



'L' System Slow Zone Map

February 2026

“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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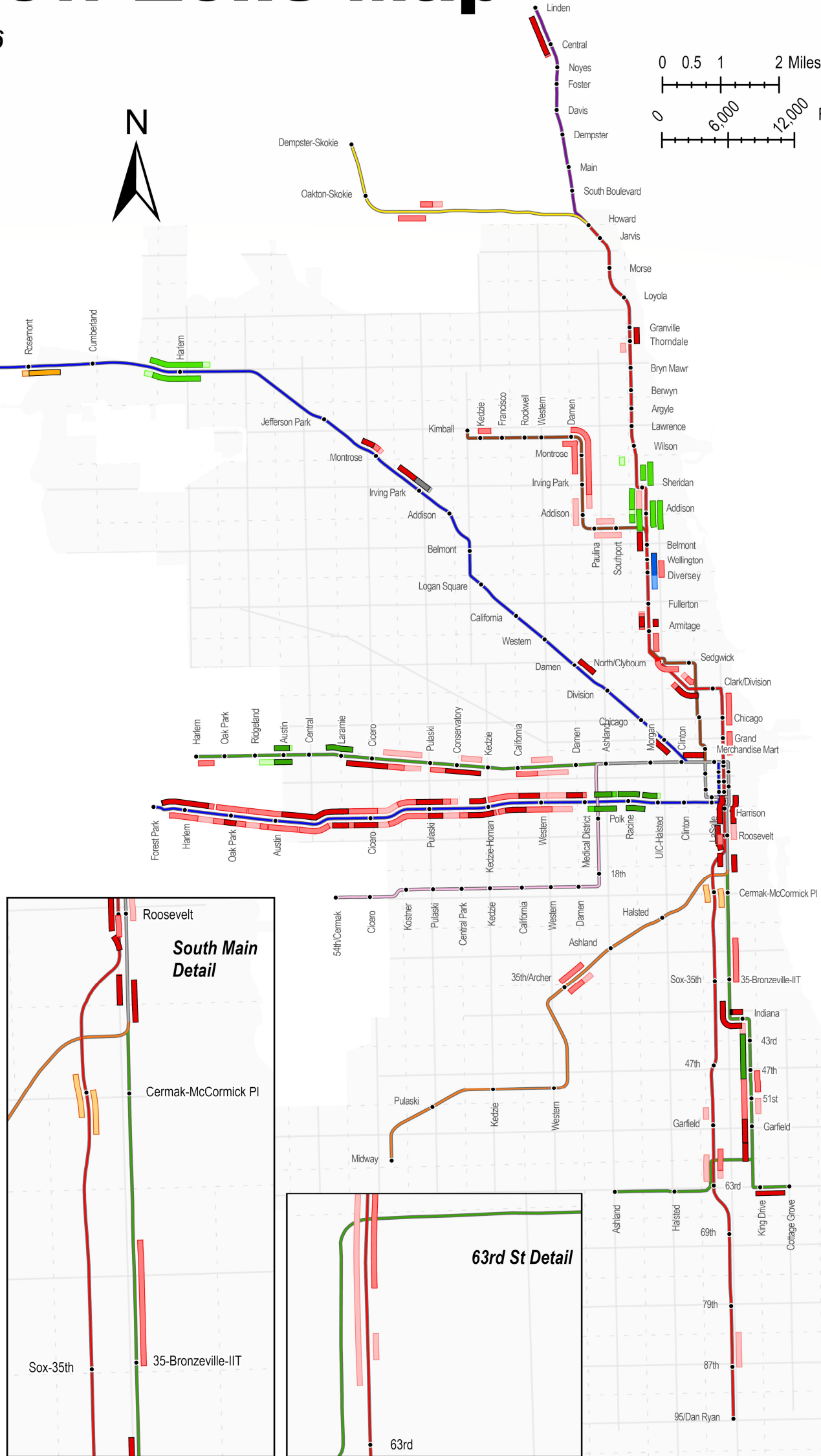
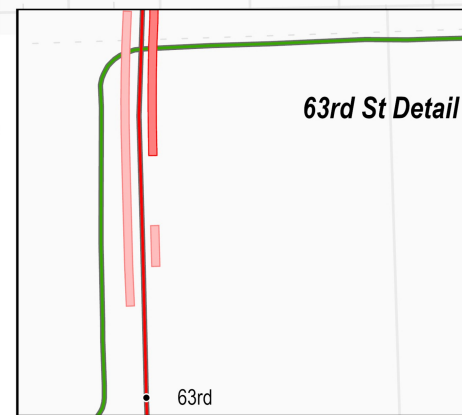
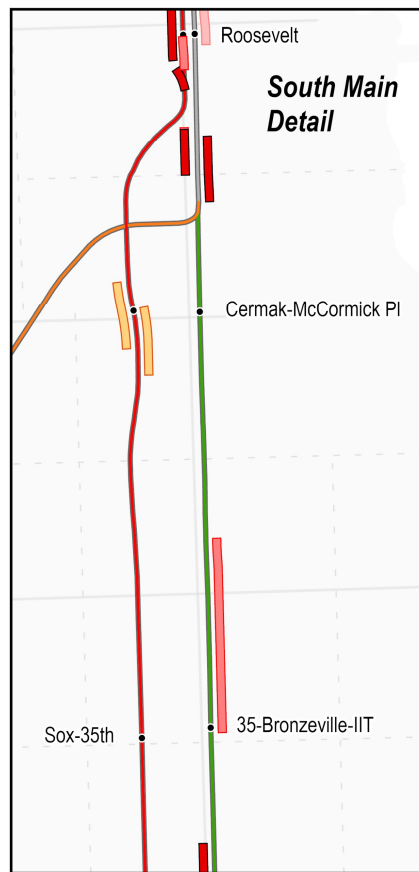
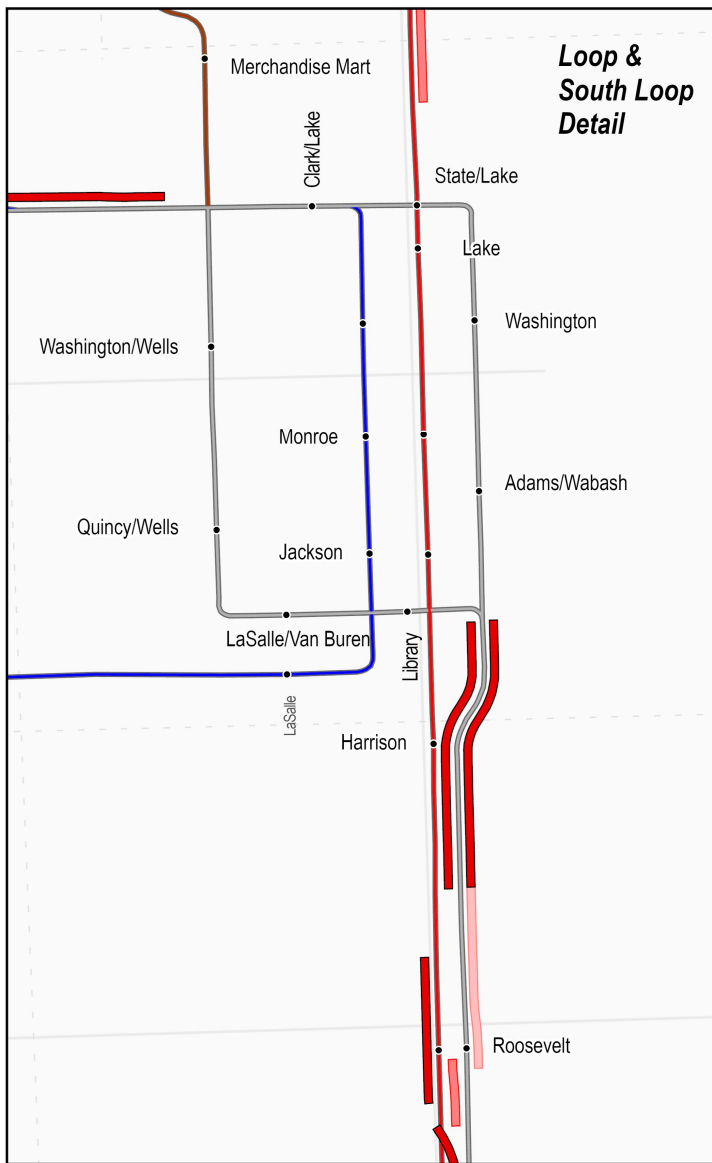
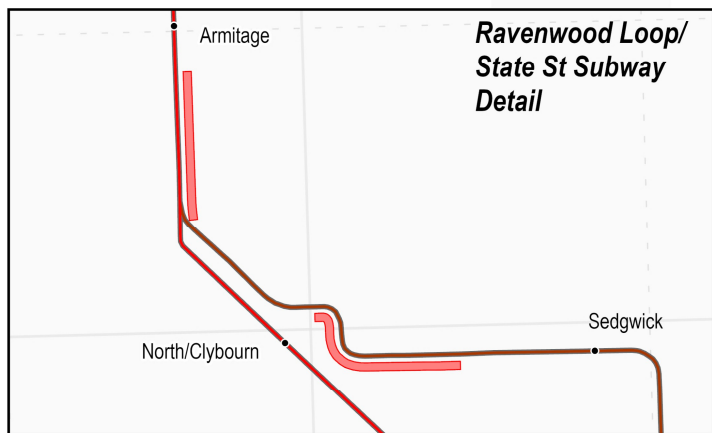
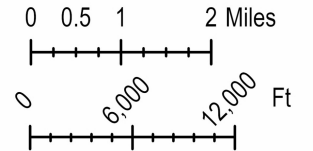


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Map Print Date: 3/1/2026

Slow Zones By Requesting Area

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



* Between dates: 2/1/2026 - 2/28/2026

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	103,265	295,440	35.0%
RED	31,151	241,356	12.9%
YELLOW	3,550	51,330	6.9%
PURPLE	9,395	98,604	9.5%
LOOP	1,111	21,164	5.2%
BROWN	19,364	98,964	19.6%
ORANGE	6,448	103,018	6.3%
GREEN	57,275	198,441	28.9%
PINK		76,294	
TOTAL	231,559	1,184,611	19.5%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	64,220	94,927	63,785	222,932
STRUCTURE	2,043	757		2,800
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	1,030	200		1,230
CONSTRUCTION	11,316	17,636	4,196	33,148
TOTAL	80,987	116,361	67,981	265,329

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	31,674	19,599	79,378	94,010	84.4%	2,504	
O'Hare/Logan Square	7,226	13,532	1,849	22,607	155,760	14.5%		4,855
Dearborn Subway	1,280			1,280	45,670	2.8%	1,280	1,520
North Main Line	3,669	5,568	2,192	11,429	83,650	13.7%	980	
State Subway	3,847	6,441	493	10,781	48,648	22.2%		1,088
Dan Ryan		3,668	5,273	8,941	109,058	8.2%		5,356
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		
Evanston	3,225	196		3,421	40,663	8.4%	3,421	
Evanston Express		5,302	672	5,974	57,941	10.3%	262	
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		342
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop		13,189	6,175	19,364	98,964	19.6%		5,520
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	3,272	973	6,448	103,018	6.3%		
Lake	11,226	5,219	11,665	28,110	91,228	30.8%		
South Loop/South Main Line	13,698	10,051	3,256	27,005	65,403	41.3%		2,225
Englewood				2,160	30,292			4,950
Jackson Park	2,160			2,160	11,518	18.8%		
Douglas/Connector					76,294			790
TOTAL	76,639	101,823	53,097	231,559	1,184,611	19.5%	8,447	26,646

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.