

'L' System Slow Zone Map

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"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.

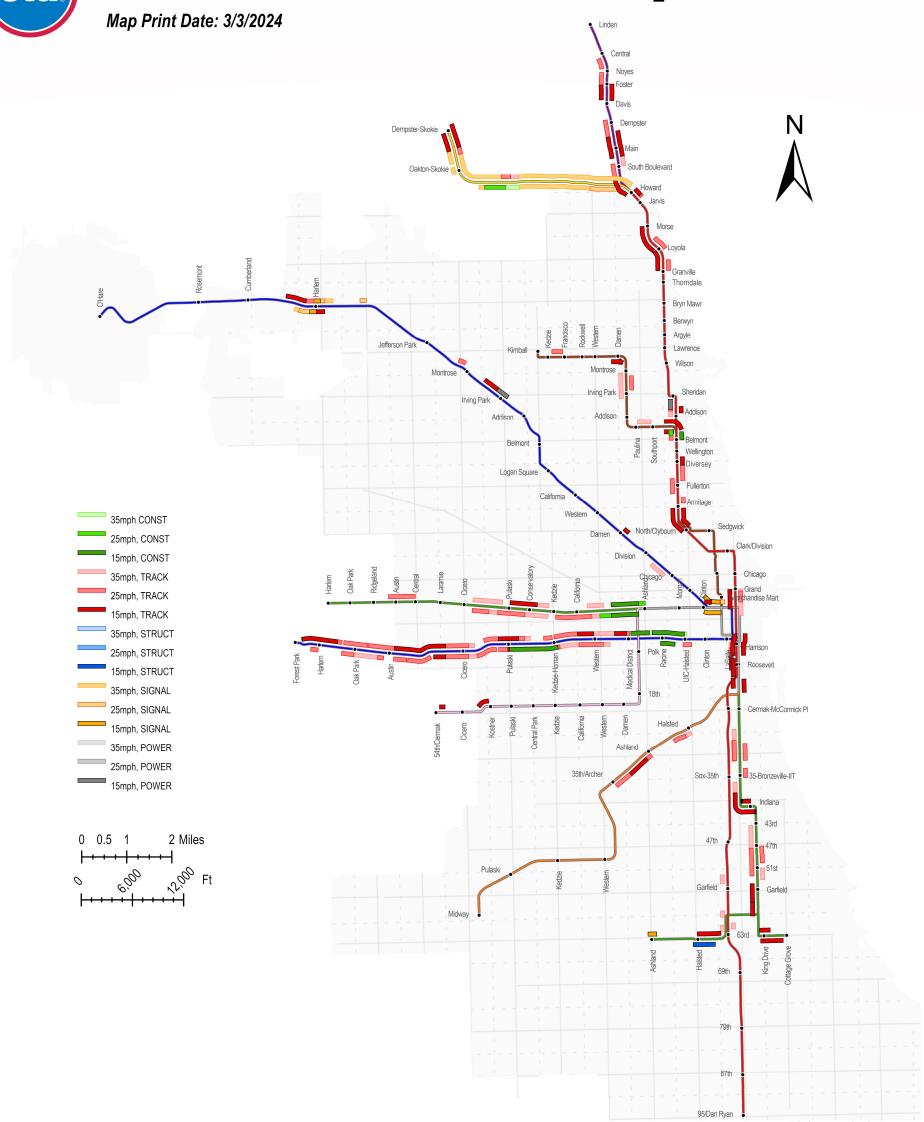
With more than 225 miles of CTA track, slow zones are constantly changing and evolving: As crews repair one section of track, new slow zones can be instituted if track inspectors detect new signs of deterioration somewhere or as an upgrade project begins on our system.

As a result, the percentage of slow zones across our system vary from month to month.

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Line Color Total	Slow Zone	Total	Length	% Slow Zone	
BLUE	85,25	50	295,501	28.8%	
RED	26,60)2	252,204	10.5%	
YELLOW	45,78	31	51,330	89.2%	
PURPLE	16,42	27	86,549	19.0%	
LOOP	1,11	11	21,164	5.2%	
BROWN	11,90)4	97,496	12.2%	
ORANGE	8,52	22	102,831	8.3%	
GREEN	68,17	70	197,543	34.5%	
PINK	2,04	16	76,294	2.7%	
	265,81	L3	1,180,912	22.5%	
Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	
TRACK	90,238	87,520	56,169	233,927	
STRUCTURE	2,099			2,099	
SIGNAL	5,612	11,211	68,209	85,032	
POWER	1,700			1,700	
			2.650	24 241	
CONSTRUCTION	17,298	4,393	2,650	24,341	

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	26,214	26,988	14,901	68,103	94,010	72.4%		
O'Hare/Logan Square	6,703	3,624	1,192	11,519	155,821	7.4%	4,591	
Dearborn Subway	3,560	548	1,520	5,628	45,670	12.3%		
North Main Line	6,459	6,775	653	13,887	92,241	15.1%	2,901	
State Subway	5,208	1,833	2,451	9,492	48,426	19.6%		
Dan Ryan		718	2,505	3,223	111,537	2.9%		1,455
Skokie	4,050	7,835	33,896	45,781	51,330	89.2%		
Evanston	9,273	6,004	1,150	16,427	40,704	40.4%		
Evanston Express					45,845			
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	5,452	2,877	3,575	11,904	97,496	12.2%		
Midway/Grand Junction	3,912	3,975	635	8,522	102,831	8.3%	1,770	
Lake	5,746	15,475	11,435	32,656	91,228	35.8%		
South Loop/South Main Line	12,741	8,696	6,166	27,603	65,403	42.2%		
Englewood	4,987			4,987	29,394	17.0%		
Jackson Park	2,924			2,924	11,518	25.4%		
Douglas/Connector	2,046			2,046	76,294	2.7%	1,418	
	99,275	86,459	80,079	265,813	1,180,912	22.5%	10,680	1,455

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.