

Purple Line Express Service Changes during Summer for RPM Phase One Pre-Stage Construction

As part of our ongoing investment to improve rail service by modernizing the Red and Purple lines, the Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase One Project includes the construction of new track structure and stations, replacing 100-year-old infrastructure. That work will begin by early 2021.

In 2020, we are performing pre-stage construction, in advance of and to support the major reconstruction work to occur in 2021-2025. Related to the pre-stage work, there will occasionally be temporary service changes to weekday Purple Line Express service.

What is the work?

To provide Red and Purple line service during construction, we need to install new interlockings – systems of tracks switches and signals that allows trains to safely change tracks – in two areas: near Thorndale station and near Montrose Avenue.

We have already completed the Montrose work and are now gearing up to build the interlocking and make related improvements near Thorndale station **July 17-August 16**. This work will affect CTA service during this period.

Impacts to Purple Line Express Service

During the periods listed above, weekday Purple Line Express trains will run on the same tracks as the Red Line.

Purple Line Express travel times between Howard and Belmont are expected to increase by 2-10 minutes more than usual. Additional details on the impact to train service will be posted on [transitchicago/alerts](https://transitchicago.com/alerts).

Construction schedules are subject to change