



# BROWN LINE UPDATE



President's Report

# **THIS REPORT**



**Station renovations**



**Northbound 3-Track progress**



**Southbound 3-Track roll out**

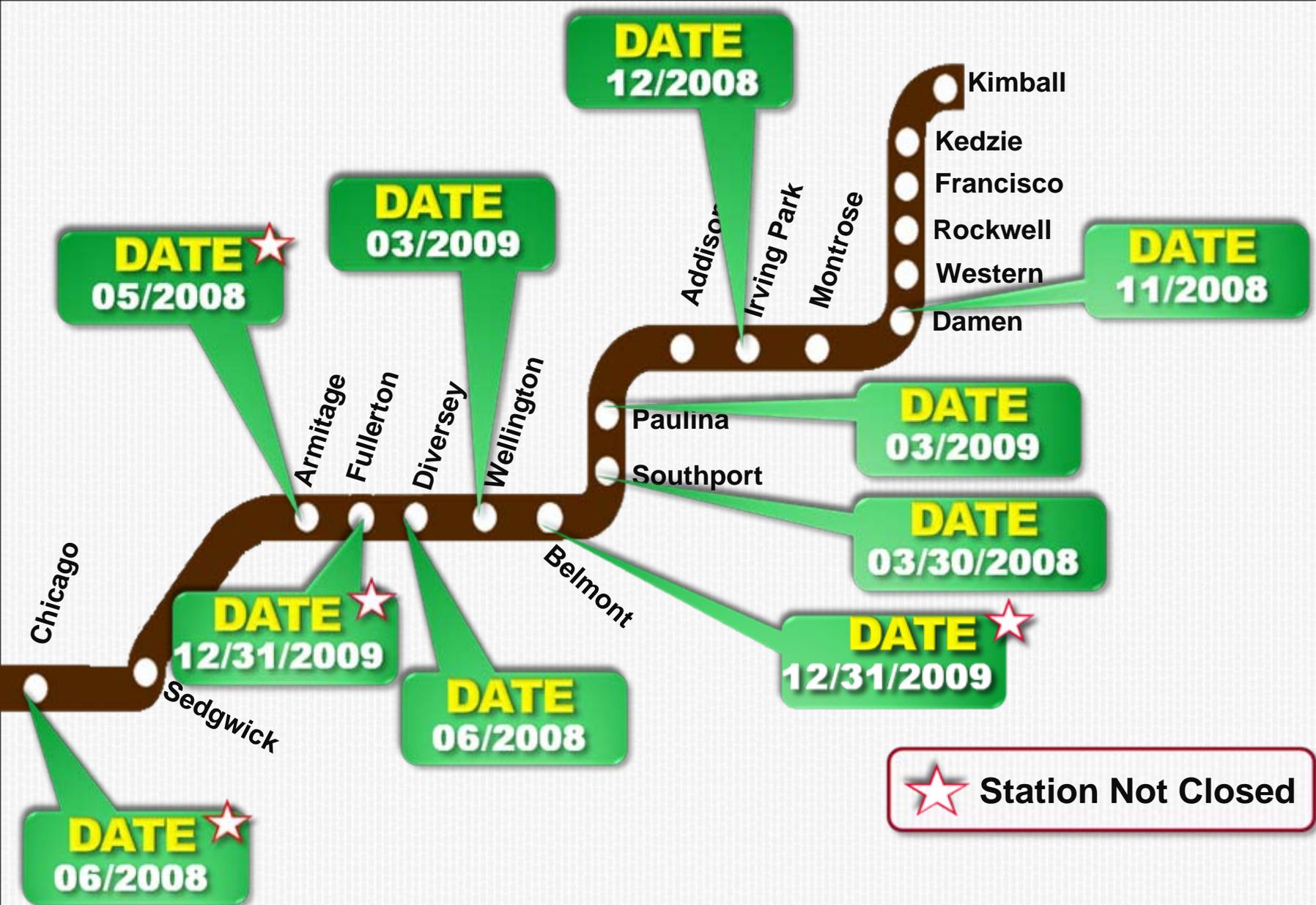


# **WHY BROWN LINE PROJECT?**

- 1. Expand capacity by extending platforms to allow 8-car operation**
- 2. Make stations ADA compatible**
- 3. Add elevators to 13 stations**
- 4. Restore 8 historic stations**
- 5. Upgrade signal, communications and power delivery**



**EIGHT STATIONS COMPLETED**



# TEN STATIONS TO COMPLETE



**NORTHBOUND**

Belmont back  
to 4 tracks  
(March, 2008)

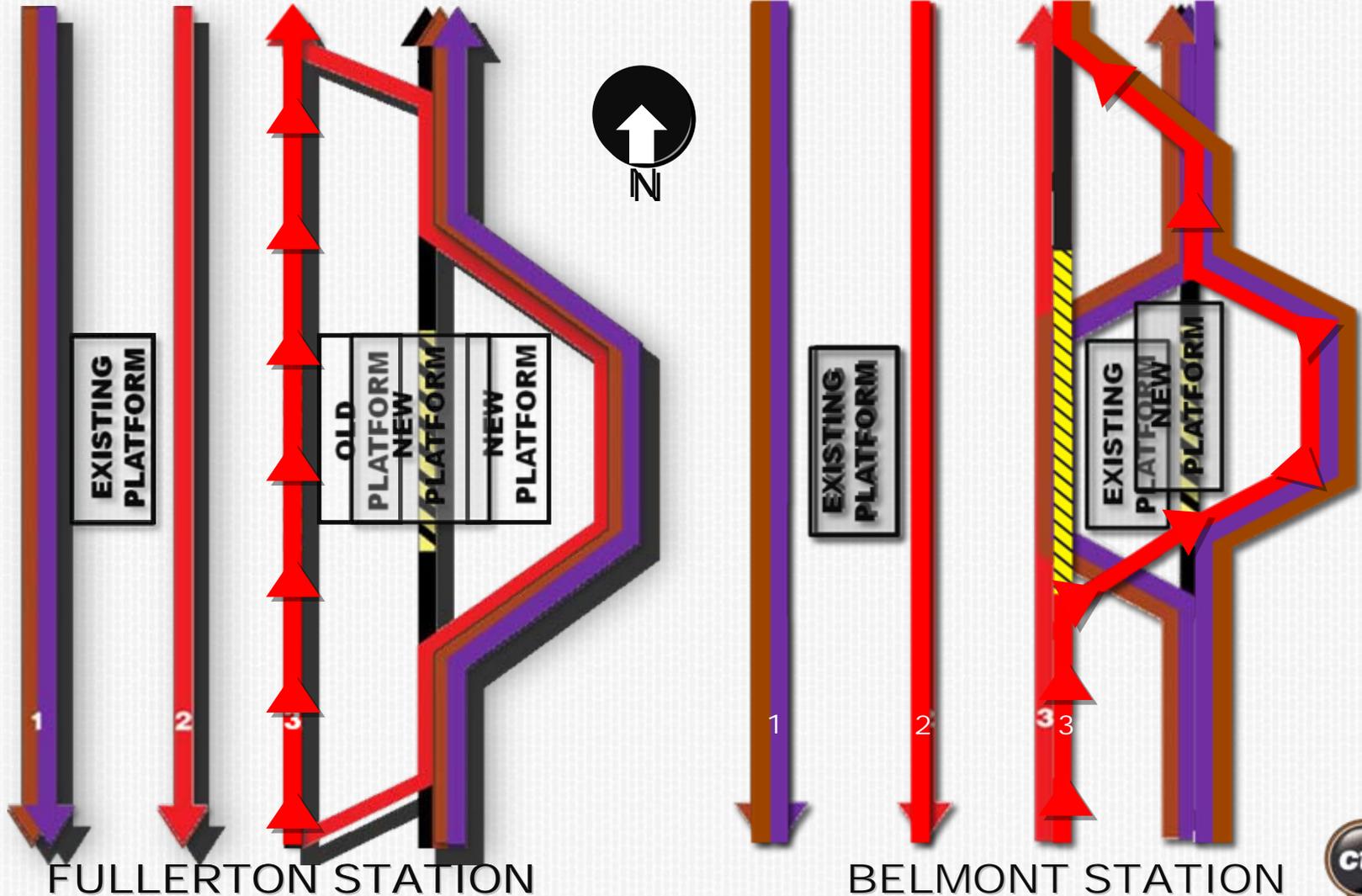
Fullerton back  
to 4 tracks  
(January 25, 2008)

3-Track start  
(April 2, 2007)

# **3-TRACK TIME LINE**

# 3-TRACK: NORTHBOUND

- ➔ Expand capacity and make stations accessible while maintaining rail service



**SOUTHBOUND**

Trains share track 1  
at Belmont/Fullerton  
(March 30, 2008)

3-Track complete  
(June 30, 2009)

Belmont back  
to 4 tracks  
(March, 2008)

**NORTHBOUND**

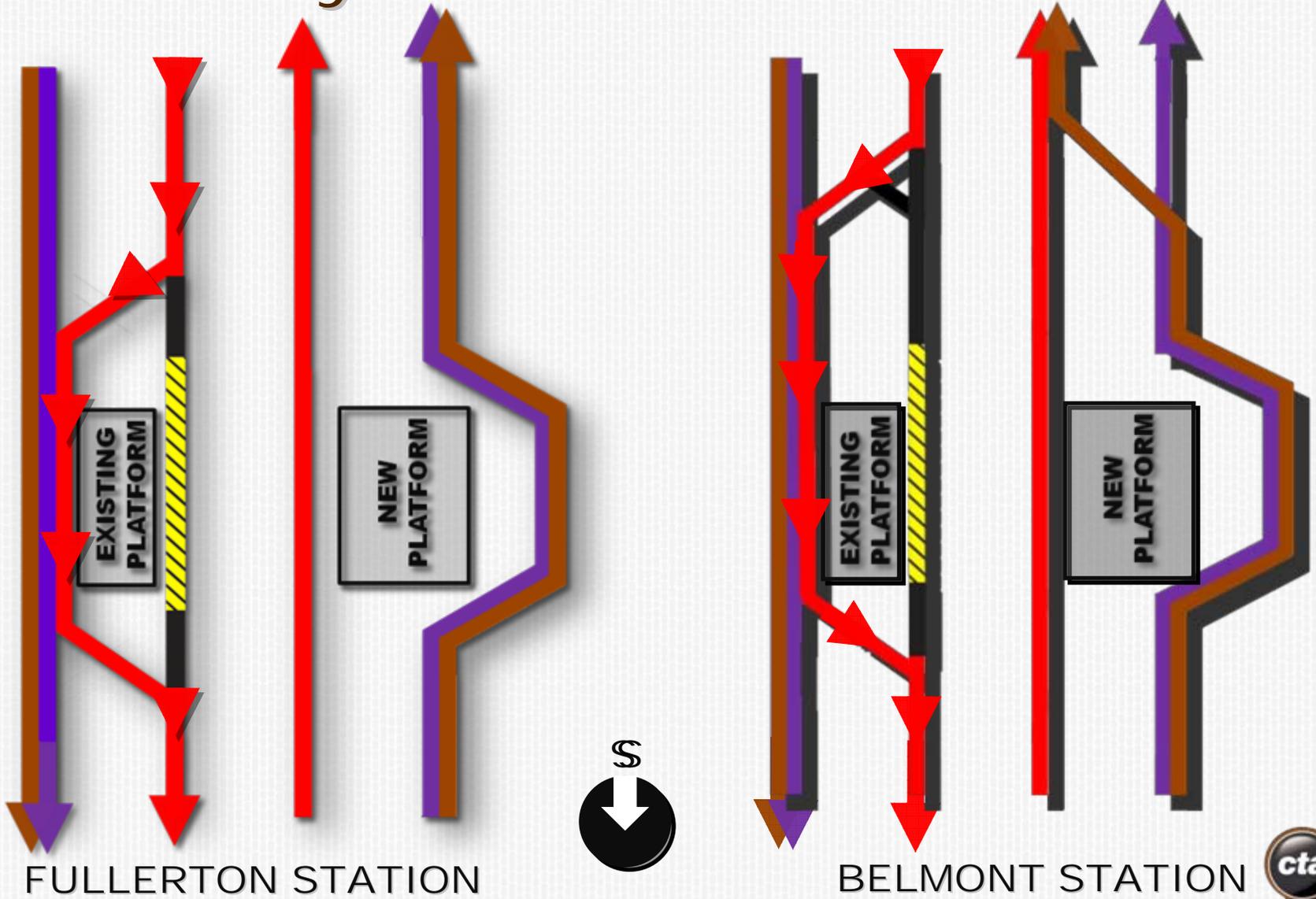
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**3-TRACK TIME LINE**

# THREE TRACK – SOUTHBOUND

Start Early. Start Late. Alternate.



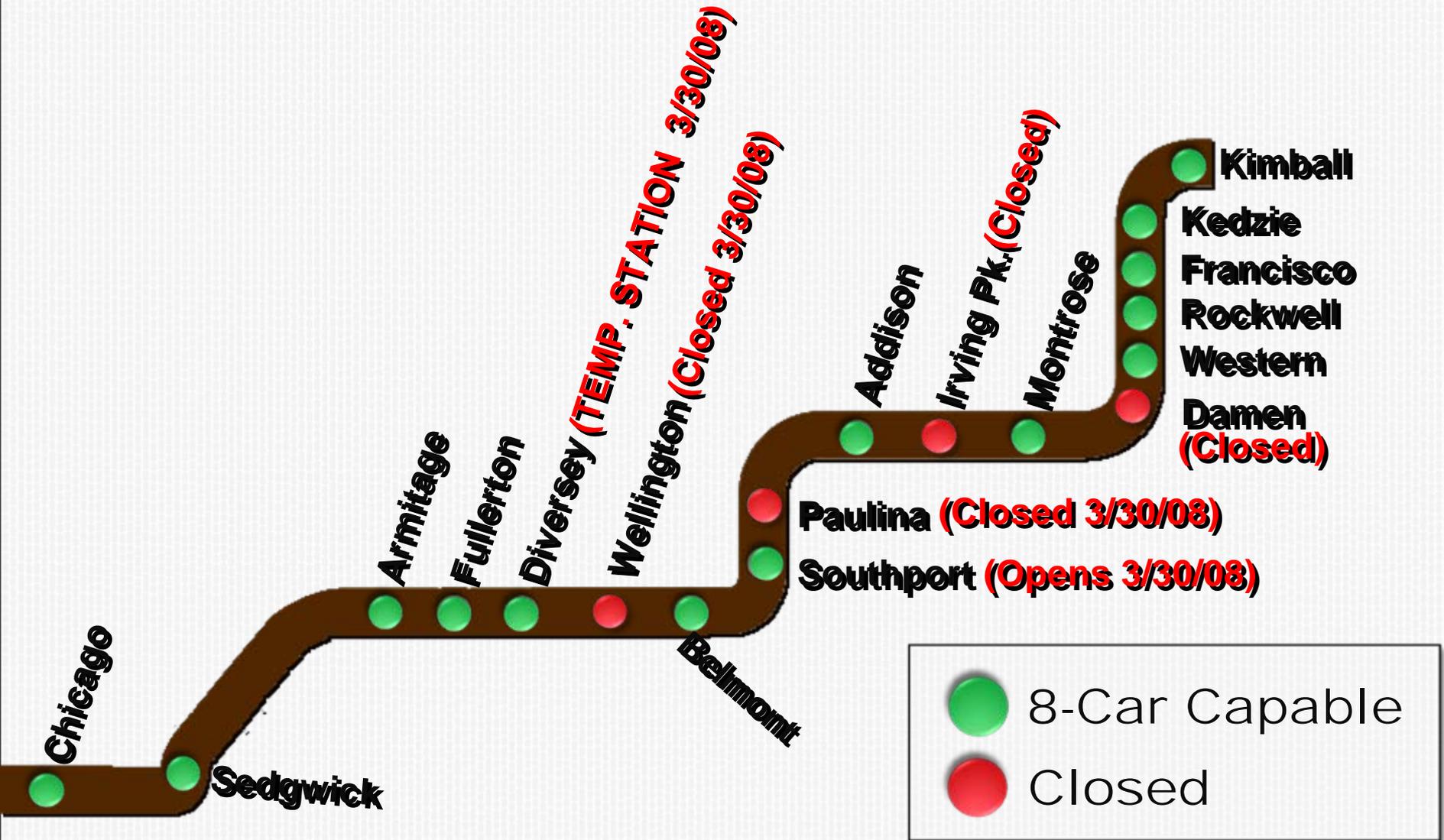
FULLERTON STATION

BELMONT STATION



# EASING THE SOUTHBOUND COMMUTE

➔ On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 8-car trains will roll!



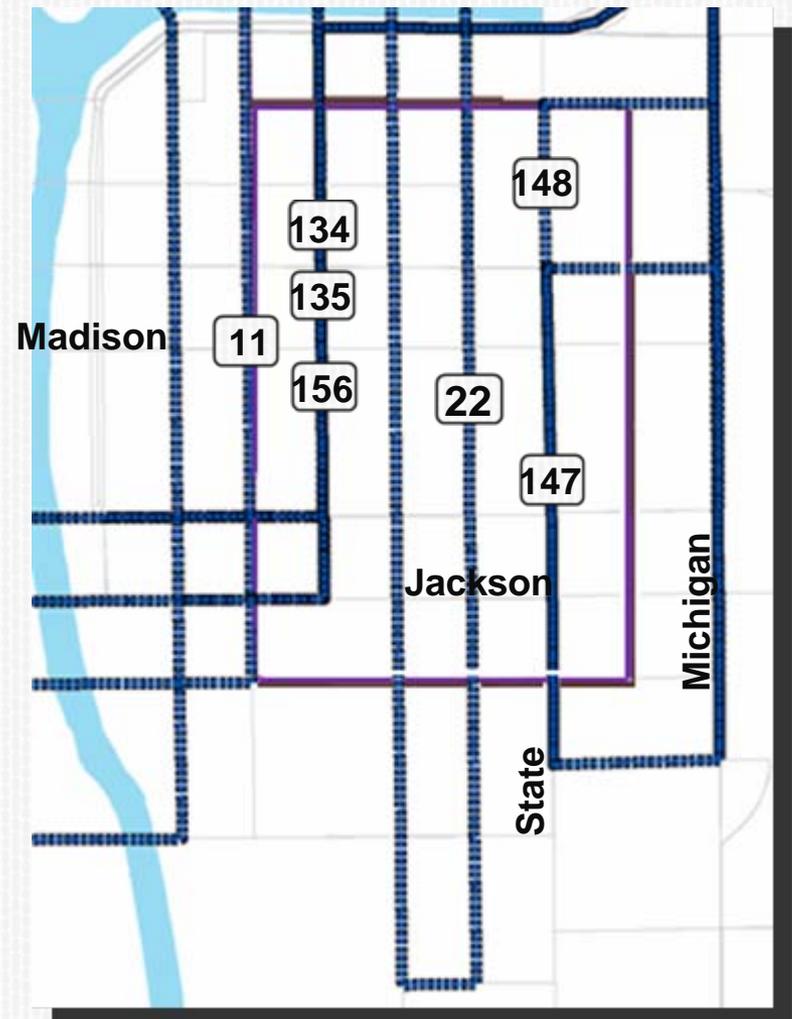
# **EASING THE SOUTHBOUND COMMUTE**

- ➔ Already transit dense
- ➔ + 8-car Brown Line ride
- ➔ + 60 buses over 7 routes
  - ➔ #11 Lincoln
  - ➔ #22 Clark
  - ➔ #134 Stockton/LaSalle X
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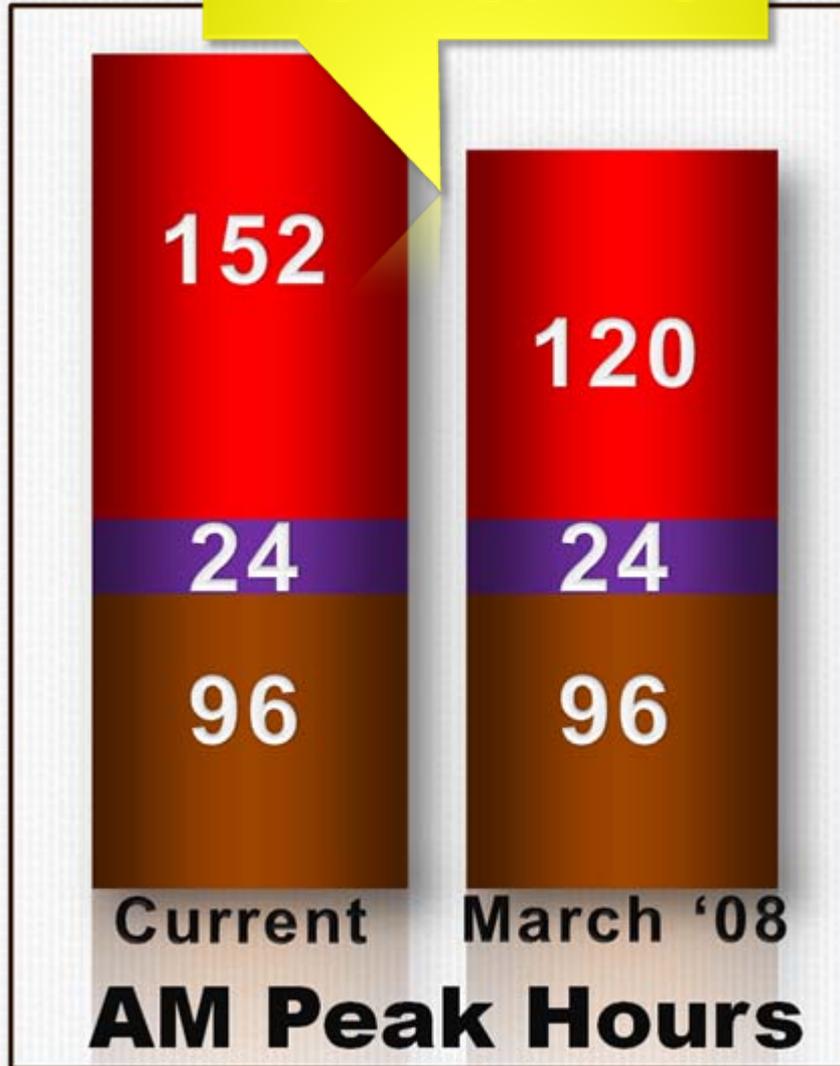


Loop Added Coverage

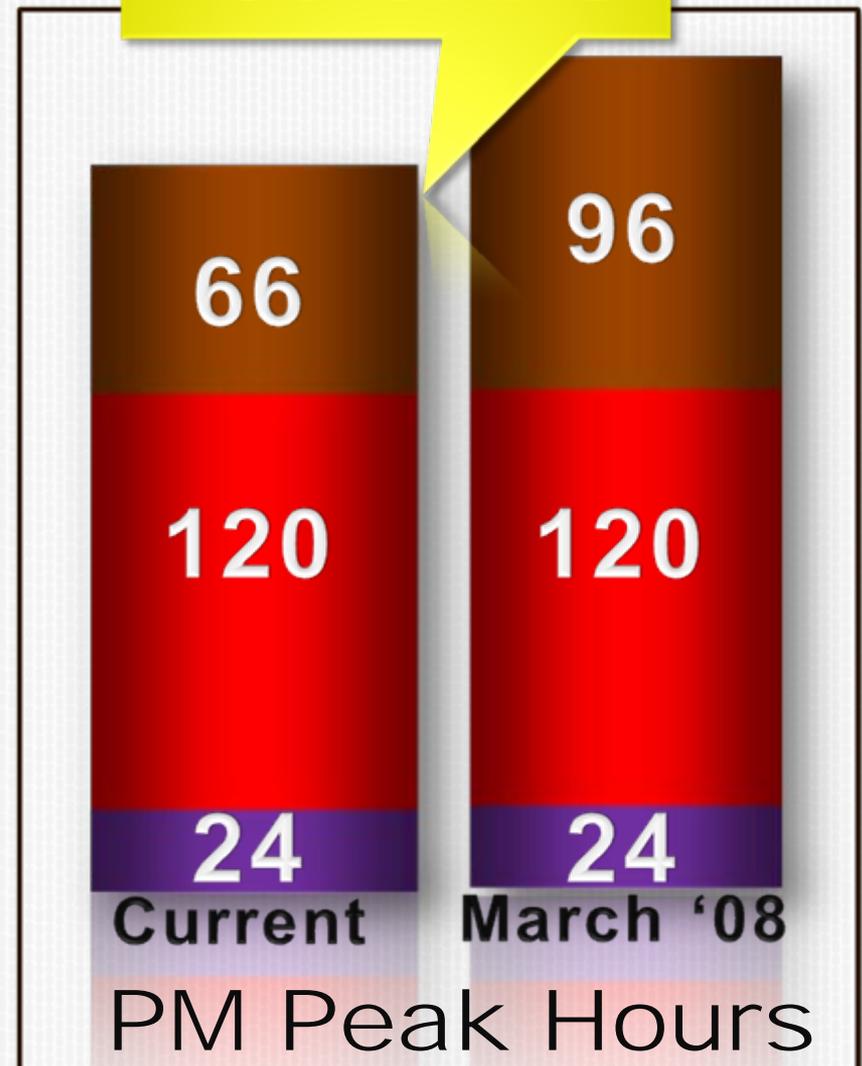


# DECREASE IN TRAINS

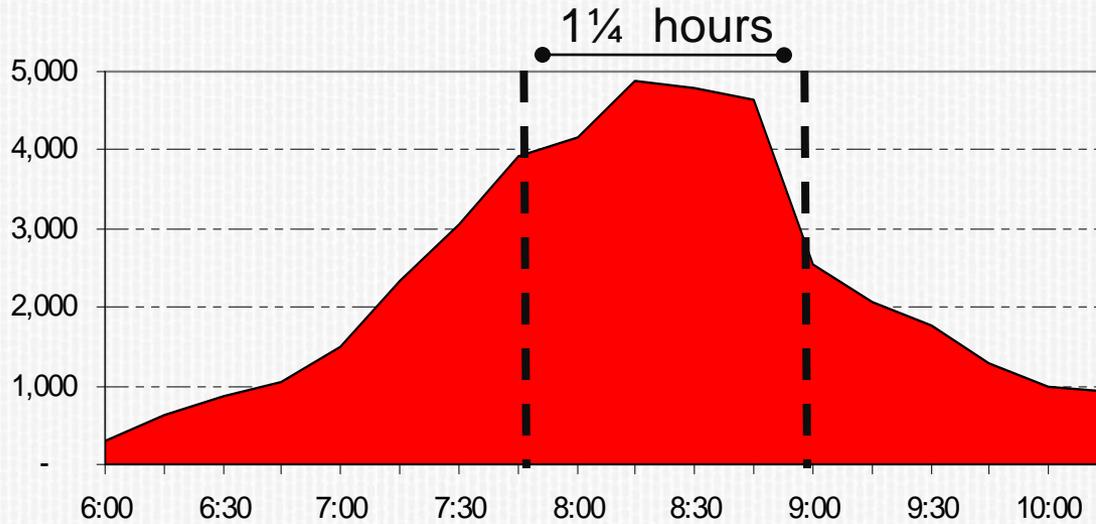
**- 32 CARS**



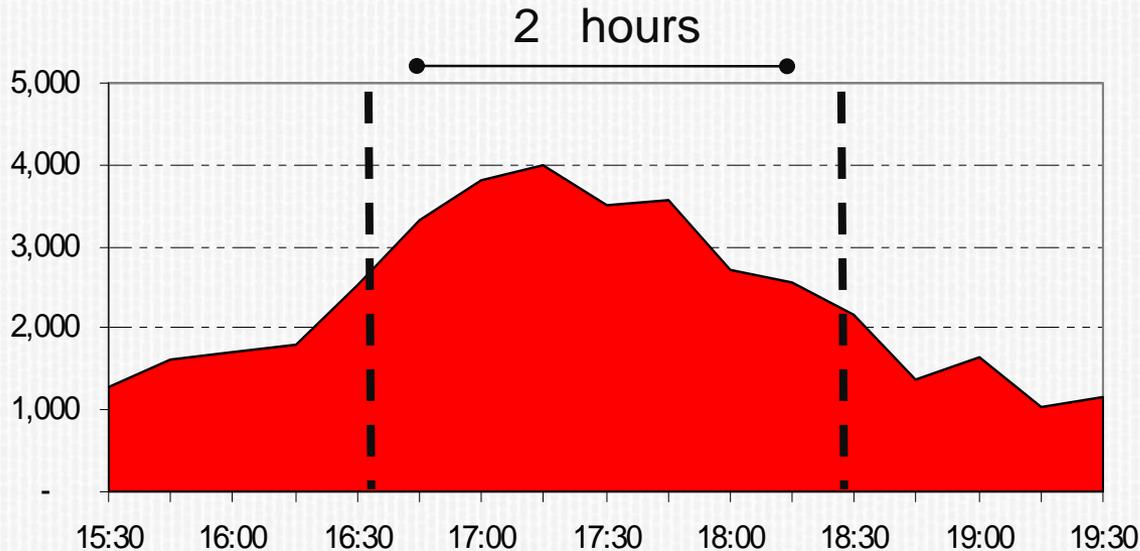
**- 30 CARS**



# AM RUSH CONCENTRATED



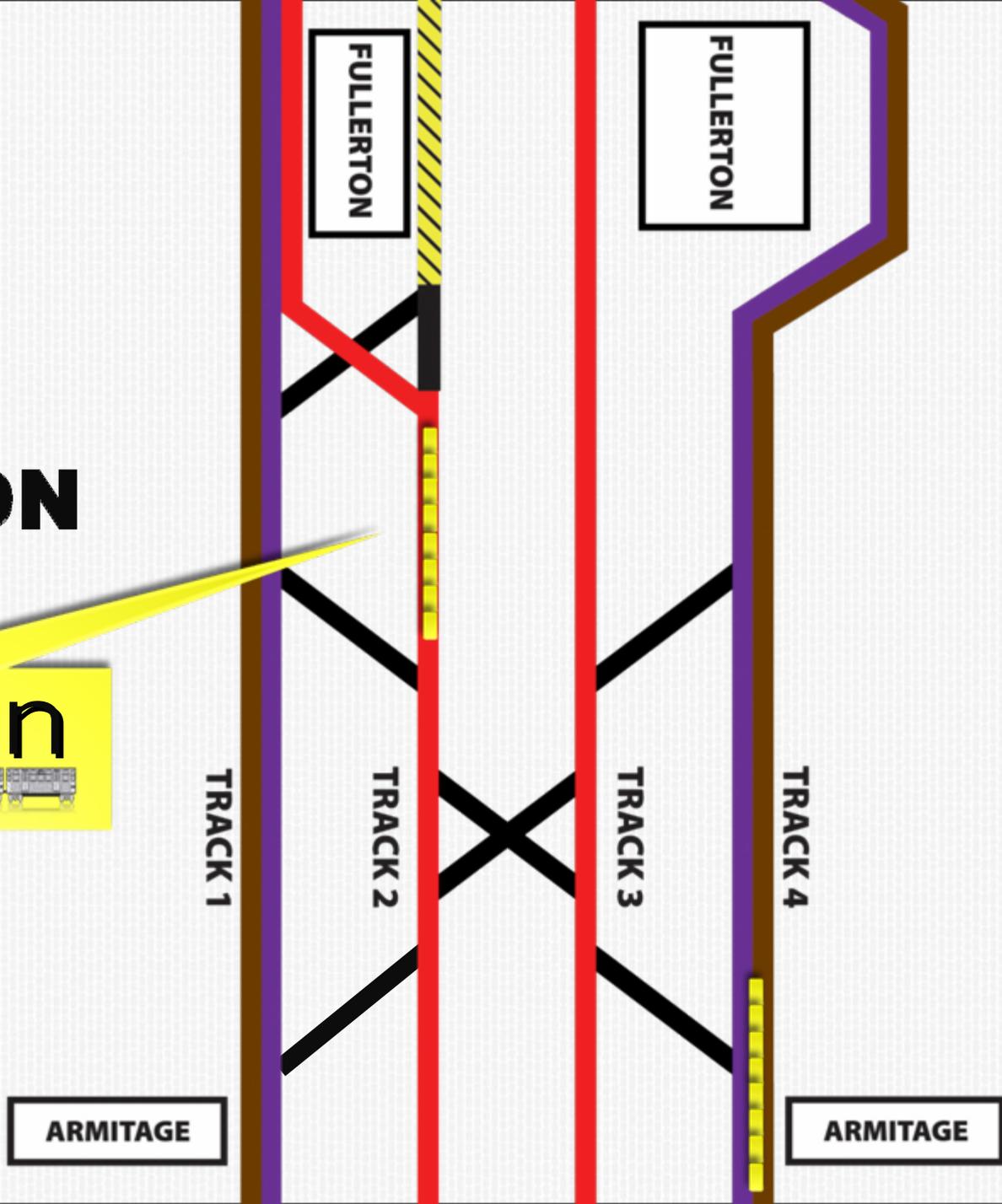
**AM RUSH**  
North Side Loads  
Entering Downtown  
(15 minute intervals)



**PM RUSH**  
North Side Loads  
Leaving Downtown  
(15 minute intervals)

# STAGED TRAINS ALLEVIATE REDLINE CONGESTION

8-car train



# **SYSTEM-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS**

## ➔ Informative Signage

- ➔ Posters at every station
- ➔ Updated route and system maps
- ➔ Information on every bus and train
- ➔ Use of LED screens on platforms and AVAS messages on buses

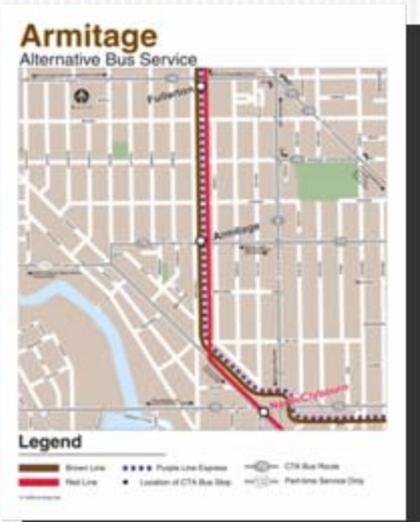


Station Posters

## ➔ Printed materials

- ➔ Informational brochure
- ➔ Station-specific flyers

## ➔ Information specialists at key locations



Station-Specific Flyers



# **OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC**

- ➔ **Up-to-date, informative website**
- ➔ **Press conferences**
- ➔ **Connections segment**
- ➔ **Informational advertising in newspapers**
- ➔ **Email blast to Chicago Card, Chicago Card Plus and U-Pass customers**
- ➔ **Customer Service equipped to answer 3-track questions**



# **OPERATIONS PREPARATION**

- ➔ **Detailed operating plan developed**
  - ➔ **Normal and contingency operations**
  - ➔ **Basis of all training of corridor personnel, Control Center staff and CFD first-responders**
- ➔ **On-going training of vehicle movements through switches in anticipation of the new configuration**
- ➔ **Additional staff/supervisors will be deployed to monitor and respond to changing customer commute patterns**
  - ➔ **Maintenance**
  - ➔ **Operations**
  - ➔ **Security**
  - ➔ **Control center**
  - ➔ **Customer assistant staff**

# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- ➔ **Since 1999 met with elected officials and community groups representing the neighborhoods along the Brown Line**
- ➔ **Briefings will continue and include briefings with:**
  - ➔ **Elected officials**
  - ➔ **Community**
  - ➔ **Business community**
  - ➔ **Health/educational/cultural institutions**



# **3-Track Update**

**Leave Early.**

**Leave Late.**

**Alternate.**

# Proposed Service Enhancements



- **#43, 43<sup>rd</sup> Street**
- **#65 Grand**
- **Yellow Line**



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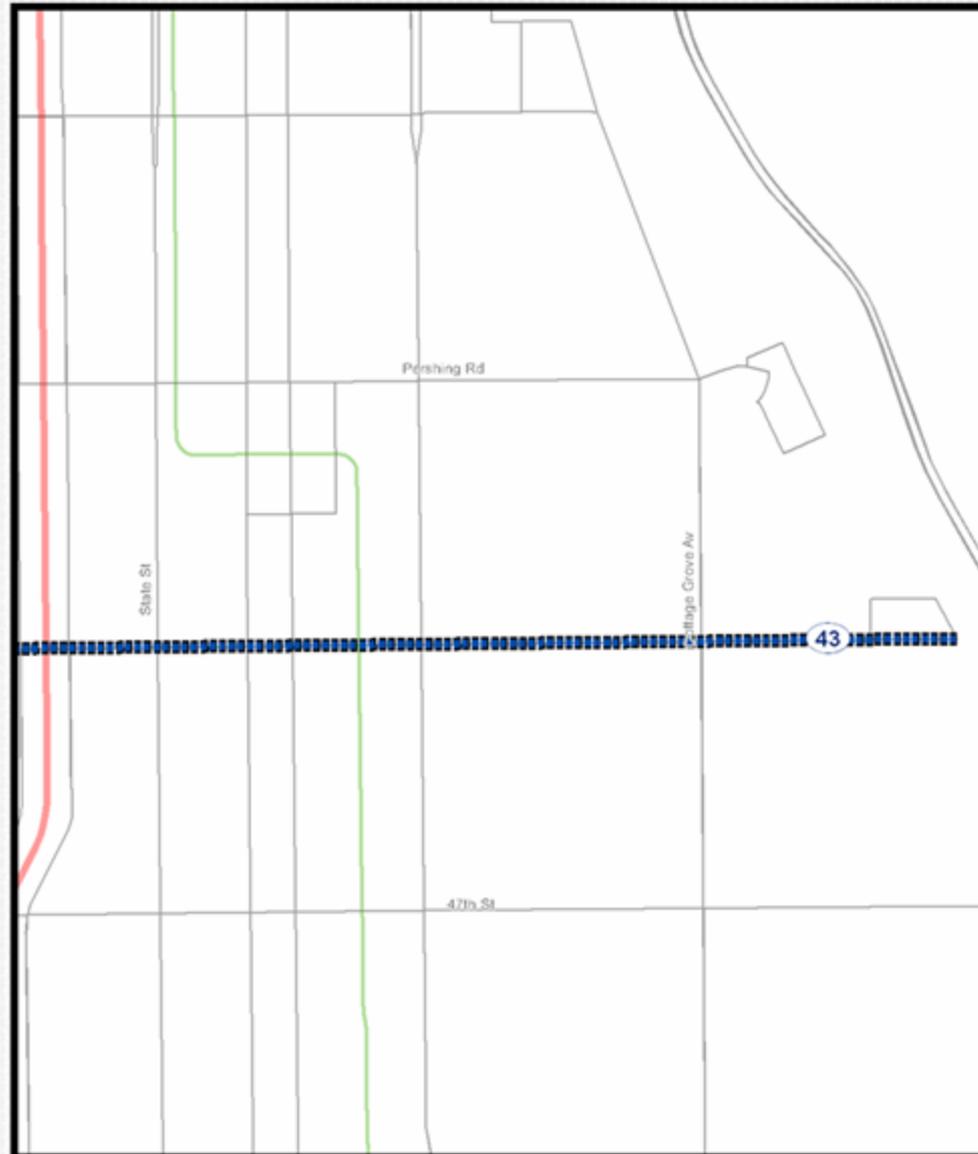
# **#43 - 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET BUS**

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- **2-yr. subsidized agreement with Mayor's Office of Workforce Development**
  - **Extends service hours for #43 - 43rd from approx. 7:00 pm to midnight**
  - **Currently no east-west service after 7:00 pm east of Red Line between 39th St./Pershing Road and 47<sup>th</sup> St.**
  - **Service connects residential areas along 43rd Street with Green Line Station at 43<sup>rd</sup> St. and the Red Line Station at 47th St.**



# 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET MAP



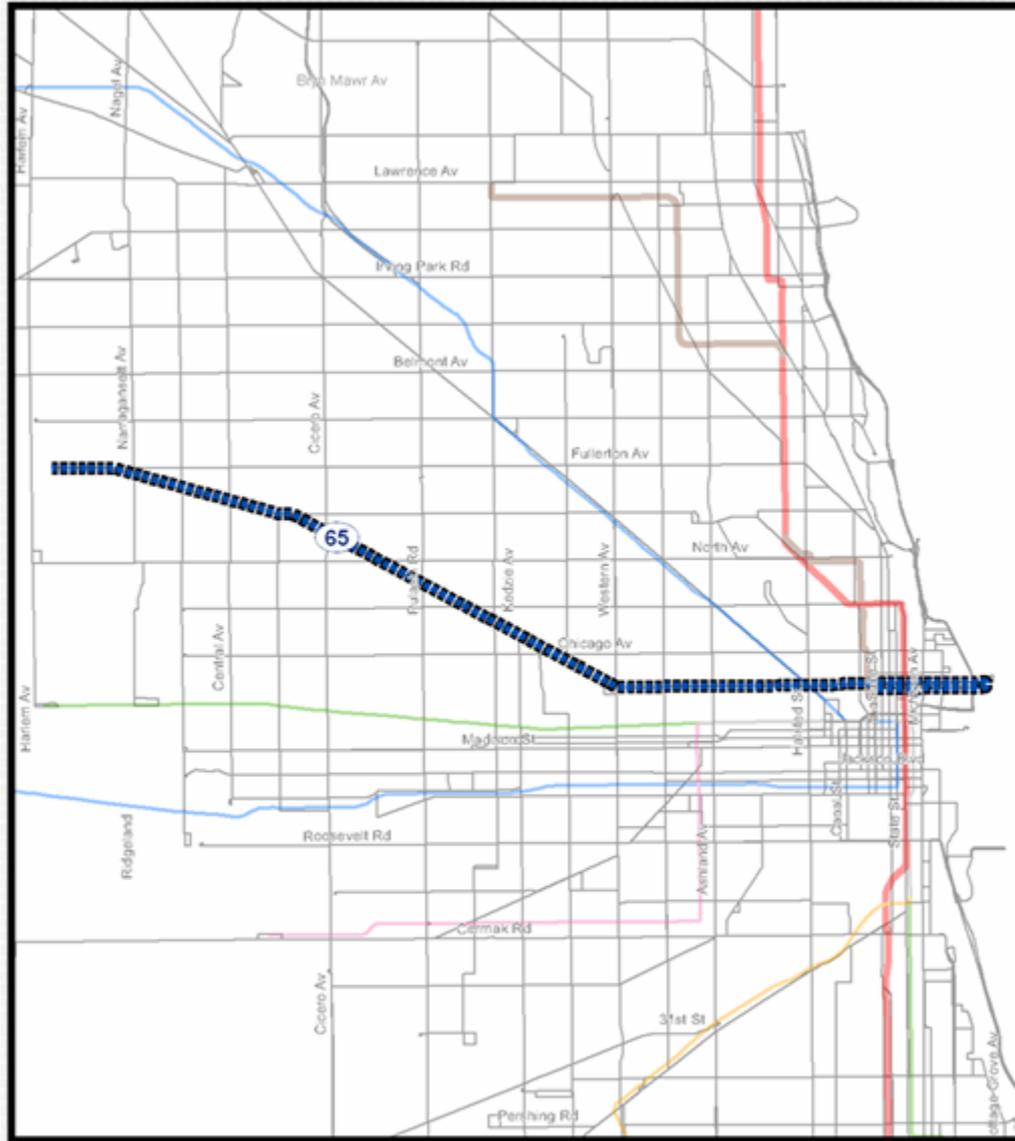
# **#65 GRAND**

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- ▶ **Hours of service extended until approx.10pm (currently ends at 7pm)**
- ▶ **Frequency of weekend service increased**
- ▶ **Enhance employment opportunities for residents on west side by providing access to:**
  - ▶ **Michigan Ave. and Navy Pier on the east**
  - ▶ **Wal-Mart and re-built Brickyard Mall area on the west**



# #65 GRAND MAP



# **YELLOW LINE**

- **Adds weekend service**
  - **Runs from approx. 6:30am to 11pm with 15 minute intervals**
  - **Benefits Chicago residents traveling to employment centers in the North and Northwest suburbs including Old Orchard Mall, Rush North Shore and Lutheran General Hospitals - employers with great weekend workforce demands**
  - **Service also links Howard Rail Terminal to additional CTA and Pace bus routes**



# YELLOW LINE MAP



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