



WELLS STREET BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

in coordination with

 **Loop Track Renewal**

Impacts service March 1-11 and April 26-May 6

- Train service will be temporarily suspended between the Mart and the Loop for two 9-day periods, with additional service impacts on the Loop 'L' on weekends
- **Red** and **Brown** line riders may experience more crowded trains and longer travel times, particularly during weekday rush periods
- In the peak of the rush period, we recommend **leaving early or late, or using alternatives**

As part of the Chicago Department of Transportation's (CDOT) ongoing reconstruction of the Wells Street Bridge over the Chicago River, we'll need to temporarily cease train service on the bridge for two 9-day periods: from 10pm, Friday, March 1 through 4am, Monday, March 11; and again 10pm, Friday, April 26 through 4am, Monday, May 6.

To assist our riders, we've developed a comprehensive alternative service plan incorporating additional bus service, shuttle buses, some rerouted trains, and a Loop shuttle train to alleviate some of the temporary inconveniences for both weekday and weekend riders.

During these periods, CTA train service will be significantly impacted, including reduced capacity on the Red and Brown lines during the peak of the rush period. **CTA strongly encourages its riders to plan ahead for longer commutes by leaving earlier, changing travel patterns or consider alternative service.**

While CDOT closes the 90-year-old Wells Street Bridge for an extensive reconstruction—rebuilding one leaf of the bascule bridge during each 9-day segment—we'll be performing needed replacement of tracks on and near the bridge that will increase safety and reliability for riders and is part of the CTA's \$33.8 million Loop Track Renewal project launched in March 2012. By performing the work while CDOT completes the Wells bridge repairs, CTA will reduce the duration of the work by eight days. Additionally, combining the work will save CDOT and CTA \$500,000 in construction coordination costs.

Visit transitchicago.com/wellsbridge for more information about the project and service alternatives.

See the reverse side of this flyer for service information for your route and station.

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Service Impacts & Alternatives

for customers riding to/from Sedgwick through Merchandise Mart

During each 9-day closure, trains won't be able to cross the bridge. On weekdays, the **Brown Line** will operate between Kimball and Merchandise Mart, only, and between Kimball and Chicago stations on nights and weekends.

Purple Line Express service will be suspended due to limited capacity from the bridge closure.

A **free bus shuttle** will operate during all hours of **Brown Line** service between the Chicago station and the Loop 'L'. The shuttle stops at the Chicago Brown Line station, LaSalle/Kinzie (for Merchandise Mart station), LaSalle/Lake (for Clark/Lake station) and Washington/Wells station. On weekends, the shuttle is extended to the Clinton Green/Pink lines station.

A **Loop Shuttle Train** will operate continuously, making all stops on the **Brown Line** side of the Loop 'L', during all **weekday** hours where Brown Line service usually operates there.

Weekday Morning & Evening Rush Period Service

- **Brown Line** service during rush periods will operate with *substantially reduced frequency, with service to the Merchandise Mart only running every 12 minutes.*
- Sedgwick, Chicago and Merchandise Mart station riders are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to consider using bus service alternatives inbound at the height of the AM rush or outbound at the height of the PM rush, as trains may be very crowded at the height of rush periods.
 - **Extra service will be added to the #37 Sedgwick*** bus to provide alternate service for riders at Fullerton, Sedgwick, and Chicago.
 - A special variant of the #37 will also operate during week day rush periods. The **#37A Sedgwick/Armitage** will operate in the peak direction only (southbound in the AM rush, northbound in the PM rush) and, south of Sedgwick station (North Avenue), operate on the same routing as the #37, making all local stops. #37A buses will begin/end at Adams Street. See map on the right.

Travel tips

- Avoid the busiest part of weekday rush periods, if possible, by shifting your work day to earlier or later hours.
- Consider alternatives other than Red, Brown and Purple lines, such as **#22 Clark***, **#36 Broadway**, **#37 Sedgwick*** or **#37A Sedgwick/Armitage** buses (see above), or **#156 LaSalle** buses.
- For those who wish to change between **Brown Line** service and **other 'L' lines downtown**, consider transferring at Belmont or Fullerton and using **Red Line** service to/from the Loop for connections.
- **Remember:** Due to unavoidable capacity limitations, both **Red** and **Brown Line** trains may become very crowded, especially near downtown, and especially in peak travel directions.

* Extra service in the AM and PM rush periods

