



# **‘L’ System Slow Zone Map**

March 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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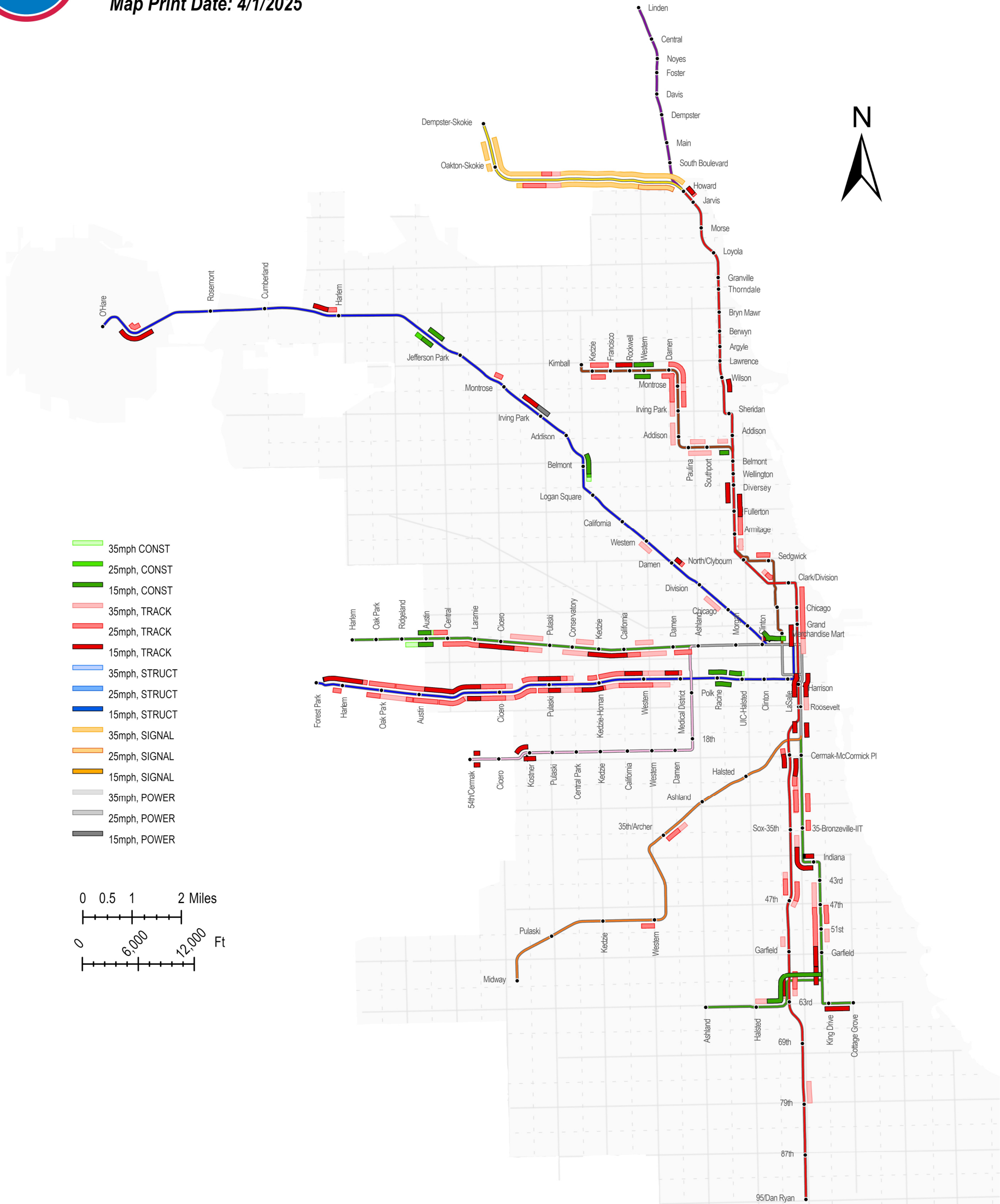


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Map Print Date: 4/1/2025



\* Between dates: 3/1/2025 - 3/31/2025

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	89,318	295,440	30.2%
RED	29,987	241,054	12.4%
YELLOW	41,731	51,330	81.3%
PURPLE	626	79,044	0.8%
LOOP	1,453	21,164	6.9%
BROWN	28,195	97,373	29.0%
ORANGE	5,252	103,018	5.1%
GREEN	73,813	198,441	37.2%
PINK	2,046	76,294	2.7%
	272,421	1,163,158	23.4%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	68,733	98,927	82,789	250,449
SIGNAL		6,110	35,621	41,731
POWER	755	275		1,030
CONSTRUCTION	20,285	1,739	1,990	24,014
	89,773	107,051	120,400	317,224

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	20,731	29,639	18,247	68,617	94,010	73.0%		3,499
O'Hare/Logan Square	9,943	5,071	1,409	16,423	155,760	10.5%	2,200	27,992
Dearborn Subway	2,210	548	1,520	4,278	45,670	9.4%		5,423
North Main Line	3,750	454		4,204	82,145	5.1%	497	9,764
State Subway	1,829	5,817	2,110	9,756	48,426	20.1%		4,788
Dan Ryan	3,772	5,913	6,342	16,027	110,483	14.5%		236
Skokie			6,110	41,731	51,330	81.3%		
Evanston					40,704			2,436
Evanston Express	626			626	38,340	1.6%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	6,104	12,630	9,461	28,195	97,373	29.0%		617
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	2,076	973	5,252	103,018	5.1%		15,119
Lake	10,285	9,960	14,370	34,615	91,228	37.9%	4,294	
South Loop/South Main Line	10,148	10,081	7,572	27,801	65,403	42.5%		
Englewood	7,750		1,246	8,996	30,292	29.7%		15,238
Jackson Park	2,401			2,401	11,518	20.8%		
Douglas/Connector	2,046			2,046	76,294	2.7%		
	83,798	89,752	98,871	272,421	1,163,158	23.4%	6,991	85,112

**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.