



# 'L' System Slow Zone Map

March 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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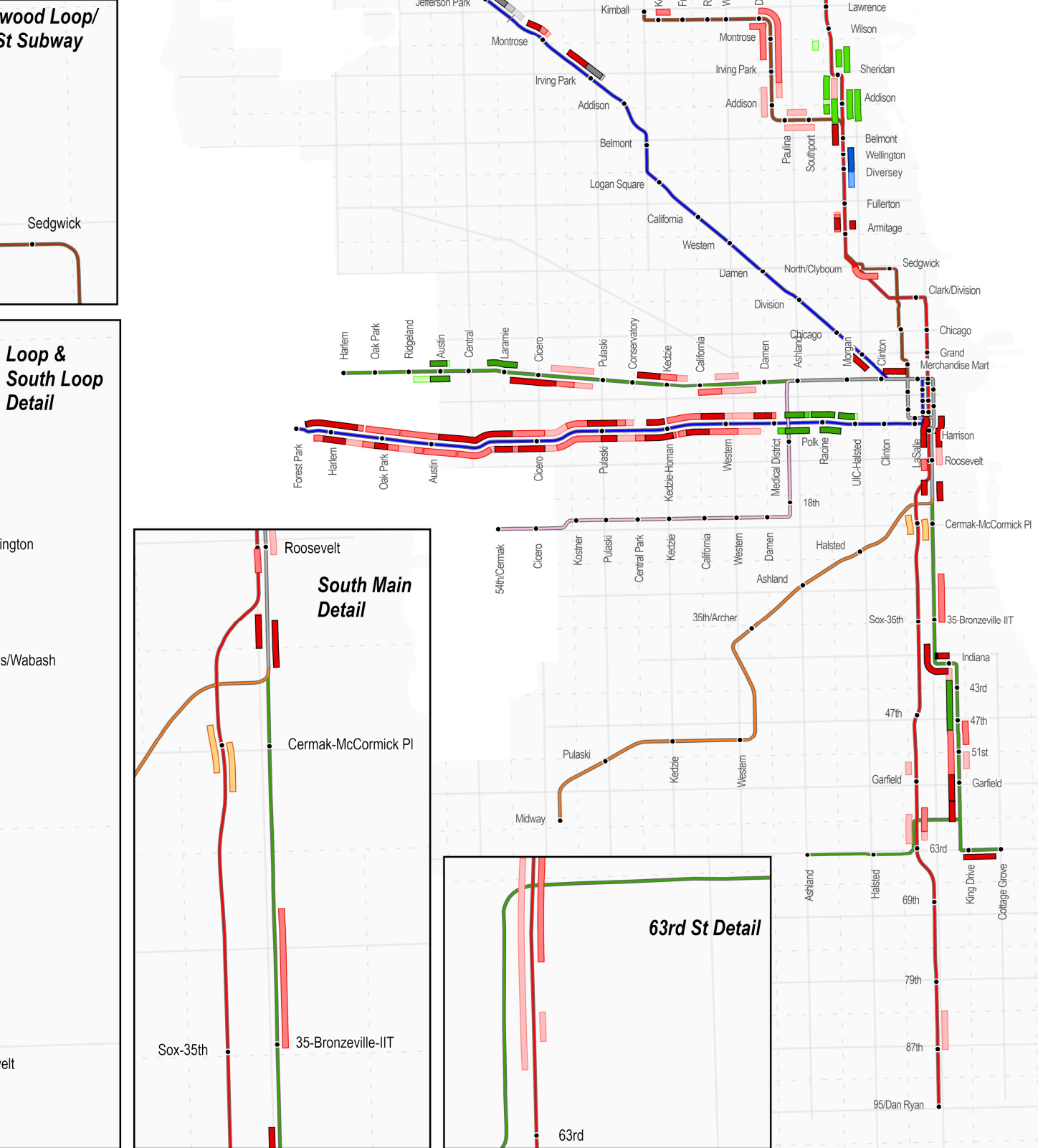
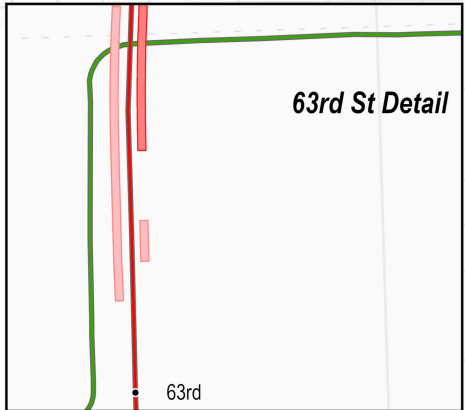
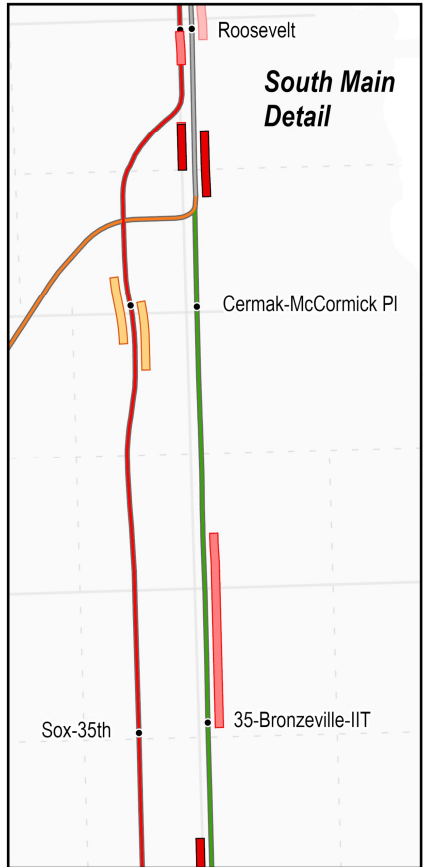
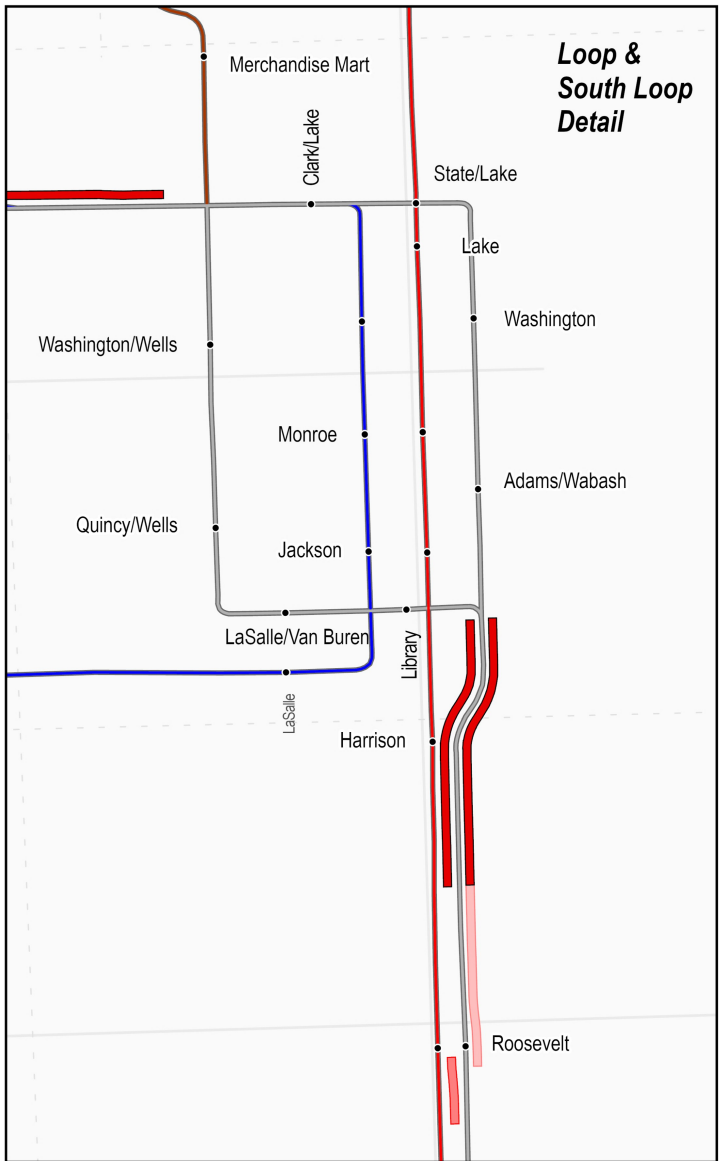
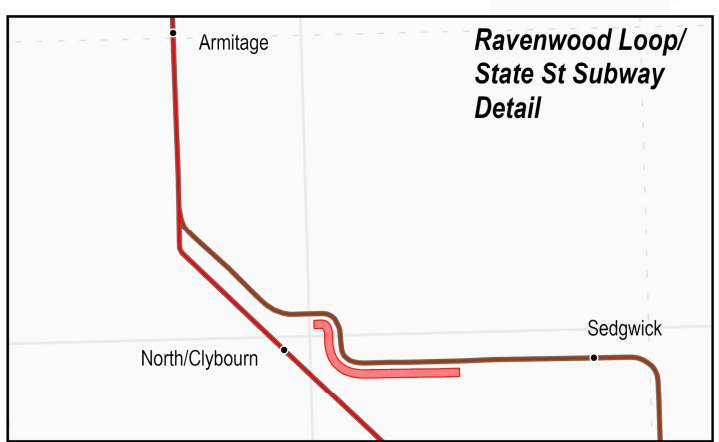
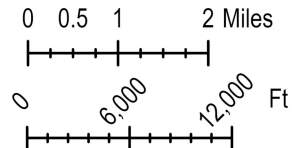


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Map Print Date: 4/1/2026

## Slow Zones By Requesting Area

	CONST TRACK	STRUCT	SIGNAL	POWER
35mph	<span style="color:blue">█</span>	<span style="color:red">█</span>	<span style="color:green">█</span>	<span style="color:orange">█</span>
25mph	<span style="color:blue">█</span>	<span style="color:red">█</span>	<span style="color:green">█</span>	<span style="color:orange">█</span>
15mph	<span style="color:blue">█</span>	<span style="color:red">█</span>	<span style="color:green">█</span>	<span style="color:orange">█</span>



\* Between dates: 3/1/2026 - 3/31/2026

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	99,502	295,440	33.7%
RED	21,584	241,356	8.9%
YELLOW	3,550	51,330	6.9%
PURPLE	9,395	98,604	9.5%
LOOP	1,111	21,164	5.2%
BROWN	18,341	98,964	18.5%
ORANGE	2,203	103,018	2.1%
GREEN	54,536	198,441	27.5%
PINK		76,294	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>210,222</b>	<b>1,184,611</b>	<b>17.7%</b>

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	62,777	81,788	61,172	205,737
STRUCTURE	2,043	757		2,800
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	1,951	950	950	3,851
CONSTRUCTION	14,204	11,503	3,532	29,239
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83,353</b>	<b>97,839</b>	<b>65,654</b>	<b>246,846</b>

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	9,730	6,979	2,135	18,844	155,760	12.1%	7,241	11,004
Dearborn Subway	1,280			1,280	45,670	2.8%		
North Main Line	3,669	5,568	2,192	11,429	83,650	13.7%		
State Subway	1,214			1,214	48,648	2.5%		9,789
Dan Ryan		3,668	5,273	8,941	109,058	8.2%		
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		
Evanston	3,225	196		3,421	40,663	8.4%		
Evanston Express		5,302	672	5,974	57,941	10.3%		
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		
Ravenwood/Ravenwood-Loop		12,166	6,175	18,341	98,964	18.5%		1,023
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203			2,203	103,018	2.1%		4,245
Lake	9,871	4,265	11,235	25,371	91,228	27.8%		5,034
South Loop/South Main Line	13,698	10,051	3,256	27,005	65,403	41.3%		
Englewood					30,292			
Jackson Park	2,160			2,160	11,518	18.8%		
Douglas/Connector					76,294			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,507</b>	<b>82,228</b>	<b>51,487</b>	<b>210,222</b>	<b>1,184,611</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>31,095</b>

**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.