



'L' System Slow Zone Map

January 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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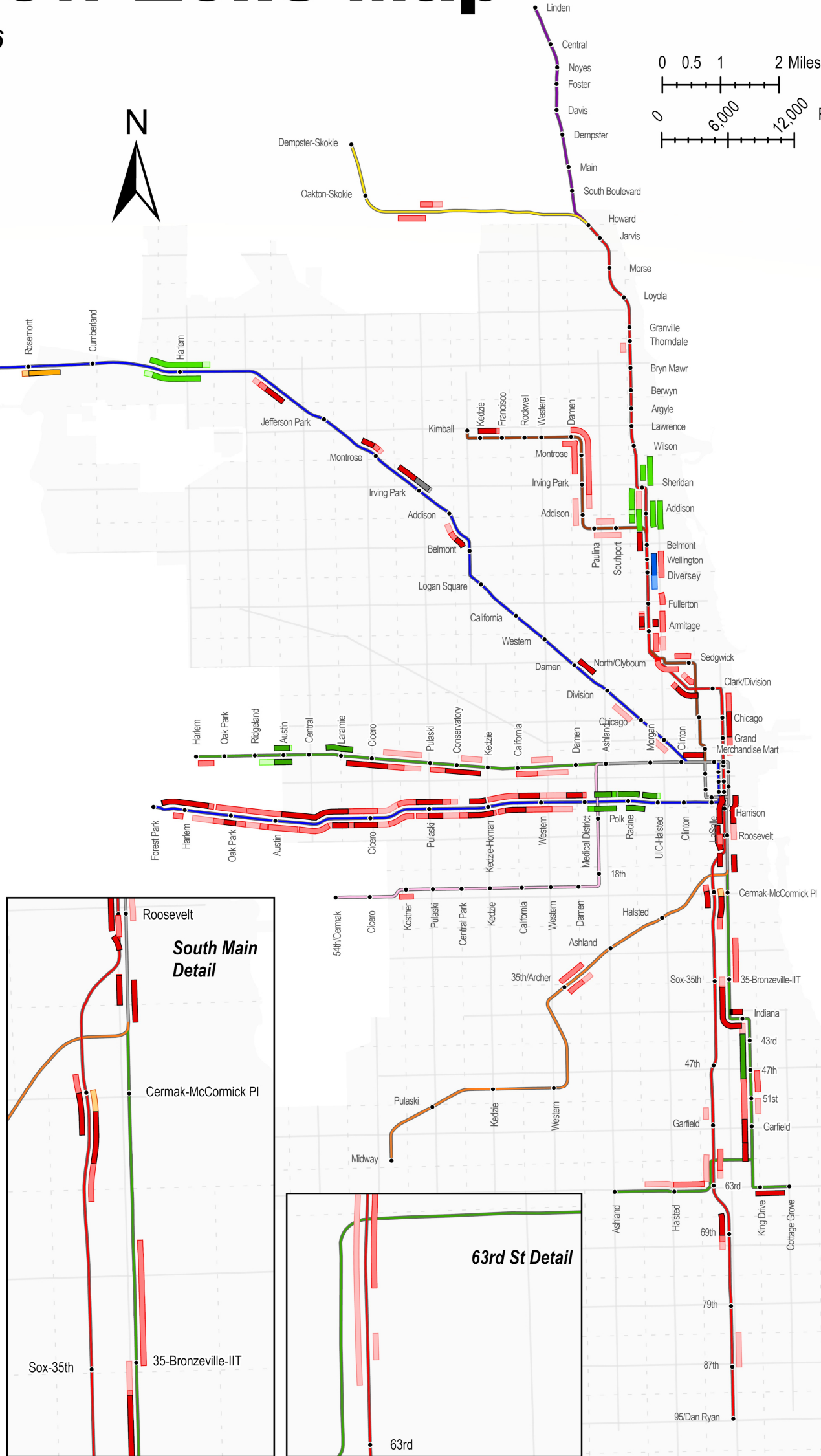
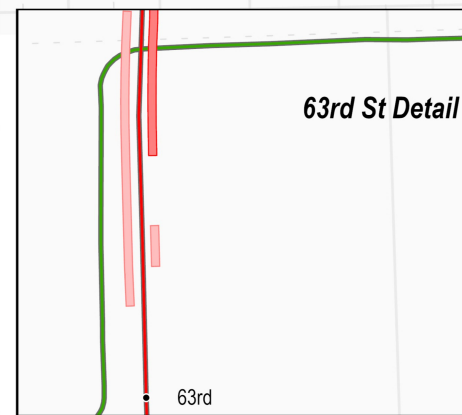
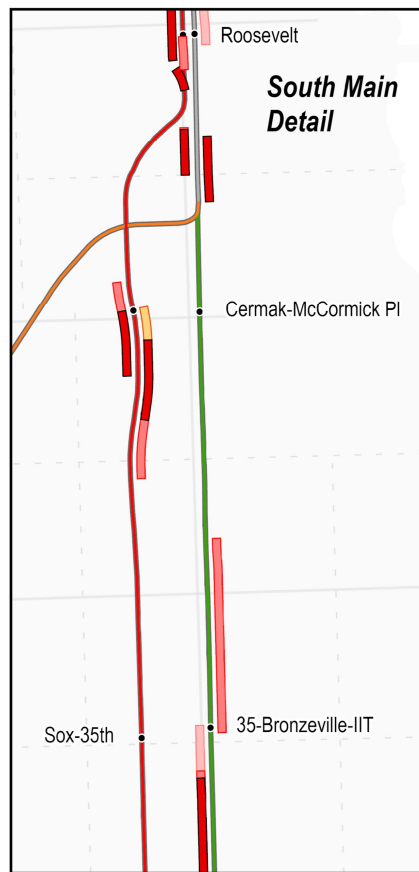
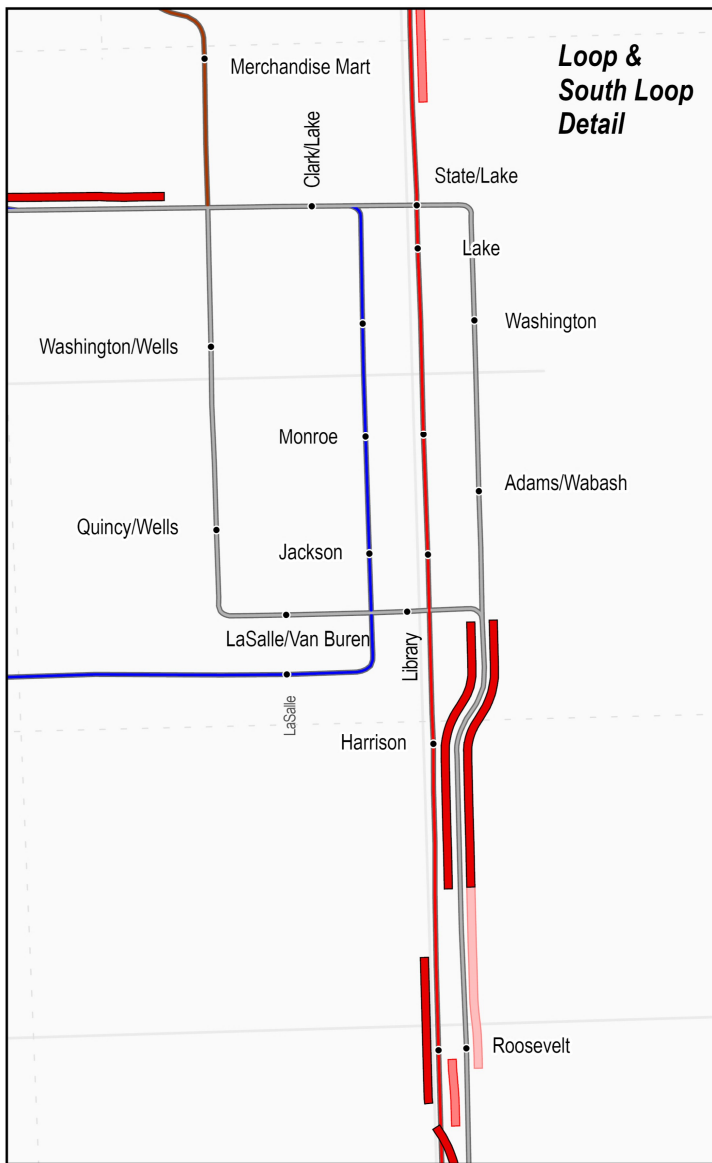
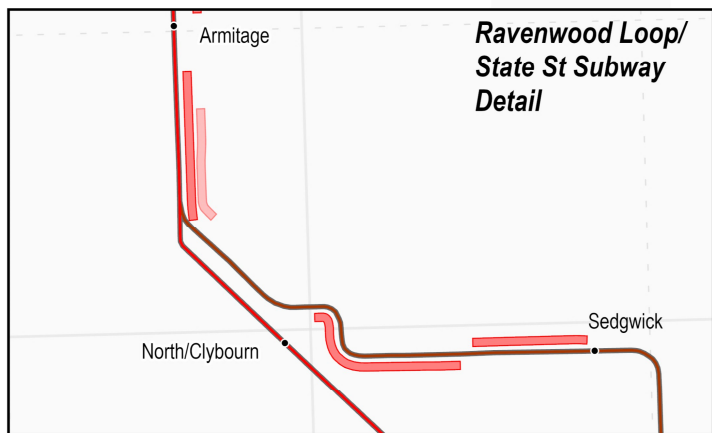
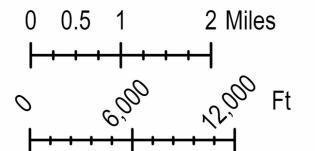


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Map Print Date: 2/1/2026

Slow Zones By Requesting Area

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



* Between dates: 1/1/2026 - 1/31/2026

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	103,365	295,440	35.0%
RED	36,615	248,996	14.7%
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	64,450	198,441	32.5%
PINK	790	76,294	1.0%
TOTAL	247,267	1,185,642	20.9%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	70,609	110,347	71,531	252,487
STRUCTURE	2,043	757		2,800
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	755	275		1,030
CONSTRUCTION	11,316	15,830	3,523	30,669
TOTAL	87,101	130,050	75,054	292,205

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	8,162	13,360	2,473	23,995	155,760	15.4%	4,855	994
Dearborn Subway			2,496	2,496	45,670	5.5%		
North Main Line	2,689	5,568	2,192	10,449	90,087	11.6%		1,475
State Subway	5,634	5,742	493	11,869	48,426	24.5%	1,436	1,236
Dan Ryan	4,003	4,324	5,970	14,297	110,483	12.9%		
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%		
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%	1,871	
South Loop/South Main Line	14,939	10,185	4,106	29,230	65,403	44.7%	850	
Englewood		2,346	2,604	4,950	30,292	16.3%		
Jackson Park		2,160		2,160	11,518	18.8%		241
Douglas/Connector			790	790	76,294	1.0%		
TOTAL	80,255	105,866	61,146	247,267	1,185,642	20.9%	9,012	3,946

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.