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“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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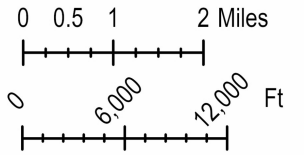


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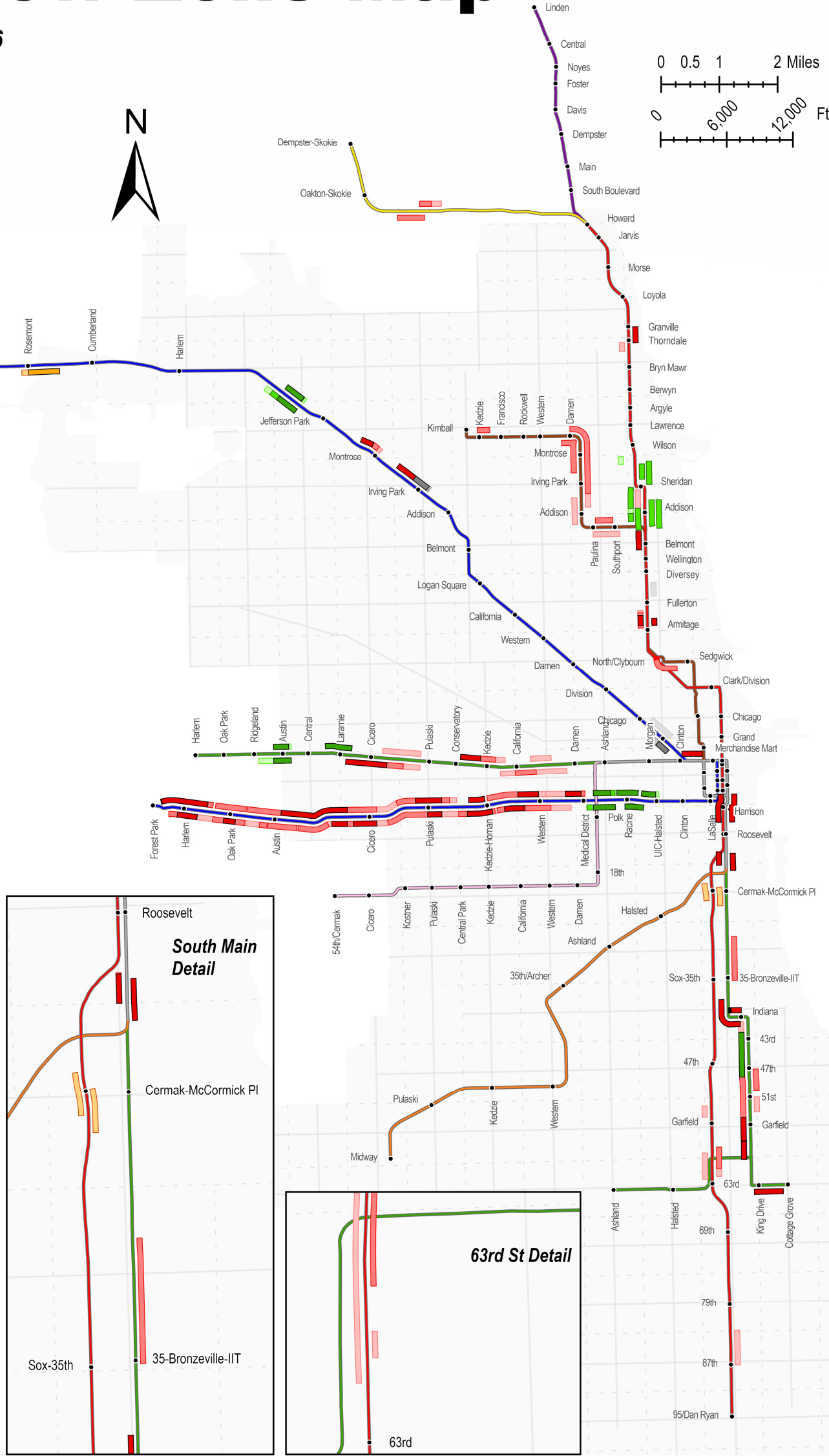
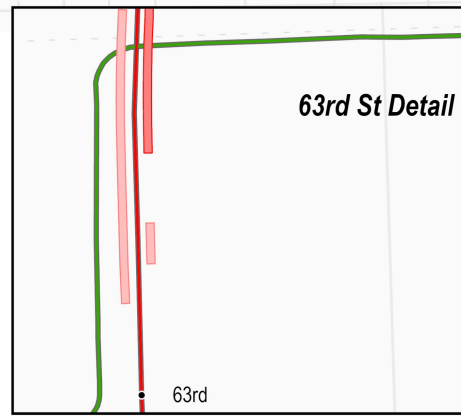
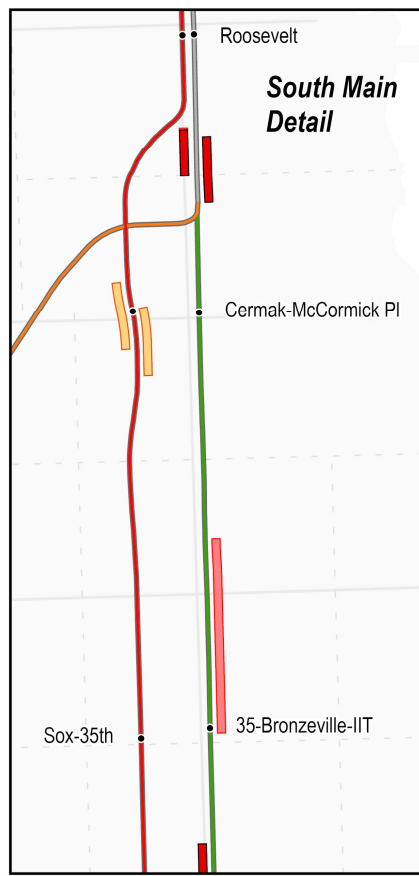
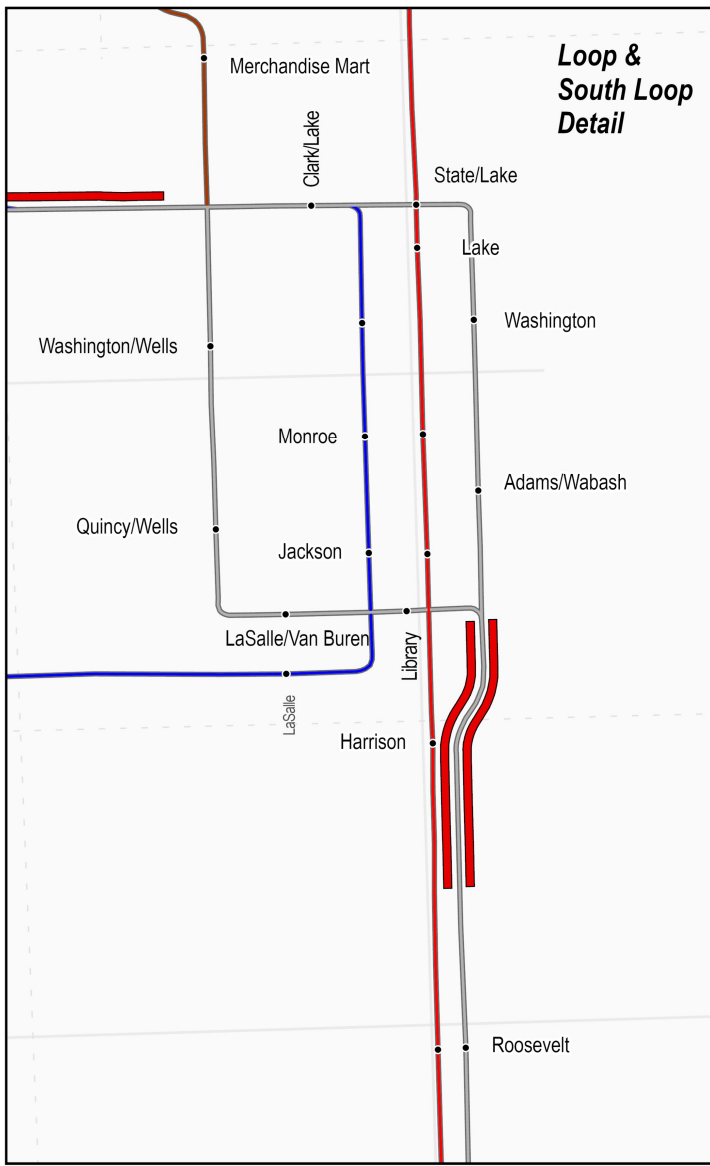
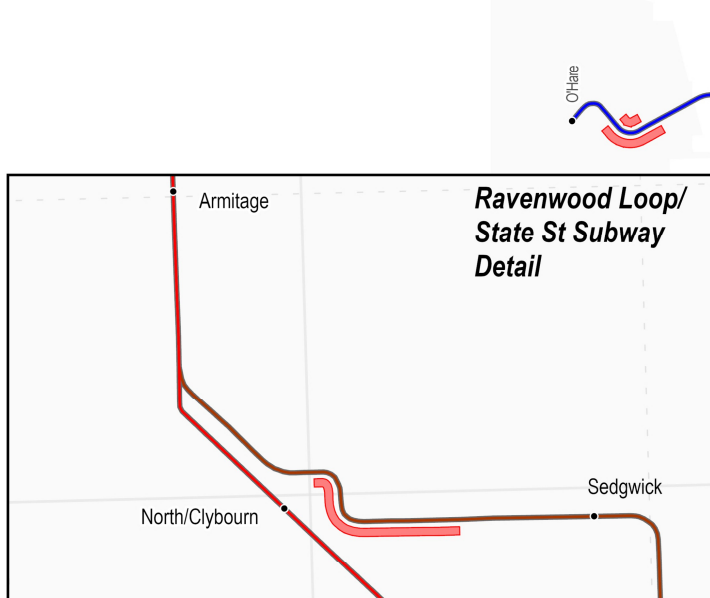


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Slow Zones By Requesting Area



* Between dates: 4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	98,239	295,440	33.3%
RED	19,528	241,356	8.1%
YELLOW	3,550	51,330	6.9%
PURPLE	5,974	98,604	6.1%
LOOP	1,111	21,164	5.2%
BROWN	18,341	98,964	18.5%
ORANGE	2,203	103,018	2.1%
GREEN	54,015	198,441	27.2%
PINK		76,294	
TOTAL	202,961	1,184,611	17.1%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	58,272	82,222	60,145	200,639
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	1,815	430	2,597	4,842
CONSTRUCTION	14,204	11,503	3,532	29,239
TOTAL	76,669	96,996	66,274	239,939

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	29,457	30,322	19,599	79,378	94,010	84.4%		
O'Hare/Logan Square	8,809	6,229	1,185	16,223	155,760	10.4%		2,621
Dearborn Subway	785	230	1,623	2,638	45,670	5.8%	2,638	495
North Main Line	1,626	4,811	2,936	9,373	83,650	11.2%	744	2,800
State Subway	1,214			1,214	48,648	2.5%		
Dan Ryan		3,668	5,273	8,941	109,058	8.2%		
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		
Evanston					40,663			3,421
Evanston Express		5,302	672	5,974	57,941	10.3%		
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop		13,266	5,075	18,341	98,964	18.5%	1,100	
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203			2,203	103,018	2.1%		
Lake	9,871	4,265	12,590	26,726	91,228	29.3%	1,355	
South Loop/South Main Line	13,698	9,581	1,850	25,129	65,403	38.4%		1,876
Englewood					30,292			
Jackson Park	2,160			2,160	11,518	18.8%		
Douglas/Connector					76,294			
TOTAL	69,823	81,385	51,753	202,961	1,184,611	17.1%	5,837	11,213

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.
 3. Total Usable Length may vary depending on construction projects and tracks that are open and available to the public.