
Schedule of Events

The RD/RA training will be held Tuesday, December 3 through Wednesday, December 4, 2024, followed by the ARARs Academy training from Thursday, December 5 through Friday, December 6, 2024, at the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, Illinois. The RD/RA course begins at 8:30 a.m. local time on Tuesday and ends at 4:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday. The ARARs Academy course begins on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. local time and ends at 4:00 p.m. local time on Friday. The training will be held in the Illinois Room, located on the 12th floor of the building. Please plan your travel accordingly.

The [EPA Region 5 office](#) is located at:

Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Please note: The training will be held at the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago, Illinois. A sleeping room block has been established at The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop hotel, which is located approximately 0.6 miles from the EPA Region 5 building. For those driving to the training, parking is available in nearby garages with limited metered street parking. Rates for the garages vary.

The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop

The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop
171 W. Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312-236-0123

A block of rooms is being held at The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop in Chicago, Illinois. The lodging rate is \$129 per night plus tax.

To make your reservations, please call The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago at 312-236-0123 and identify yourself as part of the **RD/RA and ARARs Room Block** to receive the special group rate. Reservations need to be made before **Monday, November 11, 2024**, to receive the block rate. Attendees may also make their reservations online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/50902755>. Included in the hotel rate is complimentary wi-fi access and complimentary coffee service in the lobby.

You are responsible for cancelling your hotel reservation if you cannot attend. **The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago requires a notice of cancellation 24 hours prior to the day of your scheduled arrival.** If you fail to provide notice, one night's lodging and tax will be charged to your credit card.

Hotel check-in begins after 4:00 p.m., and check-out time is at 11:00 a.m.

What to Pack for the Chicago Area

Average temperatures for the Chicago area in December range from 15°F to 30°F. Please be advised that temperatures in the training room do not reflect temperatures outside. Be sure to pack a light jacket or sweater to wear while you attend the training.

Dining and Amenities

The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago offers the following dining options and amenities:

- ❖ Bar Allegro, with grab and go food
- ❖ Located in downtown Chicago, steps away from numerous dining options and food delivery services.
- ❖ Exercise facility
- ❖ Complimentary wireless internet access

Travel Information

The Chicago area is served by the Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) and the Midway International Airport (MDW). ORD is located approximately 17 miles from downtown Chicago. MDW is located approximately 12 miles from downtown Chicago. Additional information about both airports is available at <https://www.flychicago.com/>. Chicago, Illinois is in the Central Time Zone.

Ground Transportation

Public Transportation: The Chicago "L" train provides access to downtown Chicago from both airports. Trains leave ORD every 15 minutes, and the ride is approximately 45 minutes each way. Trains leave MDW every 15 minutes, and the ride is approximately 35 minutes each way. Fares are \$2.50 one way (except from ORD, which is \$5 one way). The Orange Line "L" from MDW operates Monday through Friday, 3:30 a.m. to 1:05 a.m., Saturdays from 4:00 a.m. to 1:05 a.m., and Sunday and holidays, 4:30 a.m. to 1:05 a.m. The Blue Line "L" from ORD operates 24 hours a day. Additional information about the Chicago "L" is available at <http://www.transitchicago.com>.

Directions from ORD to the Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop using the Blue Line "L":

- ❖ At ORD, follow signs for CTA Trains to City.
- ❖ Board the Blue Line "L" toward Forest Park. The Blue Line is the only train in operation at ORD.
- ❖ Exit at the Clark/Lake stop (this is about 0.2 miles from the hotel).
- ❖ Head west on West Lake Street toward North La Salle Street.
- ❖ Turn left on North La Salle Street
- ❖ Turn right on West Randolph Street The hotel will be on the left.

Directions from MDW to Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop using the Orange Line "L":

- ❖ At MDW, follow signs for CTA Trains to City.
- ❖ Board the Orange Line "L" toward the Loop. The Orange Line is the only train in operation at MDW.
- ❖ Exit at the Washington/Wells stop (this stop is about 0.2 miles from the hotel).
- ❖ Exit the stop and head north on North Wells Street toward West Washington Street.
- ❖ Turn right onto West Randolph Street. The hotel will be on the right.

Shared Shuttle Service: Go Airport Express provides Shuttle Service between ORD and MDW to most Chicago hotels. Fares from ORD to the Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop are about \$80 one way, not including gratuity. Fares from MDW to Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop are about \$60 one way, not including gratuity. Additional information is available at http://www.airportexpress.com/service_to_from_hotels.

Shared Ride Service: Uber and Lyft offer transportation to and from both airports to the Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop. Rides from ORD to the Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop are between \$50 to \$60 one way, depending on the time of day and not including gratuity. Rides from MDW to the Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago Loop are between \$40 to \$50 one way, depending on the time of day and not including gratuity.

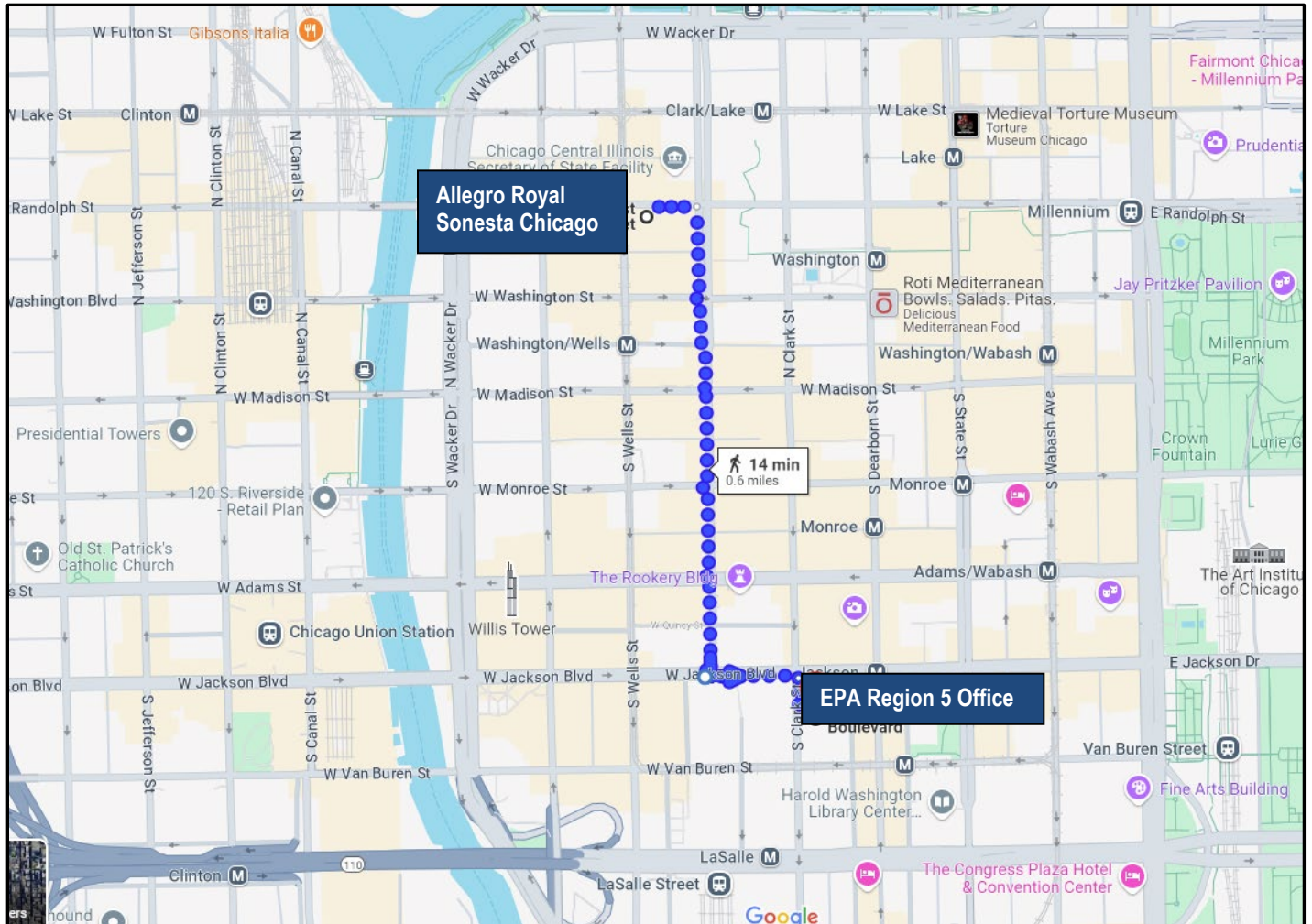
Taxi fare: Taxi fare between ORD and the hotel is approximately \$55 one way, not including gratuity. Taxi fare between MDW and the hotel is approximately \$50 one way, not including gratuity.

Parking: Self-parking is available near the hotel at the 33 West Monroe Garage for \$46 per day, as well as self-parking located at the 55 East Monroe Garage, for \$59 per day. Valet parking is available at the hotel for \$65 per day.

Walking Directions from The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago to EPA Region 5

0.6 miles, approximately 14-minute walk

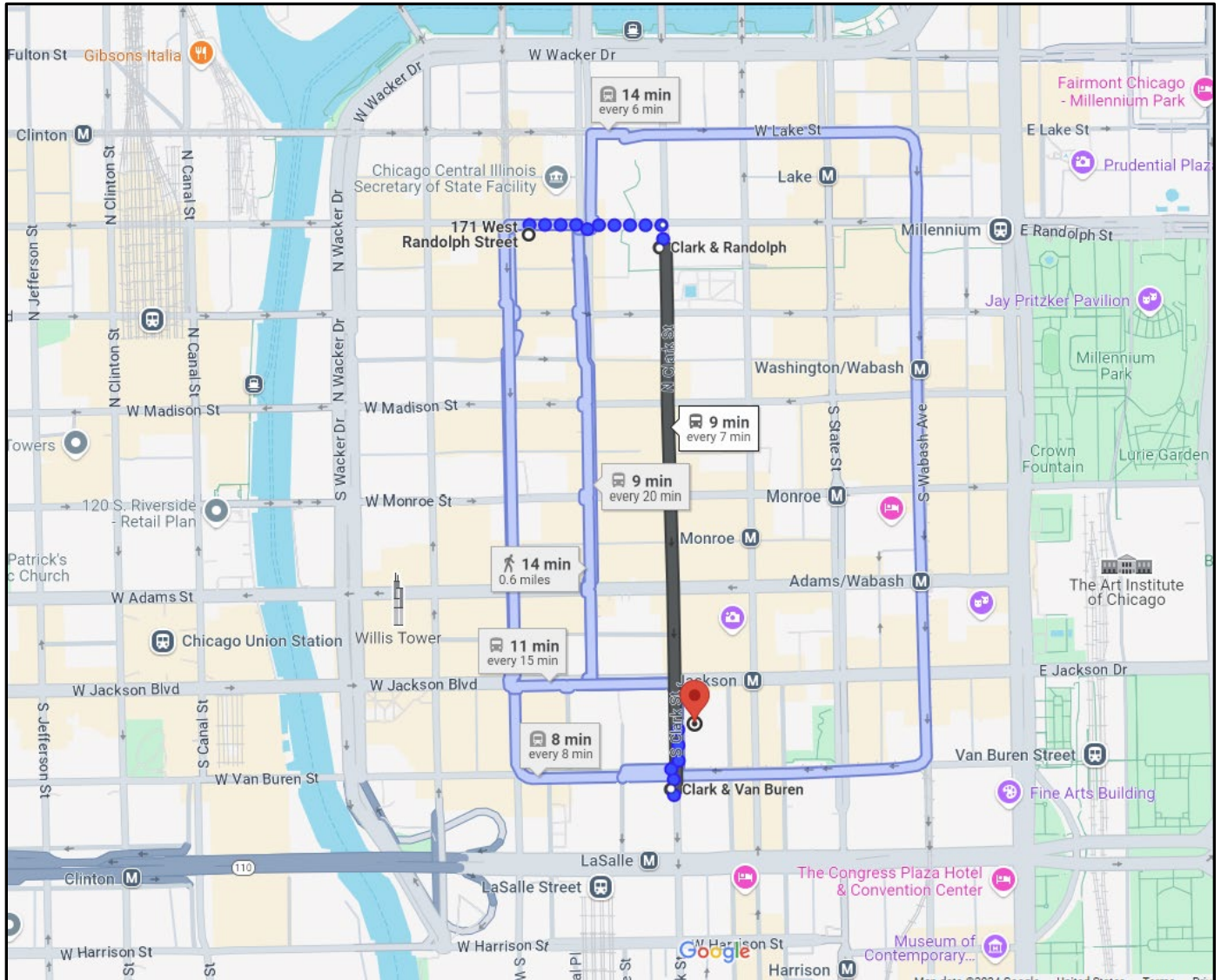
- ❖ Head east on West Randolph Street toward North La Salle Street.
- ❖ Turn right on North La Salle Street, continue for approximately 0.4 miles.
- ❖ Turn left on West Jackson Boulevard continue for approximately 400 feet.
- ❖ Turn right on South Clark Street. continue approximately 200 feet.
- ❖ The Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building will be on your left.



Public Transportation Directions from The Allegro Royal Sonesta Chicago to EPA Region 5

Approximately 9-minutes

- ❖ Head east on West Randolph Street toward North La Salle Street.
- ❖ Board the 22 Harrison bus at Clark & Randolph stop.
- ❖ Exit at the Clark & Van Buren stop and head north on South Clark Street toward West Van Buren Street.
- ❖ The Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building will be on your right.



Chicago "L" Train System Map

