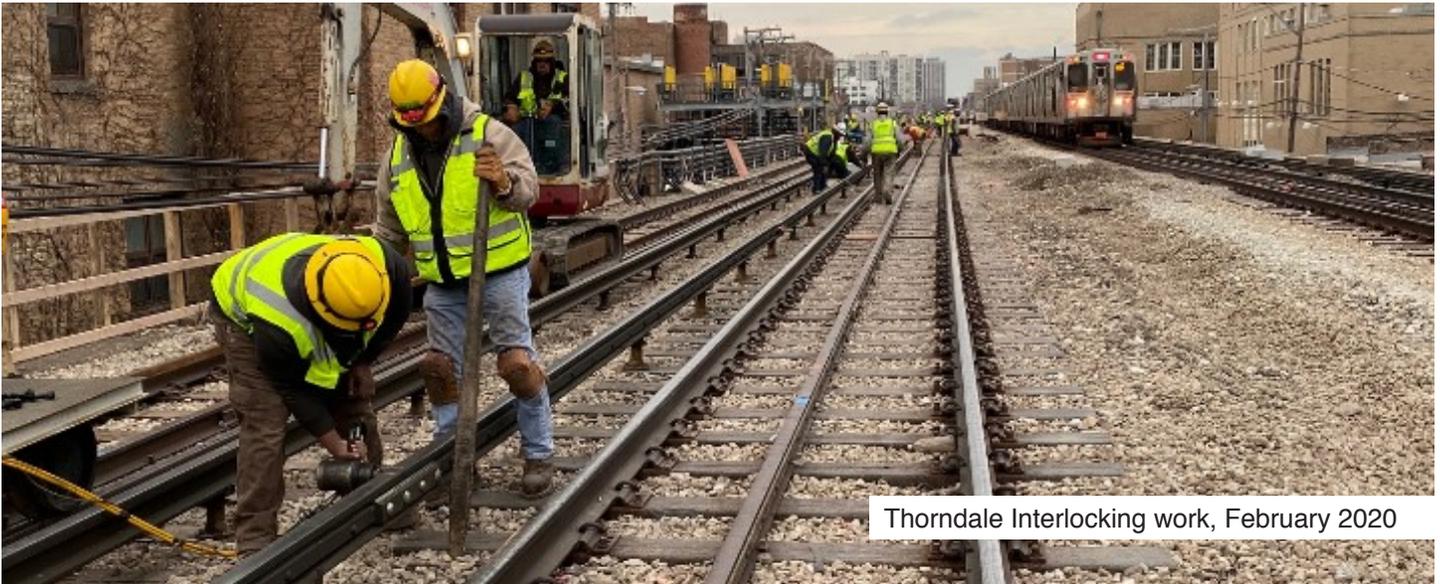


2020 RPM Pre-Stage Track Upgrades



Thorndale Interlocking work, February 2020

RPM Phase One Project

What is RPM Phase One?

- Four new, fully accessible modern Red Line stations to replace century-old stations at Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr and track structure between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr
- Construction of a modern rail bypass bridge north of Belmont where Red, Brown and Purple Line trains intersect, which will allow us to add train service to reduce service delays and chronic overcrowding on trains
- New rail signal system between Howard and Belmont that will improve train flow and service reliability
- Future phases of RPM will rebuild all remaining Red and Purple Line tracks and stations north of Belmont

CTA has begun making track improvements on the Red and Purple lines near the Thorndale station and on the track structure at Montrose Avenue that will provide quicker train service, and prepare the tracks for service during the transformational Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase One Project.

RPM includes the construction of new track structure and stations, replacing 100-year-old infrastructure and building modern stations with elevator access. That work will begin by early 2021, and in order to provide Red and Purple line service during construction we are making track upgrades now.

The work will have impacts on service, including weekday service this spring and summer (see other side for details).

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What work is CTA doing in 2020, why and when?

To be able to provide Red and Purple line service during construction, this year 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 begun some of the work to install these interlockings over weekends since January, and anticipate several more weekends through 2020. We will also do work that will impact service during the following periods: **June 5-29** and **July 17-August 9**.

How will the 2020 trackwork affect my commute?

Much of our work to date has been on weekends only, and has required trains to occasionally skip stations; other weekends we have had to temporarily close Granville, Thorndale and Bryn Mawr, during which we provided a free bus shuttle to serve these stations.

During both periods, on weekdays Purple Line Express trains will run on the same tracks as the Red Line. Other impacts would include:

June 5-29: No 95th-bound service at Lawrence and Argyle on nine non-contiguous days; on weekends, some additional skipped station stops with bus shuttle.

July 17-August 9: No 95th-bound service at Granville, Thorndale and Bryn Mawr for one week, and no Howard-bound service at those stations for the other two weeks; on some weekends, Granville, Thorndale and Bryn Mawr temporarily closed with bus shuttle.

Will travel times be impacted?

We strongly encourage our customers to plan ahead for longer commutes by allowing extra travel time, changing travel patterns such as travelling earlier or later than peak rush periods, or considering using alternate service, such as the #36 Broadway bus.

When do Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr fully close for reconstruction?

We expect to begin building these new stations and track – by early 2021, with new stations expected to open by the end of 2024. Temporary stations at Argyle and Bryn Mawr will serve customers throughout construction.

How will I know if my station is open or closed during the 2020 trackwork?

There will be signs and announcements on trains and at stations. Additionally, this information will be available on our web site at transitchicago.com/alerts. We encourage you to sign up for our construction alerts at transitchicago.com/rpmaalerts.

