‘L’ System Slow Zone Map

October 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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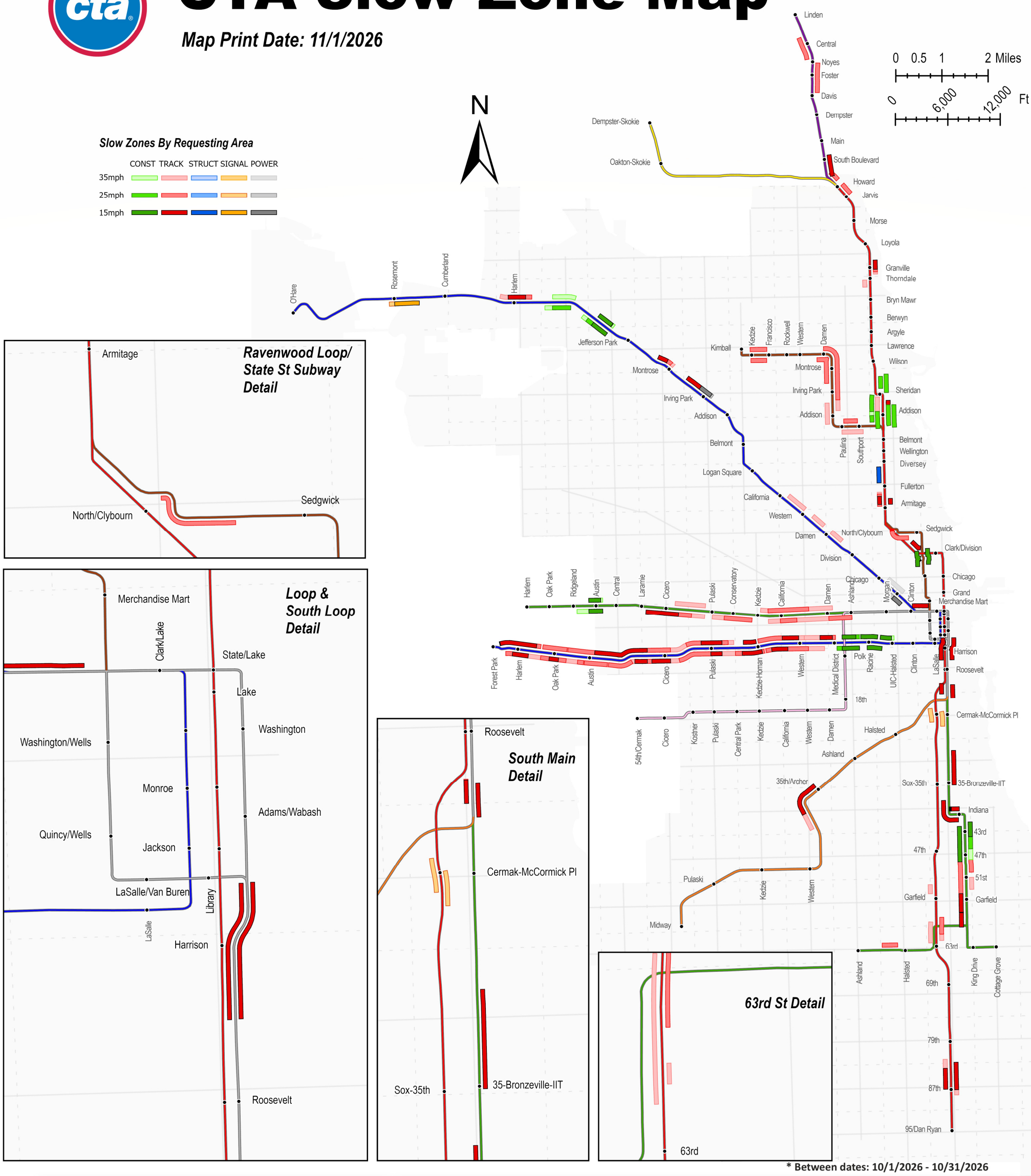
CTA Slow Zone Map

Map Print Date: 11/1/2026



* Between dates: 10/1/2026 - 10/31/2026

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	106,145	295,440	35.9%
RED	25,249	241,356	10.5%
YELLOW		51,330	
PURPLE	13,917	98,604	14.1%
LOOP		21,164	
BROWN	22,884	98,964	23.1%
ORANGE	7,003	103,018	6.8%
GREEN	64,519	198,441	32.5%
PINK		76,294	
	239,717	**1,184,611**	**20.2%**

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	64,590	89,686	76,454	230,730
STRUCTURE	1,355			1,355
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	1,815	430	1,853	4,098
CONSTRUCTION	17,070	14,549	7,341	38,960
	87,208	**107,506**	**85,648**	**280,362**

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	10,322	4,460	9,347	24,129	155,760	15.5%	5,297	1,294
Dearborn Subway	785	230	1,623	2,638	45,670	5.8%		
North Main Line	3,086	6,030	2,448	11,564	83,650	13.8%	1,355	
State Subway	1,210			1,210	48,648	2.5%		
Dan Ryan	4,559	3,668	4,248	12,475	109,058	11.4%		
Skokie					51,330			
Evanston	2,025	6,180		8,205	40,663	20.2%		
Evanston Express		5,302	410	5,712	57,941	9.9%		
Loop					21,164			1,111
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	2,694	15,115	5,075	22,884	98,964	23.1%	2,104	255
Midway/Grand Junction	5,043		1,960	7,003	103,018	6.8%		
Lake	6,635	11,990	16,615	35,240	91,228	38.6%		
South Loop/South Main Line	18,391	7,482	2,106	27,979	65,403	42.8%		
Englewood		1,300		1,300	30,292	4.3%	1,300	
Jackson Park					11,518			
Douglas/Connector					76,294			
	84,207	**92,079**	**63,431**	**239,717**	**1,184,611**	**20.2%**	**10,056**	**2,660**

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.