

I am a frequent traveler both domestic and international. My travels are predominantly for business purposes and frequently involved connecting flights. I live in the Chicago Metro area and appreciate the close and wonderful use of O'Hare International Airport. Yes, I have experienced delays because of weather and also because of the physical layout of the runways. The runways are not laid-out properly to allow simultaneous landings and takings-off because many were constructed to intersect each other. This does not make sense. When one runway is in use, the cross runway cannot be used.

Limiting the number of flights is not the solution. It causes long connecting times because of the limited number of flights, makes travelers really think about flying thus reducing potential revenue for the airlines who are already in financial difficulty, loss of jobs, and ultimately hurts us all because of increased prices, lack of revenue and taxes, and lower stock market. This is a large economic impact.

Diverting flights to Milwaukee, Rockford, and Gary is also not the answer. Who wants to take a bus from Milwaukee, WI to O'Hare because that's where the connecting flight is? Putting in a third airport in Peotone, IL would also result in needing transportation from Peotone to O'Hare.

The best and most logical solution is upgrading and updating O'Hare.

Reconfigure the runways, add additional runways, and increase the support systems necessary to manage the increase. O'Hare will continue to be a major hub for air travel. It is conveniently located in the middle of our outstanding country and we should fix the problem rather than just put a bandaid on it. Since I live close to the airport, I have airplane noise but it does not bother me because I know someone on that plane is going somewhere they need to be. Besides, the airport was there before I bought my home and I knew what it would be like. Airplane noise is not an excuse to not fix the airport.

I know you will do the right thing.

Thank you for the time you spent reading this.

Regards,

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