



MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

FALL 2022 CONVENTION

CHICAGO, IL

Thursday, Oct. 13th to Sunday, Oct. 16th

Date and Location: The Fall 2022 Motor Bus Society Convention will be held from Thursday, October 13th to Sunday, October 16th in Chicago, IL. Please note that this is a four-day Thursday to Sunday convention, different from previous conventions which started on a Friday.

Host Hotel: The host hotel for the convention will be the DoubleTree by Hilton O'Hare – Rosemont. Located at 5460 North River Road, Rosemont, IL the hotel is only a short 10-minute walk from CTA Rosemont station on the Blue Line. The hotel has free high-speed WiFi internet access and a business center.

Hotel Information: The special MBS room rate is **\$159.00** (plus taxes, currently 14.00% total tax) per room per night with either two Queen beds or one King bed. A block of rooms has been put aside for MBS members from Wednesday, October 12th to Sunday, October 17th. The MBS room rate will be honoured for two days before and two days after the convention days, based on availability. Gibson's Steakhouse and BC Bistro and Lounge are eateries on site at the hotel with many other within a short walk. The hotel has a daily parking fee of \$30.

Please note that **hotel reservations must be made by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, 2022.** The hotel room space and rate cannot be guaranteed after that date.

All hotel reservations must be made by either calling the hotel directly or by visiting the DoubleTree website. Please refer to the hotel registration page (#3) for further instructions for reserving online.

The phone numbers for the hotel are (847) 292-9100 and (800) 756-5505. Please see the attached "Hotel Reservation Information" form for more information and remember to mention the group name "Motor Bus Society" when booking by telephone.

Motor Bus Society is currently in the planning stages for its Fall convention. As these are not normal times, the locations shown (on page #2) are a menu of several bus company yards and public bus terminals/pulse points. There cannot be guarantees that we will be admitted to all the garages and maintenance facilities due to either COVID protocols or shortages of personnel to handle our visits. We will be visiting some of the locations on the daily itineraries; but if each location was to be available to us there would not be enough time to visit them all.

Registration: The MBS convention registration fee is \$55.00 per person per day or \$200.00 for all four days for **MBS members**. For **non-MBS members**, the registration fee is \$ 70.00 per day or \$ 260.00 for all four days. To assure that space will be available for the garage and facility tours, advance registration is strongly recommended. In case of any shortage of seat space on the tour buses, persons with reservations will be given priority. Please note that the fees are slightly more when paying by PayPal. Please refer to the convention registration page (#4) for more details.

Transportation Information: O'Hare International Airport (ORD) is serviced by the CTA Blue Line. Follow signs at the airport and take the Elevated one station eastbound to Rosemont Station. The hotel is a 10-minute walk south along River Road.

Convention Activities: Registration and sign-in will take place in the DoubleTree lobby starting at 7:30 AM on all four days, with buses departing **promptly at 8:00 AM** each day.

Garage and Facility Tours: The itinerary has not been finalized and is highly dependent on whether properties are receptive to having visitors. Possible site visits are shown on the next page.



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Thursday, October 13 – Waukegan/North Chicago

The following visits have been requested; there may be transit center substitutions required.

- Waukegan/North Chicago Pulse
- Kenosha Transit
- Racine Transit
- Milwaukee Transit
- Waukesha Transit

Friday, October 14 – Local Chicago and South

The following visits have been requested; there may be transit center substitutions required.

- 95th/Dan Ryan Station
- 77th Street Shops
- PACE South Division
- Chicago Heights Transit Center
- Gary Public Transportation Corp. or Kankakee River Valley Mass Transit District

Saturday, October 15 – West and North

The following visits have been requested; there may be transit center substitutions required.

- Dekalb Transit
- Rockford MTD
- Illinois Railway Museum (confirmed)

Sunday, October 16

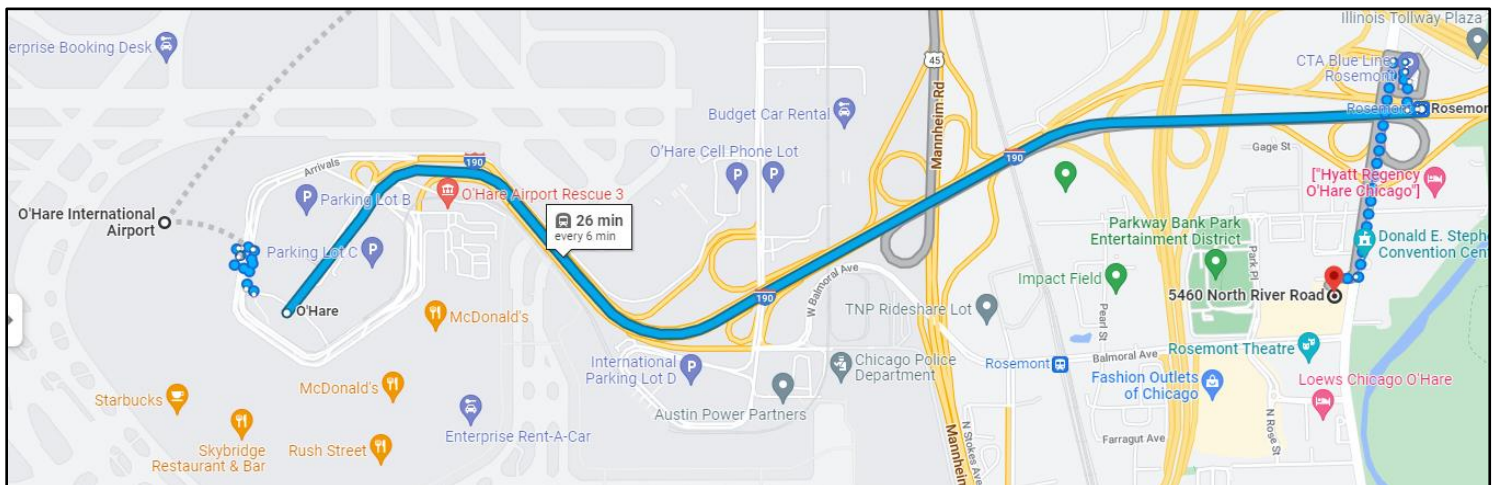
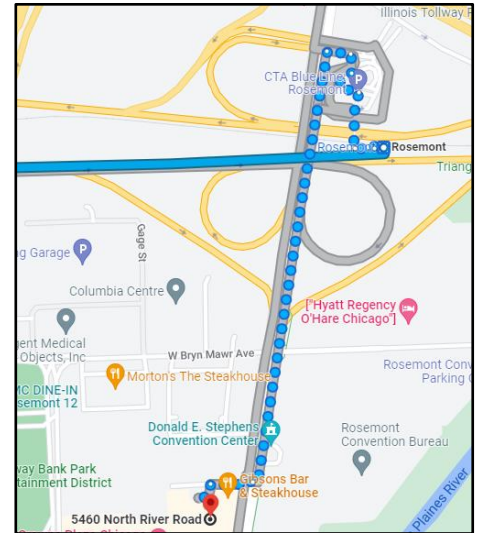
The following visits have been requested; there may be transit center substitutions required.

- Jefferson Park Station (might be Saturday)
- Additional CTA and PACE locations, hopefully including the Historic fleet.

The evening MBS meeting and presentation on Chicago bus history and current operations will be Friday evening at the host hotel.

PLEASE bring a face covering/mask in case masking is required by certain venues or transportation providers.

The maps below and to the right shows the location of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in relation to the O'Hare International Airport.





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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

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DoubleTree by Hilton O'Hare - Rosemont
5460 North River Road
Rosemont, IL 60018

Phone: (847) 292-9100

Phone: (800) 756-5505 or FAX (847) 928-7679

Group Name: **The Motor Bus Society**

(Please use the group name when booking room via phone)

A block of rooms has been set aside for MBS members based on the room rates and dates shown below. A limited number of rooms can also be reserved for dates two days before and two days after the convention at the MBS price, subject to availability.

DoubleTree by Hilton O'Hare - Rosemont Rosemont, IL	Wednesday, October 12	Thursday, October 13	Friday, October 14	Saturday, October 15	Sunday, October 16
Room Rates (Two Queen or One King)	\$ 159	\$ 159	\$ 159	\$ 159	\$ 159
<small>The room rates do not include local and State taxes, currently at 14.00% (subject to change). Parking is available for \$ 30 per day (subject to change).</small>					

To book online, please click on the link below for the DoubleTree by Hilton secured website:

www.my-event.hilton.com/chidtdt-mot-f71313df-12dc-43aa-9031-3d01428fa690/ Group Code: **MOT**

- This link should take you directly to the MBS booking page for the DoubleTree by Hilton O'Hare website.
- Click on the "Book a Room" tab; The dates are defaulted to Wednesday night to Sunday night; If you need to change this, click on the "edit stay" link and input the appropriate dates.
- Click on the type of room at the bottom left of the page.
- Follow the instructions on the subsequent screens to confirm and pay for your reservation.
- Reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to arrival time. After that time, cancellation will result in a penalty of one night's rate.

*Hotel reservations **must be made Wednesday, September 21, 2022.** Rooms can be guaranteed by a credit card for late arrival. If you are making a reservation by phone, please be sure to have the following information easily accessible when making the phone call:*

Type of card: _____ Number _____ - _____ - _____ Expires _____ - _____

Full name on card: _____



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Attendance Registration Form

Mail to: Motor Bus Society, Director of Conventions. P.O. Box 261, Paramus, NJ 07653-0261

Please make ___ reservations for me for the Chicago MBS Convention. I will be attending the following days:

Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Convention Registration Fees – Please read table below carefully.

Convention Registration Fees (Per Person) <i>Please circle appropriate box for the payment you will be making</i>	U.S., Canadian and International (U.S. \$)			
	All Four Days		Individual Days	
	MBS Members	Non MBS Members	MBS Members	Non MBS Members
Payment via Check or Money Order	\$ 200	\$ 260	\$ 55	\$ 70
Payment via PayPal	\$ 208	\$ 268	\$ 58	\$ 73

Payment via Check or Money Order:

The check or money order should be payable to "Motor Bus Society". Canadian and International registrants should pay in US\$.

A check / money order is enclosed for \$ _____ U.S.\$

Payment electronically via PayPal:

The Motor Bus Society is now accepting electronic payments via PayPal. To send the Convention Registration payment electronically, go to the PayPal website at www.paypal.com. In the title line on the website, click on "Send" and follow the instructions under "Send money in a few clicks". *Note the convention registration rates are different due to the PayPal transaction fee.*



- The registration rate for all four days or per single day is shown in the table above on the PayPal line. All registrants should pay in US\$. The following amount was paid _____ U.S.\$

The e-mail address for the MBS electronic payments is membership@motorbussociety.org. If you send in the payment electronically, you **must** still mail in the convention registration form to the Director of Conventions at the address above.

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov: _____ ZIP/Code: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

If paying for additional guests, please list their name and city for their name badge:

Name: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____

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By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with participating in the activities of this Convention and agree for myself and those registering with me that I/we assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) those registering with me, and further release and discharge the Motor Bus Society for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or their participation in the Fall 2022 Convention. I further understand and agree that the Motor Bus Society is not responsible for actions or injuries caused by participants upon other participants.

The MBS strongly suggests that you be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend this trip. The MBS cannot guarantee that you will be admitted to all venues that will be visited if you are not at least fully vaccinated and are carrying proof.

It is recommended that you also receive booster shots six months or more after the second inoculation (first Johnson and Johnson inoculation). Even if vaccinated, please bring a face covering/mask in case masking is required by certain venues or the bus carrier. By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I agree to release and hold harmless MBS and its officers and trustees from and against damages, liability, claims and expenses arising from the contraction or spread of disease, including but not limited to COVID-19 and its variants, due to my travel to or participation in any aspect of the MBS Fall 2022 Convention.