



‘L’ System Slow Zone Map

July 2026

“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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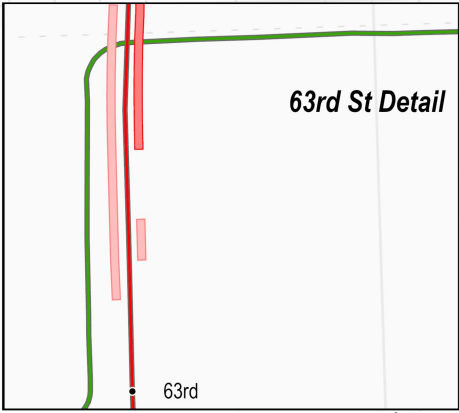
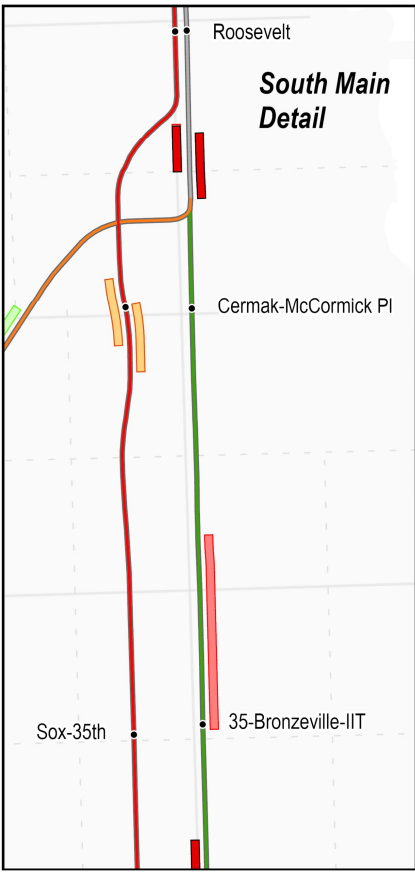
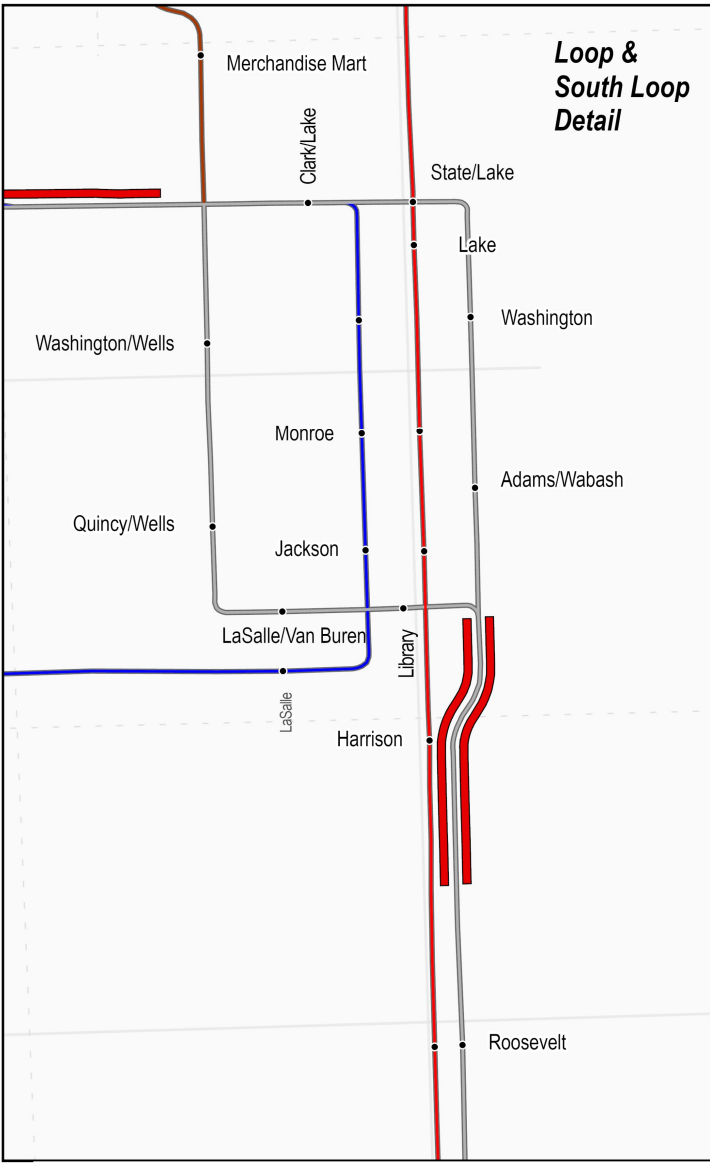
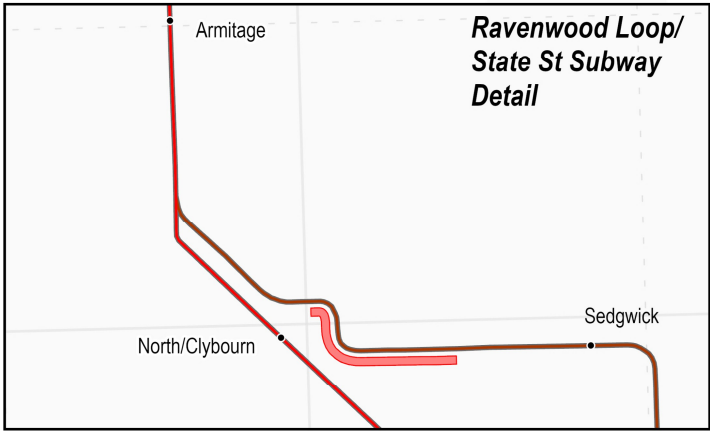


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Slow Zones By Requesting Area

	CONST	TRACK	STRUCT	SIGNAL	POWER
35mph					
25mph					
15mph					



* Between dates: 7/1/2026 - 7/31/2026

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	104,891	295,440	35.5%
RED	18,145	241,356	7.5%
YELLOW	7,100	51,330	13.8%
PURPLE	5,712	98,604	5.8%
LOOP	1,111	21,164	5.2%
BROWN	21,035	98,964	21.3%
ORANGE	10,451	103,018	10.1%
GREEN	61,294	198,441	30.9%
PINK		76,294	
	229,739	1,184,611	19.4%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	60,974	82,256	64,685	207,915
STRUCTURE	948	269	338	1,555
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	1,815	430	1,853	4,098
CONSTRUCTION	23,115	21,491	8,008	52,614
	89,230	107,287	74,884	271,401

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	12,930	6,975	2,970	22,875	155,760	14.7%		
Dearborn Subway	785	230	1,623	2,638	45,670	5.8%		
North Main Line	1,594	5,080	2,530	9,204	83,650	11.0%	1,555	1,864
State Subway					48,648			3,104
Dan Ryan		3,668	5,273	8,941	109,058	8.2%		
Skokie	5,550	600	950	7,100	51,330	13.8%		
Evanston					40,663			
Evanston Express		5,302	410	5,712	57,941	9.9%		262
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	2,694	13,266	5,075	21,035	98,964	21.3%		
Midway/Grand Junction	7,373	1,942	1,136	10,451	103,018	10.1%	8,248	
Lake	6,635	9,270	15,250	31,155	91,228	34.2%	11,375	1,871
South Loop/South Main Line	14,891	10,982	2,106	27,979	65,403	42.8%		
Englewood					30,292			
Jackson Park	2,160			2,160	11,518	18.8%		
Douglas/Connector					76,294			
	84,069	88,748	56,922	229,739	1,184,611	19.4%	21,178	7,101

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.