

2020 RPM Pre-Stage Track Upgrades



North Red Line track work, June 2020, similar to work to occur near Thorndale

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 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 allow 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.

How will the Thorndale trackwork affect my trip?

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 the **July 17-August 16** period, on weekdays Purple Line Express trains will run on the same tracks as the Red Line. Other impacts would include:

- No 95th-bound service at Granville, Thorndale and Bryn Mawr for two weeks, and no Howard-bound service at those stations for the other two weeks.
- On three weekends during this period, Granville, Thorndale and Bryn Mawr will be temporarily closed with free bus shuttles available for connection between Red Line service and these stations.

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.

