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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, THE MART activity, Northerly Island event traffic, evening Rate Field congestion 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. Listed Aug. 25 activity is concentrated on Pulaski Road, Pilsen and Logan Square; short-notice downtown activity remains possible.
Labor Activity	ELEVATED	The Teamsters Local 700 Forest Preserves strike remains active in recent verified reporting. Any claimed downtown picketing should be independently confirmed before operational route changes.
Weather	LOW	Partly sunny and pleasant with a high near 79°F. No significant weather-driven movement disruption is expected today.
Ground Transportation	MODERATE	ACS Fall 2026, Chicago Collective, the Northerly Island concert and White Sox game will create localized curbside and arterial congestion. CTA Blue Line overnight work resumes at 10 p.m.
Air Travel	LOW-MODERATE	FlyChicago shows average arrival/departure delays under 15 minutes at ORD and MDW; no current FAA ground stops, ground-delay programs or airport closures were identified.
Protective Intelligence	LOW-MODERATE	No verified executive-specific threat identified. Armed phone robberies near 32nd/State and recent stolen-vehicle activity in Streeterville reinforce disciplined transitions and route validation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chicago executive travel risk is assessed as **MODERATE** for Tuesday. Weather is favorable and should not materially degrade movement. The primary operational concerns are event- and destination-driven: ACS Fall 2026 remains active at McCormick Place, Chicago Collective Women's Edition concludes at THE MART, the Outlaw Music Festival begins at Northerly Island at 3:20 p.m., and the White Sox host Texas at Rate Field at 6:40 p.m. No major Loop-core protest was verified in the reviewed calendar. The Cook County Forest Preserves Teamsters strike remains a verified labor concern; a prior social-media claim of downtown picketing is treated as unconfirmed. ORD and MDW conditions are presently manageable. Recent armed phone robberies near 32nd/State and stolen-vehicle activity in Streeterville continue to support controlled loading, reduced curbside dwell time and active route confirmation.

WEATHER & OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Current: Sunny near 71°F at review time. **Today:** Partly sunny and pleasant, high near 79°F; low near 67°F. **Wednesday:** Warmer and humid with a spot thunderstorm possible from late morning onward; gusty winds may accompany a downpour.

Protective posture: Normal weather posture today. Preserve flexibility for Wednesday afternoon movements and continue routine route validation.

AIR TRAVEL & AIRPORT ACCESS

O'Hare (ORD): FlyChicago reports current average arrival and departure delays under 15 minutes. **Midway (MDW):** Current average arrival and departure delays are also under 15 minutes. FAA system status showed no active ground delays, ground stops, closures or systemwide arrival/departure delays at review time.

Assessment: Air-travel risk is **LOW-MODERATE**. Confirm carrier, FBO, terminal curb and surface-route status immediately before movement.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION & DOWNTOWN ACCESS

CORRIDOR / AREA	CURRENT CONDITION / EXECUTIVE IMPACT
McCormick Place / Near South Side	ACS Fall 2026 sessions and Expo activity continue throughout the day. Expect heavier taxis, rideshare, hotel shuttles and curb demand around Cermak, Indiana, King Drive and I-55 approaches.
River North / THE MART	Chicago Collective Women's Edition runs until 3:00 p.m., followed by dismantling/load-out activity. Expect intermittent loading pressure around Orleans, Wells, Kinzie and Wacker.
Museum Campus / Northerly Island	Outlaw Music Festival is scheduled for 3:20 p.m. Expect afternoon/evening traffic on Columbus, Roosevelt, DuSable Lake Shore Drive exits and Solidarity/Linn White approaches.
Rate Field / South Side	White Sox vs. Rangers at 6:40 p.m. Expect pregame/postgame congestion on 35th, Wentworth, Shields and Dan Ryan approaches.
Blue Line / ORD access	CTA plans same-track operation between Addison and Montrose from 10:00 p.m.-4:00 a.m., producing minor overnight delays.



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DOWNTOWN PROTEST / DEMONSTRATION & LABOR ACTIVITY

TIME / STATUS	LOCATION	VERIFIED DETAILS / EXECUTIVE IMPACT
NO MAJOR LOOP PROTEST VERIFIED	Loop / Federal Plaza / Daley Plaza / Michigan Ave.	Reviewed Chicago Activism Hub listings did not identify a large Aug. 25 Loop-core protest. 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	Legler Regional Library, 115 S. Pulaski Rd.	Black August Study Group is listed for 6:00 p.m. This is a meeting/study event rather than a large march; localized pedestrian activity is possible on the West Side.
6:30 p.m. - VERIFIED	Pilsen Community Books, 1531 W. 18th St.	The Politics of Public Space panel is scheduled through 8:30 p.m. Expect localized evening pedestrian/parking demand in Pilsen; no march was advertised.
7:00 p.m. - VERIFIED	Logan Square to Hollywood Beach	Chicago TRANS Authority Night Ride meets at Logan Square at 7:00 p.m. with a 7:30 rollout. Expect temporary bicycle-group effects along the route toward the lakefront.
ONGOING STRIKE - VERIFIED	Cook County / Forest Preserves	Nearly 200 Forest Preserve District workers represented by Teamsters Local 700 remain on strike in recent verified reporting. Preserves remain open; picketing may occur at work sites 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 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	Sessions run throughout the day; Expo Hall is open 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Expect sustained curb, hotel, rideshare and convention traffic.
Chicago Collective - Women's Edition	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. / THE MART	Final show day. Load-out/dismantling follows from 3:00-7:00 p.m., increasing service-vehicle and loading activity around THE MART.
Outlaw Music Festival	3:20 p.m. / Northerly Island	Concert traffic will build through the afternoon and evening, affecting Museum Campus, Roosevelt, Columbus and DuSable Lake Shore Drive exits.
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.
CPD Superintendent Listening Session	6:30 p.m. / Kennedy High School	Public meeting at 6325 W. 56th St. may create localized parking and pedestrian activity near Southwest Side approaches.

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 locations include 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 Rate Field approaches.

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

Transportation security: Persistent opportunistic theft, robbery, vehicle break-in and carjacking exposure continues to warrant controlled loading and secure parking. Keep phones, credentials, laptops and bags out of view; stage vehicles before principals exit controlled spaces and avoid distracted phone use during exposed pedestrian movement.



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PROTECTIVE INTELLIGENCE STAFF ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT
Executive travel risk is **MODERATE** through today. The dominant issue is schedule integrity rather than a targeted threat: convention activity at McCormick Place, THE MART load-out, afternoon Northerly Island traffic, evening Rate Field congestion, routine construction/commuter variability and persistent opportunistic crime exposure. No large Loop-core demonstration was verified in the reviewed calendar, but multiple smaller civic/activist events are scheduled outside the Loop and the Forest Preserves labor dispute remains active. Weather is favorable and 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, River North and Museum Campus 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 around THE MART and at Northerly Island. 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, FBO and terminal-curb status immediately before departure. Current conditions are manageable, but operating programs can change quickly.

24-72 HOUR OUTLOOK

Wednesday, August 26: Warmer and more humid with a spot thunderstorm possible from late morning onward; ACS continues at McCormick Place and the White Sox host Texas again at 6:40 p.m. Reassess airport, flood-prone routes and outdoor movements before afternoon departures. **Thursday, August 27:** ACS concludes; generally fair weather returns, while the CCPSA public meeting in Morgan Park and routine commuter/construction exposure remain. **Friday, August 28:** Convention-driven congestion should ease, but normal Friday downtown, airport-transfer and entertainment-district variability will increase toward the evening.

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; Chicago Collective Women's Edition / THE MART; Choose Chicago; Northerly Island event listings; FAA and FlyChicago airport-status resources; CTA Blue Line alerts; WTTW and CBS Chicago reporting on the Teamsters Local 700 Forest Preserves strike; NBC Chicago, CBS Chicago and Chicago Sun-Times public-safety reporting; CCPSA public meeting information; City ChiStreetWork / transportation resources; current Chicago weather forecast data. A prior Reddit post regarding possible 69 W. Washington strike picketing was treated as unconfirmed social-media reporting.