The focus of Pre-Stage work, late 2019 through late 2020, is:

- Track-level interlocking between Thorndale and Ardmore, and the new Signal House over the west alley
- Track-level interlocking at Montrose and associated Signal House in the CTA lot south of Wilson
- New Signal House over the west alley south of Berwyn
- New temporary stations and platforms at Argyle and Bryn Mawr
- Retaining wall repairs in the east and west alleys

In addition to the location-specific closures noted, intermittent daily parking lane closures are expected at each cross-street throughout 2020.