



‘L’ System Slow Zone Map

April 2025

“Slow zones” are areas of track where trains are required to operate at slower-than-normal speeds due to certain track conditions and other temporary concerns. Track conditions can develop on railways from age, weather and other sometimes unpredictable forces that cause distress or deterioration on track components. Slow zones can also be implemented due to nearby construction work, which can last for weeks or even months.

With more than 225 miles of CTA track, slow zones are constantly changing and evolving: As crews repair one section of track, new slow zones can be instituted if track inspectors detect new signs of deterioration somewhere or as an upgrade project begins on our system.

As a result, the percentage of slow zones across our system vary from month to month.

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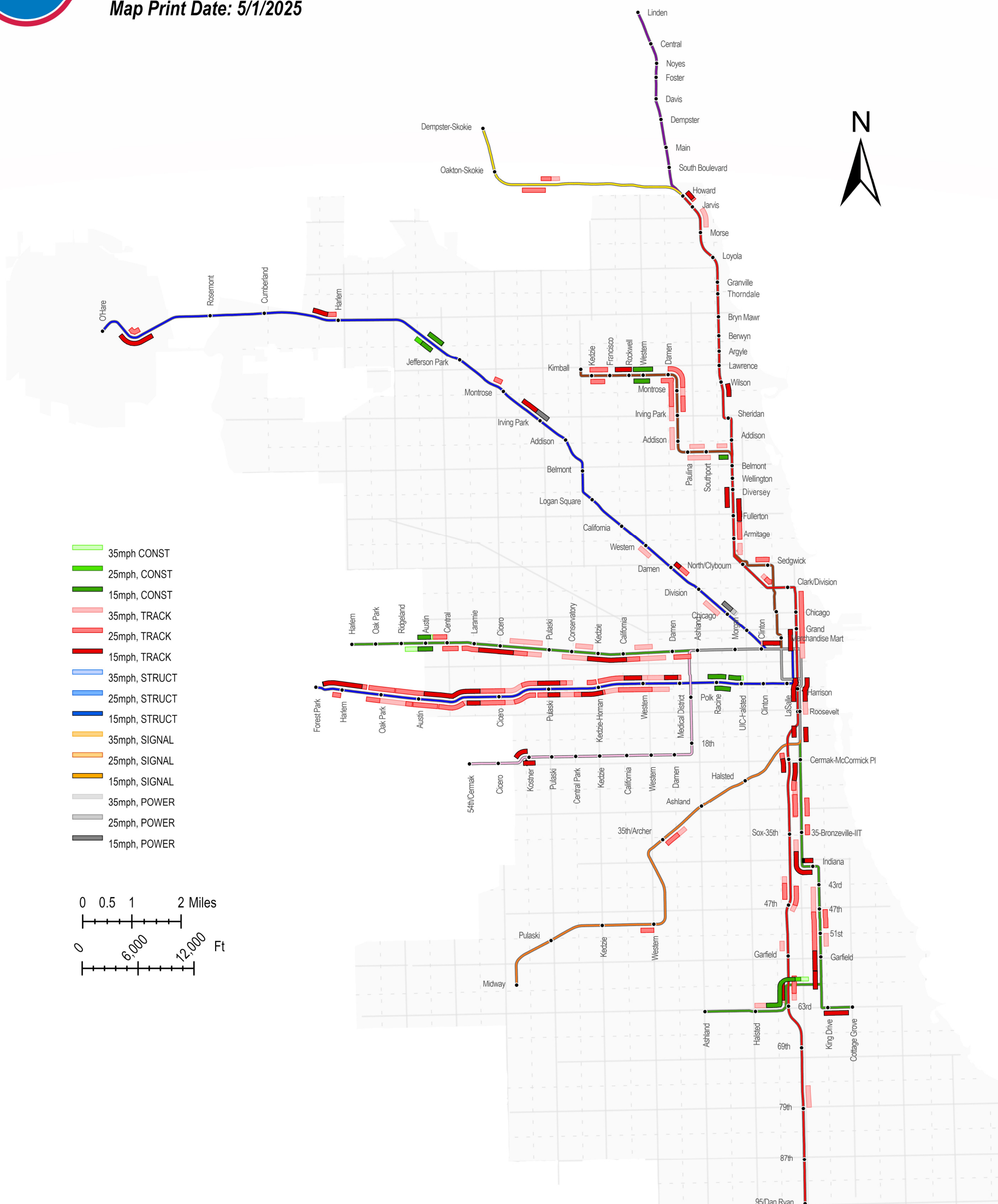


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* Between dates: 4/1/2025 - 4/30/2025

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	88,440	295,440	29.9%
RED	31,237	241,054	13.0%
YELLOW	3,550	51,330	6.9%
PURPLE	626	79,044	0.8%
LOOP	1,453	21,164	6.9%
BROWN	22,506	97,373	23.1%
ORANGE	5,252	103,018	5.1%
GREEN	71,622	198,441	36.1%
PINK	1,696	76,294	2.2%
	226,382	1,163,158	19.5%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	67,100	95,664	80,315	243,079
POWER	1,494	774	222	2,490
CONSTRUCTION	13,889	1,442	2,401	17,732
	82,483	97,880	82,938	263,301

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	20,731	29,639	20,127	70,497	94,010	75.0%		
O'Hare/Logan Square	8,502	5,467	994	14,963	155,760	9.6%		2,200
Dearborn Subway	739	499	1,742	2,980	45,670	6.5%	1,460	2,758
North Main Line	3,750	454	1,250	5,454	82,145	6.6%	1,250	
State Subway	1,829	5,817	2,110	9,756	48,426	20.1%		
Dan Ryan	3,772	5,913	6,342	16,027	110,483	14.5%		
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		38,181
Evanston					40,704			
Evanston Express	626			626	38,340	1.6%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	4,821	10,320	7,365	22,506	97,373	23.1%		5,735
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	2,076	973	5,252	103,018	5.1%		
Lake	10,285	9,093	14,370	33,748	91,228	37.0%		867
South Loop/South Main Line	10,148	10,081	7,572	27,801	65,403	42.5%		
Englewood	5,005	595	2,072	7,672	30,292	25.3%		1,324
Jackson Park	2,401			2,401	11,518	20.8%		
Douglas/Connector	1,696			1,696	76,294	2.2%		350
	76,508	84,007	65,867	226,382	1,163,158	19.5%	2,710	51,415

Note: 1. Unless otherwise specified, all measurements above are displayed in linear feet.
2. Multiple slow zones due to different root causes and different departments can potentially overlap. Therefore, the system-wide total slow zone length by department (area to be removed) may add to a higher number than the total slow zone length in effect on each branch.