



‘L’ System Slow Zone Map

May 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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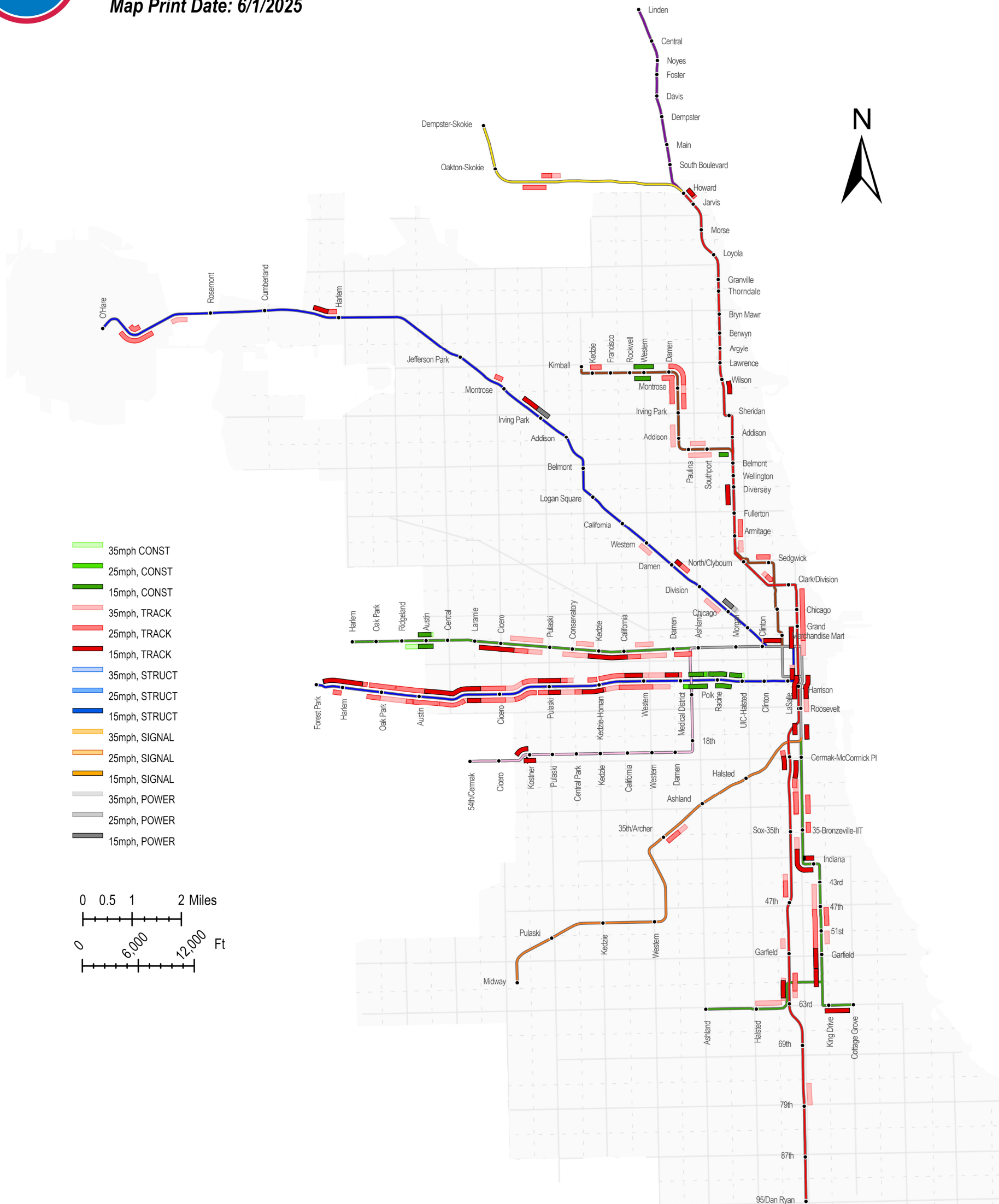


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Map Print Date: 6/1/2025



* Between dates: 5/1/2025 - 5/31/2025

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	90,839	295,440	30.7%
RED	27,402	231,949	11.8%
YELLOW	3,550	51,330	6.9%
PURPLE	626	76,207	0.8%
LOOP	1,453	21,164	6.9%
BROWN	20,960	97,626	21.5%
ORANGE	4,338	103,018	4.2%
GREEN	61,683	198,441	31.1%
PINK	1,696	76,294	2.2%
	212,547	1,151,469	18.5%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	62,117	90,161	80,328	232,606
POWER	1,494	774	222	2,490
CONSTRUCTION	9,246	1,010	1,975	12,231
	72,857	91,945	82,525	247,327

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%	3,990	
O'Hare/Logan Square	3,674	7,230	2,468	13,372	155,760	8.6%	1,474	3,065
Dearborn Subway	739	499	1,742	2,980	45,670	6.5%		
North Main Line	2,110	454		2,564	73,040	3.5%		2,890
State Subway	2,566	5,817	2,472	10,855	48,426	22.4%	1,099	
Dan Ryan	3,772	4,442	5,769	13,983	110,483	12.7%		2,044
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		
Evanston					40,704			
Evanston Express	626			626	35,503	1.8%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	3,275	10,320	7,365	20,960	97,626	21.5%		1,470
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	1,162	973	4,338	103,018	4.2%		914
Lake	10,285	4,265	14,585	29,135	91,228	31.9%		4,613
South Loop/South Main Line	10,148	10,081	7,572	27,801	65,403	42.5%		
Englewood			2,346	2,346	30,292	7.7%		5,326
Jackson Park	2,401			2,401	11,518	20.8%		
Douglas/Connector	1,696			1,696	76,294	2.2%		
	66,806	78,972	66,769	212,547	1,151,469	18.5%	6,563	20,322

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.