



'L' System Slow Zone Map

December 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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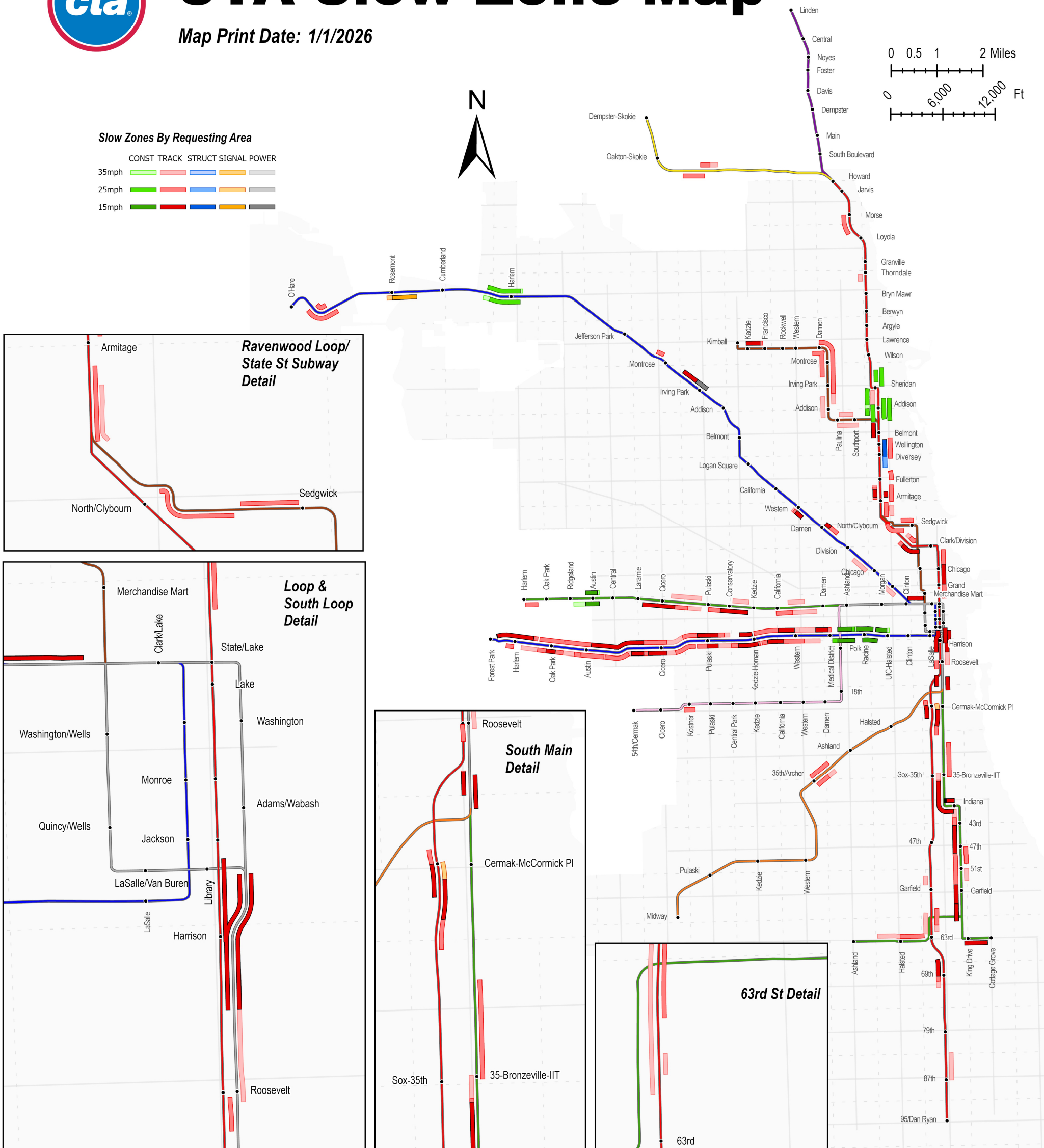
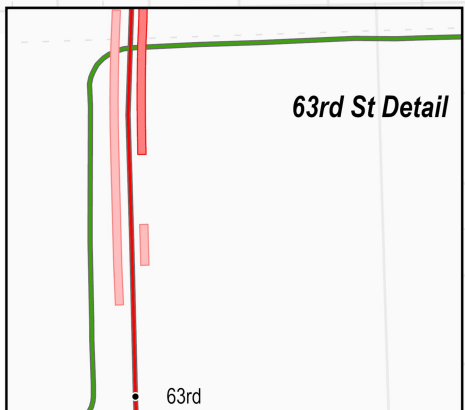
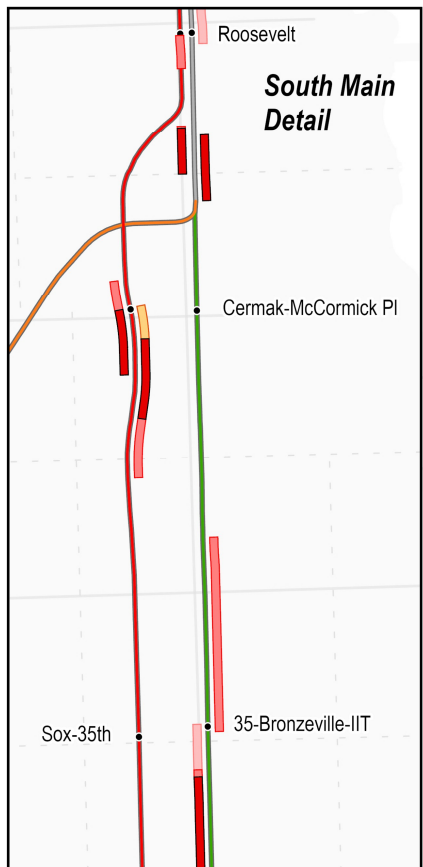
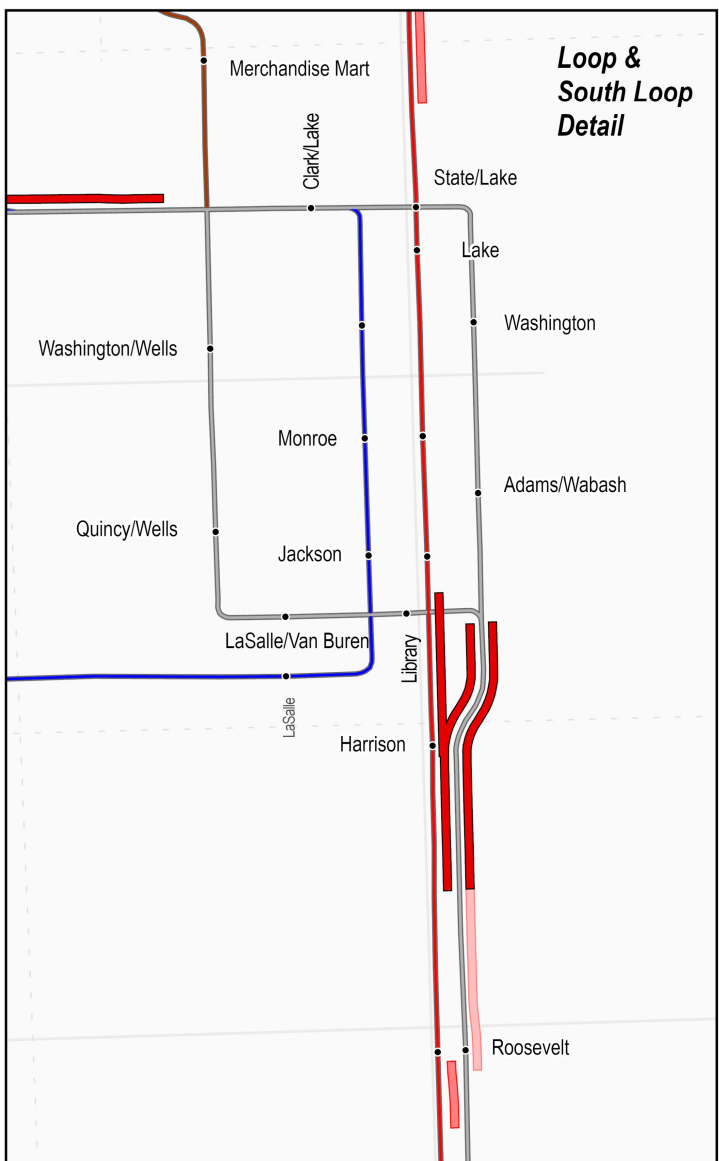
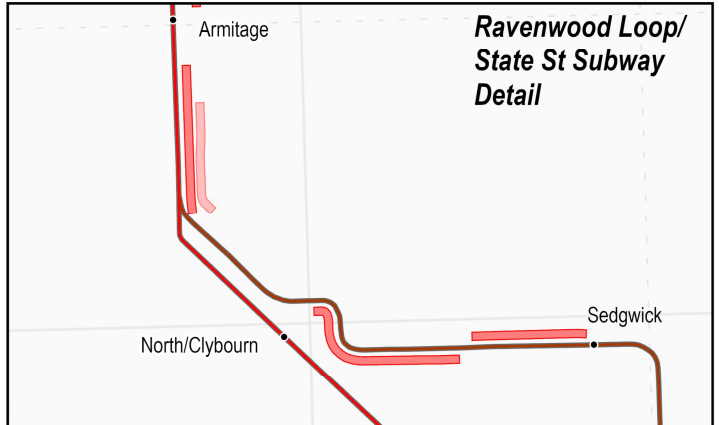
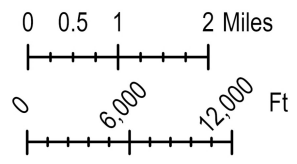


CTA Slow Zone Map

Map Print Date: 1/1/2026

Slow Zones By Requesting Area

	CONST TRACK	STRUCT	SIGNAL	POWER
35mph	█	█	█	█
25mph	█	█	█	█
15mph	█	█	█	█



* Between dates: 12/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	99,504	295,440	33.7%
RED	37,890	248,996	15.2%
YELLOW	3,550	51,330	6.9%
PURPLE	5,712	92,559	6.2%
LOOP	1,453	21,164	6.9%
BROWN	24,884	98,400	25.3%
ORANGE	6,448	103,018	6.3%
GREEN	62,820	198,441	31.7%
PINK	790	76,294	1.0%
TOTAL	243,051	1,185,642	20.5%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	67,854	111,873	71,190	250,917
STRUCTURE	2,043	757		2,800
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	755	275		1,030
CONSTRUCTION	5,895	15,830	3,523	25,248
TOTAL	78,925	131,576	74,713	285,214

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	28,105	29,170	19,599	76,874	94,010	81.8%		
O'Hare/Logan Square	5,366	13,411	1,357	20,134	155,760	12.9%	775	1,170
Dearborn Subway			2,496	2,496	45,670	5.5%		
North Main Line	2,689	7,043	2,192	11,924	90,087	13.2%		2,586
State Subway	5,434	5,742	493	11,669	48,426	24.1%	1,695	
Dan Ryan	4,003	4,324	5,970	14,297	110,483	12.9%	594	9,822
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		
Evanston					40,704			
Evanston Express		5,302	410	5,712	51,855	11.0%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	1,134	16,535	7,215	24,884	98,400	25.3%	1,438	
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	3,272	973	6,448	103,018	6.3%		
Lake	9,355	5,219	11,665	26,239	91,228	28.8%		
South Loop/South Main Line	14,089	11,035	4,106	29,230	65,403	44.7%		
Englewood		2,346	2,604	4,950	30,292	16.3%		
Jackson Park	2,401			2,401	11,518	20.8%		
Douglas/Connector		790		790	76,294	1.0%		
TOTAL	74,779	108,242	60,030	243,051	1,185,642	20.5%	4,502	13,578

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.
 3. Total Usable Length may vary depending on construction projects and tracks that are open and available to the public.