Gateway Traveler Information System

The GTIS coverage area stretches from the Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota metropolitan area to Detroit and Port Huron, Michigan and encompasses 86 counties in five states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan) under the auspices of the Great Lakes Regional Transportation Operations Coalition (GLRTOC). The GTIS also covers all 102 counties in Illinois (21 counties as part of the GLRTOC).

The www.TravelMidwest.com website offers travel time, congestion, construction, special event, roadway conditions, incident, weather information, and long-term planning data on major projects. This website is an important resource to intelligently plan travel on the interstate highways and major limited access roadways.

The site identifies road closures due to weather and other causes and frequently identifies alternate routes. Travel advisories round out the information package.

RSS feeds provide quick access to information updates such as long term construction plans or alerts on major incidents.

Clicking on one of the interactive maps provides comprehensive information on congestion, incidents, construction, etc. Reports are linked to the maps so the location of a report item can be immediately viewed in context on the appropriate map. Notices relating to construction are linked to report line items, thus consolidating data into a complete picture of roadway conditions.

Historical information is available to further assist the traveler in determining the best possible travel routes. This information is also made available to other agencies for use in modeling, planning, and other public benefit projects.

Feedback
Comments or suggestions on the Gateway Traveler Information System can be made by emailing:

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Your Gateway to Traffic Information

The Gateway Traveler Information System (GTIS) provides comprehensive roadway information for the five-state Midwest area in both graphic and tabular forms. The graphs and maps provide quick pictures of conditions. Reports and tables show the underlying numbers on which the graphics are based. Using a unique blend of sensor data and manual input, the GTIS is a single system for planning travel throughout the Midwest.

Gateway Coverage Area

- Minneapolis/St. Paul in Minnesota
- I-94 and Southern Wisconsin from the Wisconsin Dells to Milwaukee and down to the Illinois border
- The entire state of Illinois
- Northern Indiana from Gary to the Ohio state line
- Southern Michigan including Grand Rapids, Detroit and Port Huron

Comprehensive Reports

Maps are supplemented by comprehensive reports on travel times, congestion, construction, incidents, and special events displayed in tables by location. Users can customize reports so the initial view will default to normally-traveled roadways. Report locations are linked to the maps, allowing users to visually pinpoint the specific location of incidents, construction or events. Construction notices display detailed construction news including long-term planning data for current and future projects, detours, and other information.

Congestion at a Glance

Color-coded congestion on interstates and major highways provides a quick understanding of traffic conditions. Travel time icons on the maps change color to reflect abnormally heavy traffic conditions. Other color-coded icons identify the locations of construction, incidents, and other roadway conditions affecting travel. Clicking on an icon gives a complete description of the event impacting the highway. Details on major delays may be explained in the notices menu, with the most significant situations noted in the rotating banner messages at the top of the website. Banners may be linked to notices. Information is displayed on the map in layers. Travel times, construction, incidents, congestion, special events and weather watches/warnings can be turned on and off so that only the information you desire to review remains visible. Layer settings and coordinates are retained for subsequent visits.

Trip Report

The Travel Time Report and the interactive maps display travel times on predefined routes. However, the Trip Report can display travel times and congestion on selected user-defined routes using start and end cross streets. Multiple expressways can be linked together to make one trip. Trips can be saved and recalled. Travel times and congestion are then calculated from the requested start to the requested end. Active construction projects and incidents for each succeeding major cross road between the two points are also displayed.

Trip Report Emails

Users can elect to register themselves with the TravelMidwest.com Trip Report system. After registering, users receive emailed trip reports on a scheduled basis. Emailed reports can optionally include trip travel time, heavily congested road segments, congestion and incident information.

Video Snapshots

Frequently updated camera snapshots of road conditions supplement the maps and printed reports. Detailed road conditions including congested traffic can be observed from the numerous camera views available throughout the GTIS coverage area. Views of highly-traveled areas provide not only the traffic in the area, but other conditions such as weather.

Mobile App for iPhone and Android Devices

Smartphone users can now access traffic maps for the Chicago, Bloomington/Normal, Champaign/Urbana, Kankakee, Lake County Illinois, Peoria, Quad Cities, Rockford, Springfield, St. Louis, northwest Indiana (Gary), Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Madison and Milwaukee areas as well as messages and announcements through native apps developed for iPhones and Android devices. Travel Midwest Mobile is now available FREE from Google Play and the iPhone App Store.

Important Links

In addition to information displayed on the website, www.TravelMidwest.com provides links to other travel-oriented sites such as airport information, travel directions, weather, and to various state Department of Transportation websites and projects.

RSS Feeds

RSS news feeds are available for notices such as construction announcements, high priority, weather, transit, and news items. The alert and warning messages displayed in the banner at the top of the website are also available. The information can be downloaded directly to your computer and viewed by your browser or email. You can click on the RSS icon on the banner message or announcements page to set up your requests.

Trucker Information

The Truckers Report filters information on potential problem areas for commercial drivers and operators. Major incidents, construction, and travel time watch zone sections provide information on critical traffic situations in addition to links important to truckers.

Historical Data

Drivers can access the Travel Time Statistics Report or the website (www.TravelMidwestStats.com) to get a picture of the travel times on the covered roadways based on several years of data. Data is displayed in both graphic and tabular forms to assist you in making travel decisions.