



‘L’ System Slow Zone Map

August 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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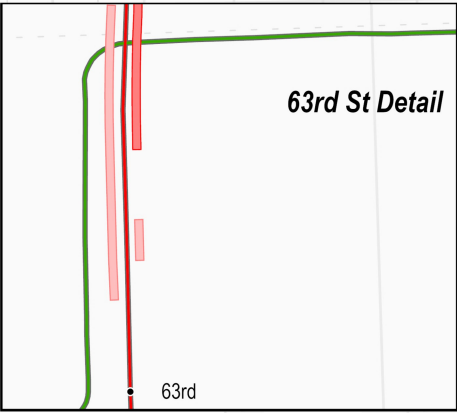
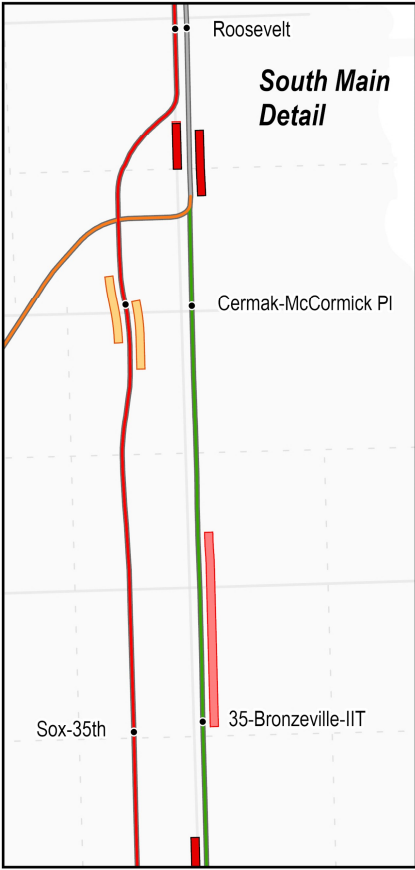
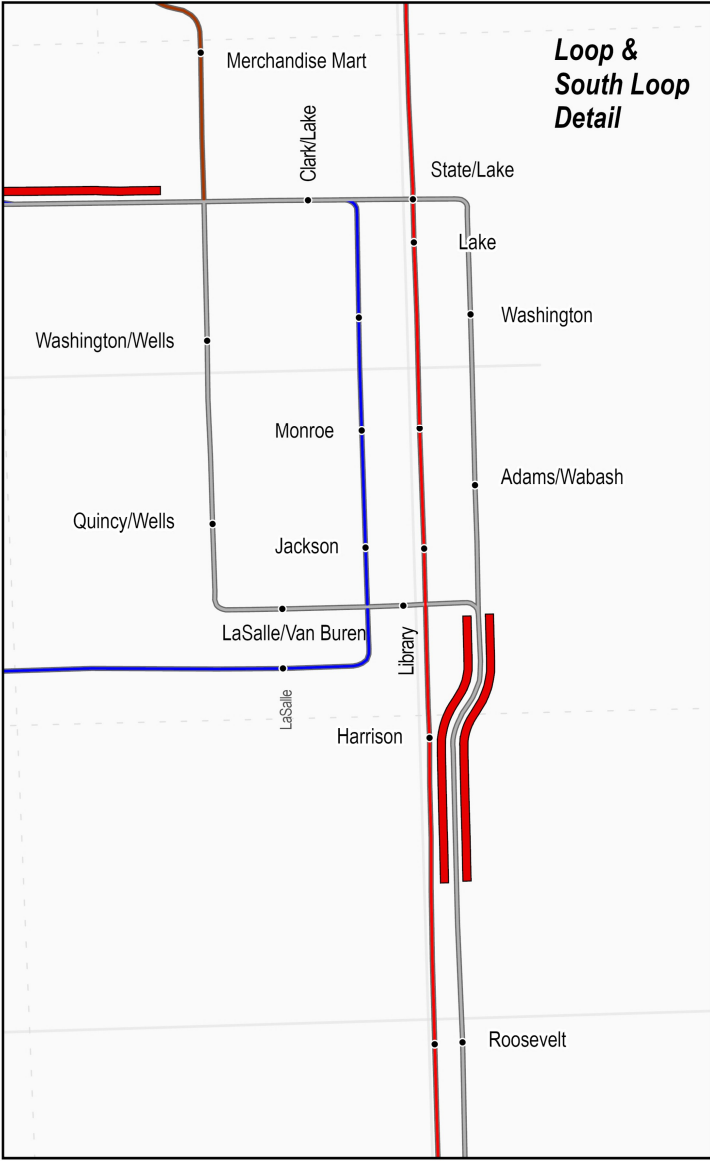
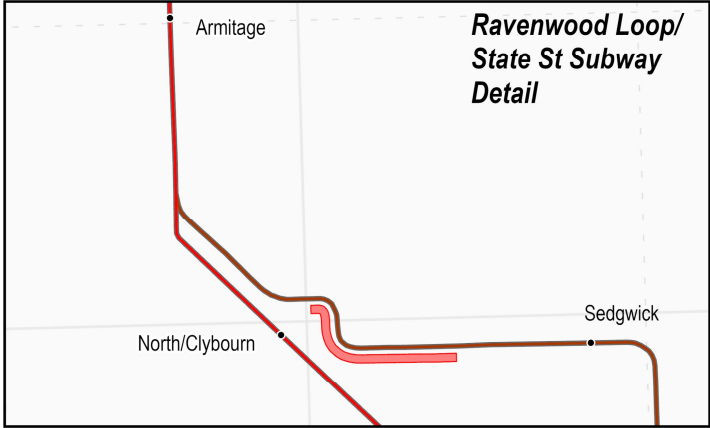


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Slow Zones By Requesting Area

	CONST	TRACK	STRUCT	SIGNAL	POWER
35mph					
25mph					
15mph					



* Between dates: 8/1/2026 - 8/31/2026

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	106,185	295,440	35.9%
RED	19,355	241,356	8.0%
YELLOW	7,100	51,330	13.8%
PURPLE	5,712	98,604	5.8%
LOOP	1,111	21,164	5.2%
BROWN	21,035	98,964	21.3%
ORANGE	7,003	103,018	6.8%
GREEN	65,379	198,441	32.9%
PINK		76,294	
	232,880	1,184,611	19.7%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	62,184	84,976	68,010	215,170
STRUCTURE	948	269	338	1,555
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	2,824	715	1,853	5,392
CONSTRUCTION	20,785	19,549	6,872	47,206
	89,119	108,350	77,073	274,542

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	29,457	30,322	19,599	79,378	94,010	84.4%		
O'Hare/Logan Square	13,939	7,260	2,970	24,169	155,760	15.5%	1,294	
Dearborn Subway	785	230	1,623	2,638	45,670	5.8%		
North Main Line	1,594	5,080	2,530	9,204	83,650	11.0%		
State Subway	1,210			1,210	48,648	2.5%	1,210	
Dan Ryan		3,668	5,273	8,941	109,058	8.2%		
Skokie	5,550	600	950	7,100	51,330	13.8%		
Evanston					40,663			
Evanston Express		5,302	410	5,712	57,941	9.9%		
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	2,694	13,266	5,075	21,035	98,964	21.3%		
Midway/Grand Junction	5,043		1,960	7,003	103,018	6.8%	1,960	5,408
Lake	6,635	11,990	16,615	35,240	91,228	38.6%	4,085	
South Loop/South Main Line	14,891	10,982	2,106	27,979	65,403	42.8%		
Englewood					30,292			
Jackson Park	2,160			2,160	11,518	18.8%		
Douglas/Connector					76,294			
	83,958	89,811	59,111	232,880	1,184,611	19.7%	8,549	5,408

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.