

Way to go!

A short list of **greener** ways of getting there

- ☞ **Walk** — For short trips, this will probably take less time than driving . . . and trying to find a parking place! Also, walking is good for you — what the public health community calls a “best exercise.” A brisk 20-minute walk four or five times a week has proven health benefits.
- ☞ **Ride a bike** — Many streets have bike lanes, and here’s another good way to cut pollution, save money, and stay healthy.
- ☞ **Share an I-GO car** — Get where you gotta go and support this not-for-profit, eco-friendly car rental organization.
- ☞ **Take the bus or the EL** — No extra pollution here since those vehicles are running anyhow. Plus, gives you a chance to catch up on your reading (or cop a few ZZZs). The more we use public transportation, the better it will get — and in Chicago, it’s already pretty good.
- ☞ **Car pool** — Find out who else is going to and from your destination and get together. Maybe someday Chicago will even have commuter lanes (don’t hold your breath, but it’s worth asking your alderman about).
- ☞ **Take a taxi** — Highly recommended for destinations where parking would cost you an arm and a leg.
- ☞ **Don’t go** — This doesn’t mean don’t go at all, but just don’t jump in the car at the drop of a hat. Be as economical in your travel (for example, saving up errands in the same geographic area and doing them all at one shot) as you are in the rest of your life. You’d be surprised how much you reduce your carbon emissions — and your costs.