



'L' System Slow Zone Map

August 2025

“Slow zones” are areas of track where trains are required to operate at slower-than-normal speeds due to certain track conditions and other temporary concerns. Track conditions can develop on railways from age, weather and other sometimes unpredictable forces that cause distress or deterioration on track components. Slow zones can also be implemented due to nearby construction work, which can last for weeks or even months.

With more than 225 miles of CTA track, slow zones are constantly changing and evolving: As crews repair one section of track, new slow zones can be instituted if track inspectors detect new signs of deterioration somewhere or as an upgrade project begins on our system.

As a result, the percentage of slow zones across our system vary from month to month.

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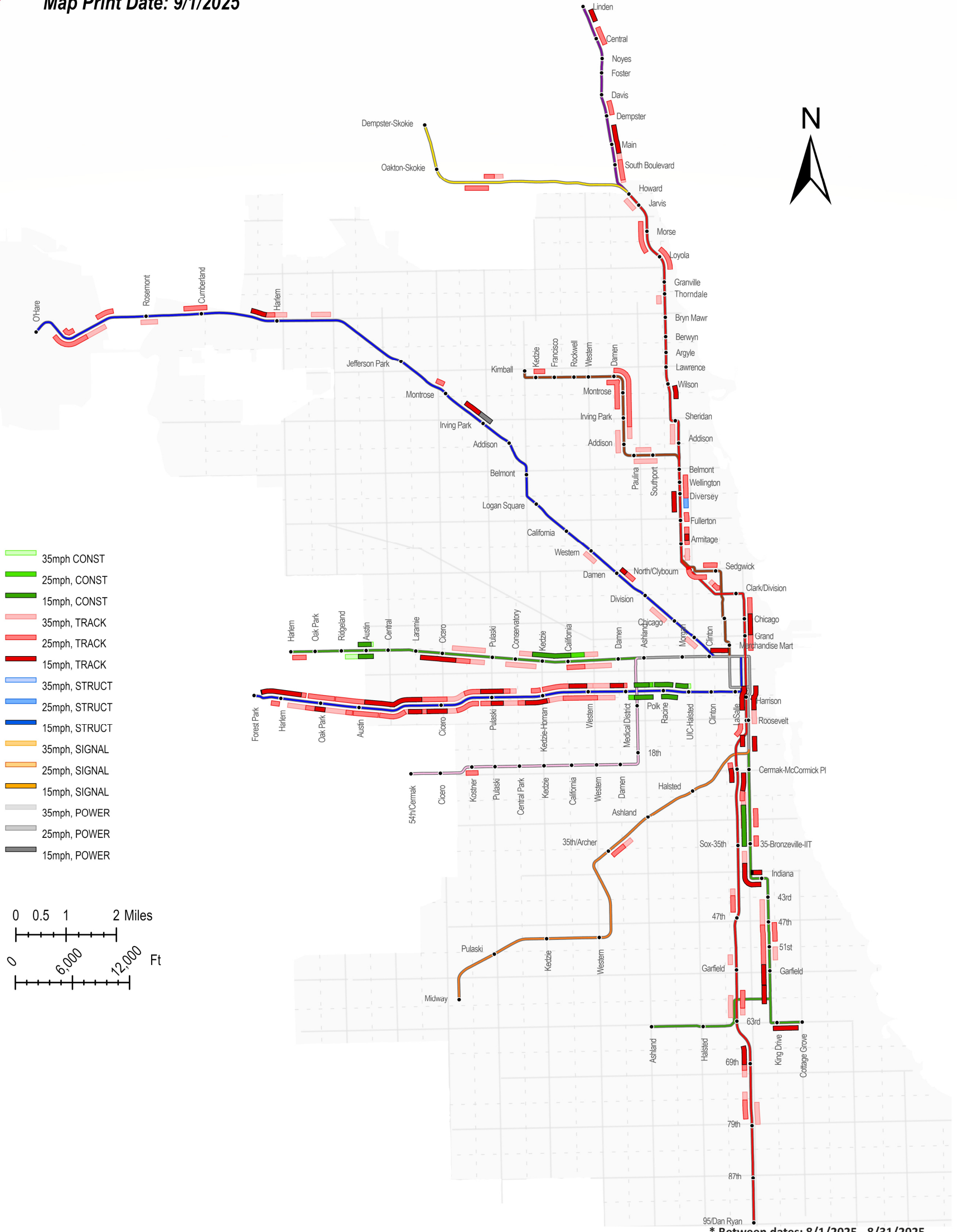


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Map Print Date: 9/1/2025



* Between dates: 8/1/2025 - 8/31/2025

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	100,262	295,440	33.9%
RED	38,502	241,033	16.0%
YELLOW	3,550	51,330	6.9%
PURPLE	9,570	84,952	11.3%
LOOP	1,453	21,164	6.9%
BROWN	24,112	97,626	24.7%
ORANGE	4,338	103,018	4.2%
GREEN	62,141	198,441	31.3%
PINK	790	76,294	1.0%
TOTAL	244,718	1,169,298	20.9%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	59,792	116,385	98,419	274,596
STRUCTURE	2,043	757		2,800
POWER	755	275		1,030
CONSTRUCTION	13,445	2,425	1,975	17,845
TOTAL	76,035	119,842	100,394	296,271

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	25,579	28,981	21,828	76,388	94,010	81.3%	2,501	
O'Hare/Logan Square	3,674	10,397	7,307	21,378	155,760	13.7%	9,480	
Dearborn Subway			2,496	2,496	45,670	5.5%	976	
North Main Line	3,918	4,859	2,853	11,630	82,124	14.2%	4,668	
State Subway	1,787	4,030	493	6,310	48,426	13.0%		
Dan Ryan	4,003	7,903	8,656	20,562	110,483	18.6%	4,266	
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		
Evanston	3,365	4,129	1,450	8,944	40,704	22.0%	2,975	
Evanston Express		626		626	44,248	1.4%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop		16,897	7,215	24,112	97,626	24.7%	6,427	4,023
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	1,162	973	4,338	103,018	4.2%		
Lake	10,285	5,269	14,385	29,939	91,228	32.8%	949	
South Loop/South Main Line	14,048	8,181	7,572	29,801	65,403	45.6%		
Englewood					30,292			2,346
Jackson Park	2,401			2,401	11,518	20.8%		
Douglas/Connector		790		790	76,294	1.0%	790	453
TOTAL	71,889	96,651	76,178	244,718	1,169,298	20.9%	33,032	6,822

Note: 1. Unless otherwise specified, all measurements above are displayed in linear feet.

2. Multiple slow zones due to different root causes and different departments can potentially overlap. Therefore, the system-wide total slow zone length by department (area to be removed) may add to a higher number than the total slow zone length in effect on each branch.