

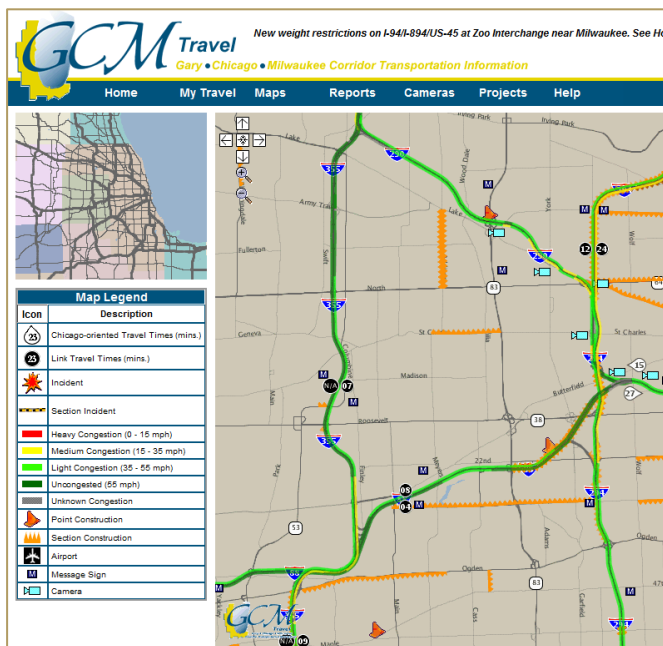


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Expanded Regional Gateway Traveler Information System



The 24/7/365 Gateway operation is a proactive force providing traveler information in the IL-IN-MI-WI area. Besides reporting activity on Interstate Highways, the Gateway reflects construction and incidents on US and state highways and major local roads. Construction and incidents are supplemented with non-emergency special event information providing comprehensive regional traffic data. Automated interfaces to InDOT, the Chicago Skyway, and the Indiana Toll Road now provide congestion and travel time information on I-65, I-80, I-90, and I-94 from Ohio to Iowa. Road conditions are

actively monitored. Informational banners are posted to reflect time sensitive or critical items. Announcements further explain summary banner messages, construction, and incident reports, and are supplemented with emails as needed. Gateway monitoring and verification of traffic anomalies can lead to the identification of incidents before receiving formal notification from public safety officials or the general public, improving response times and assisting in the quick identification of equipment problems in the field. Operators review the automated monitoring system and respond to system situations insuring maximum system availability. As the single common regional resource, the Gateway has become a repository for multi-jurisdictional incidents and maintains a record of incident response data for these jurisdictions.

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