



Travel Alert

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CHICAGO – At approximately 12:15 p.m. today, a 12-inch water main broke on the lower level of Terminal 1 at O’Hare International Airport.

Traffic on the three-lane, lower-level roadway (arrivals) is reduced to one lane, causing traffic congestion. Work is now under way to repair the water main.

While Chicago Police and Aviation Police are on the scene to assist and direct traffic, the public should expect long delays when entering the upper and lower level roadways in front of O’Hare’s domestic terminals.

Motorists coming to O’Hare to pick-up passengers are advised to consider the following alternatives to entering the domestic terminal roadways:

- Use our cell phone parking lot. Cell phone lots enable motorists to temporarily park free of charge until friends, family members or business associates have deplaned, collected baggage and called to be picked up curbside. The 150-space lot is located at Economy Parking Lot F. Exit I-190 at North Mannheim Road and follow the signs to Economy Parking Lot F/Cell Phone Lot.
- Use O’Hare’s free and easy Kiss ‘n’ Fly. The drop-off point at which family members and friends can wait for and greet travelers is located directly off Bessie Coleman Drive.
- O’Hare offers short-term parking rates for those picking up travelers. Motorists will be able to park for \$2.00 for the first hour at O’Hare and \$4.00 for the second and third hours.
- Take public transportation. The Chicago Transit Authority’s (CTA) Blue Line to O’Hare is a convenient way to get to and from the airports while avoiding roadway congestion. The Metra North Central Service also has five weekday inbound and outbound trains between O’Hare and Chicago’s Union Station.

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- Real-time parking information for O'Hare is available on our Web site, www.flychicago.com. You can also register to receive parking information e-mail alerts. Once en route, motorists can tune to "ParkNet" (800 AM) on the radio when they are within 2.5 miles of either airport to receive current parking lot status reports.

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