
[8] Titan event watch
[9] Hotel Dive strike
[10] Choose Chicago events
[11] United Center dates
[12] Wintrust Arena
[13] Chicago Activism Hub
[14] FOX 32 - West Loop
[15] Travel Midwest
[16] CWB - River North