

'L' System Slow Zone Map

June 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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95/Dan Rvan * Between dates: 6/1/2025 - 6/30/2025

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total	Length	% Slow Zone	
BLUE	89,37	79	295,440	30.3%	
RED	27,23	11	231,949	11.7%	
YELLOW	3,55	50	51,330	6.9%	
PURPLE	2,08	30	76,207	2.7%	
LOOP	1,45	53	21,164	6.9%	
BROWN	22,14	40	97,626	22.7%	
ORANGE	4,33	38	103,018	4.2%	
GREEN	63,53	38	198,441	32.0%	
PINK	1,69	96	76,294	2.2%	
	215,38	85	1,151,469	18.7%	
Area To Be Rem	oved 15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	
TRACK	66,280	91,216	80,128	237,624	
POWER	1,935	275		2,210	
TOWER					
CONSTRUCTION	9,246	1,010	1,975	12,231	

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	23,311	30,649	20,527	74,487	94,010	79.2%		
O'Hare/Logan Square	3,674	7,230	2,468	13,372	155,760	8.6%		
Dearborn Subway			1,520	1,520	45,670	3.3%		1,460
North Main Line	1,875			1,875	73,040	2.6%		689
State Subway	3,064	5,817	2,472	11,353	48,426	23.4%	498	
Dan Ryan	3,772	4,442	5,769	13,983	110,483	12.7%		
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		
Evanston		1,454		1,454	40,704	3.6%	1,454	
Evanston Express	626			626	35,503	1.8%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	4,455	10,320	7,365	22,140	97,626	22.7%	1,180	
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	1,162	973	4,338	103,018	4.2%		
Lake	10,285	4,320	14,385	28,990	91,228	31.8%	5,065	5,210
South Loop/South Main Line	14,048	8,181	7,572	29,801	65,403	45.6%	3,900	
Englewood			2,346	2,346	30,292	7.7%		
Jackson Park	2,401			2,401	11,518	20.8%		
Douglas/Connector	1,696			1,696	76,294	2.2%		
	71,410	77,628	66,347	215,385	1,151,469	18.7%	12,097	7,359

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.