The Gateway Traveler Information System (GTIS) provides comprehensive information on the interstate highways and major arterial roadways in its coverage area which runs from southern Wisconsin through northern Illinois and northern Indiana into southwestern Michigan.

The www.travelmidwest.com website offers travel time, congestion, construction, special event, roadway conditions, incident, and weather information, as well as long-term planning data on major projects. This data is necessary 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. Highway 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, consolidating data together into a complete picture of roadway conditions.

The Illinois Traffic Alert System (www.illtrafficalert.com) provides information on roadways in the Chicago area direct to mobile devices or e-mail inboxes.

Distributing comprehensive information to the highway users in a timely fashion is critical to the efficient use of the existing roads. The Lake Michigan Interstate Gateway Alliance (LMIGA) is a multi-state, multi-disciplinary organization which uses the website, email, and text messaging to distribute information to travelers in the four-state area.

The GTIS provides the information needed to make intelligent travel decisions. Information available from various agencies in each of the participating states is coordinated and consolidated within the GTIS. The GTIS displays this data consistently regardless of the data source. This comprehensive planning tool collects, organizes, and displays reports in consistent logical formats for use by the public.

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 four-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, GTIS is the single system for planning travel through the region.

Gateway Coverage Area

- Northern Illinois from Quad Cities to Chicago
- Northern Indiana from Gary to the Ohio state line
- Southern Wisconsin from the Wisconsin Dells to Milwaukee and down to the Illinois border
- Southwestern Michigan from Holland to Albion and down to the Indiana state line

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 under Notices, with the most significant situations noted in the scrolling 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 custom displays on subsequent visits.

Comprehensive Reports

Maps are supplemented by comprehensive reports on travel times, congestion, construction, incidents, and special events displayed in tables by category of event. 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.

Customizable Report

The Travel Time Report and the interactive maps display travel times on predefined routes. However, the Customizable Report can display travel times and congestion on selected user-defined routes using start and end cross streets. 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.

Video Snapshots

Frequently updated camera snapshots of road conditions supplement the maps and printed reports. Congestion can be visually determined 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, Milwaukee, Madison, Rockford, Quad Cities, northern Indiana, and southwestern Michigan areas as well as messages and announcements through native apps developed for iPhones and Android devices. m.travelmidwest.com allows mobile users with other smartphones to access selected displays. Travel Midwest Mobile is now available FREE from Google Play and the iPhone App Store.

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 Zones sections provide information on critical traffic situations in addition to links important to truckers.

Illinois Traffic Alert System

Motorists in Northeastern Illinois can register to receive e-mail or text message alerts for the roads they normally travel at the times they travel. By following the link at the www.travelmidwest.com website or going to www.iltrafficalert.com, the routes, the times of day these routes are traveled, and the types of information desired, can be specified. Data on weekends or days off can be omitted from the request. This free service allows quick reaction to road situations, saving time and money.

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.