



# 'L' System Slow Zone Map

October 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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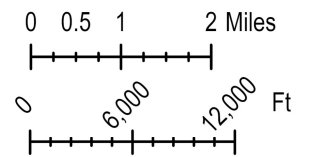


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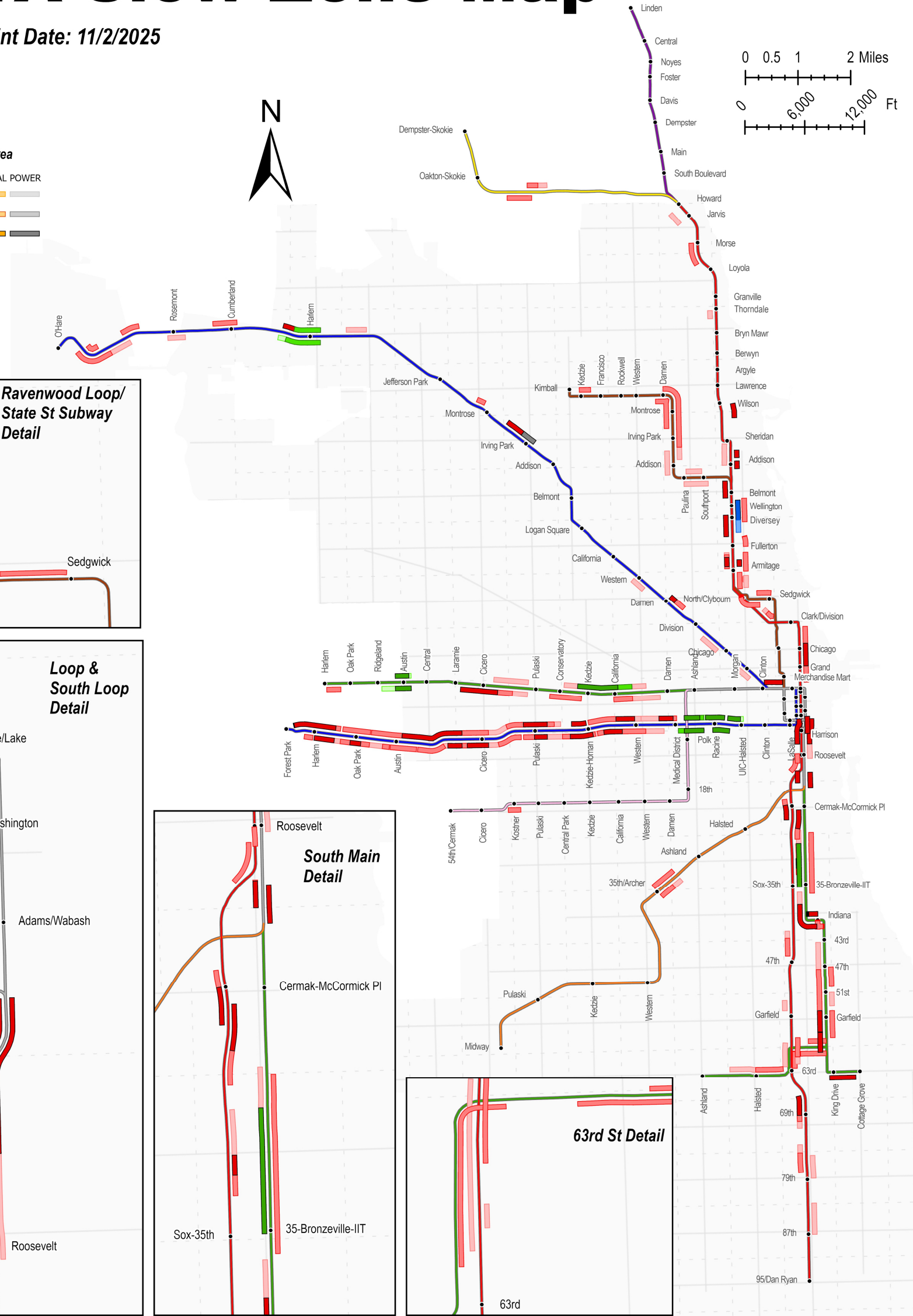
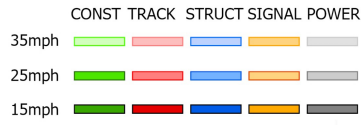


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## Slow Zones By Requesting Area



\* Between dates: 10/1/2025 - 10/31/2025

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	105,224	295,440	35.6%
RED	44,575	248,996	17.9%
YELLOW	3,550	51,330	6.9%
PURPLE	626	92,559	0.7%
LOOP	1,453	21,164	6.9%
BROWN	24,112	98,400	24.5%
ORANGE	6,448	103,018	6.3%
GREEN	79,042	198,441	39.8%
PINK	790	76,294	1.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>265,820</b>	<b>1,185,642</b>	<b>22.4%</b>

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	64,472	139,835	91,601	295,908
STRUCTURE	2,043	757		2,800
POWER	755	275		1,030
CONSTRUCTION	9,545	7,599	2,840	19,984
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,815</b>	<b>148,466</b>	<b>94,441</b>	<b>319,722</b>

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	29,648	29,170	18,798	77,616	94,010	82.6%	1,543	
O'Hare/Logan Square	3,674	14,506	6,932	25,112	155,760	16.1%	4,974	
Dearborn Subway			2,496	2,496	45,670	5.5%		
North Main Line	4,937	2,699	3,098	10,734	90,087	11.9%	568	
State Subway	4,237	5,244	493	9,974	48,426	20.6%		
Dan Ryan	4,510	8,562	10,795	23,867	110,483	21.6%		
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		
Evanston					40,704			
Evanston Express	626			626	51,855	1.2%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop		16,897	7,215	24,112	98,400	24.5%		
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	3,272	973	6,448	103,018	6.3%		
Lake	10,285	7,989	11,665	29,939	91,228	32.8%		
South Loop/South Main Line	10,148	18,343	7,572	36,063	65,403	55.1%		2,000
Englewood		8,035	2,604	10,639	30,292	35.1%		
Jackson Park	2,401			2,401	11,518	20.8%		
Douglas/Connector		790		790	76,294	1.0%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,669</b>	<b>119,560</b>	<b>73,591</b>	<b>265,820</b>	<b>1,185,642</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>7,085</b>	<b>2,000</b>

**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.