

'L' System Slow Zone Map

September 2023

"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.

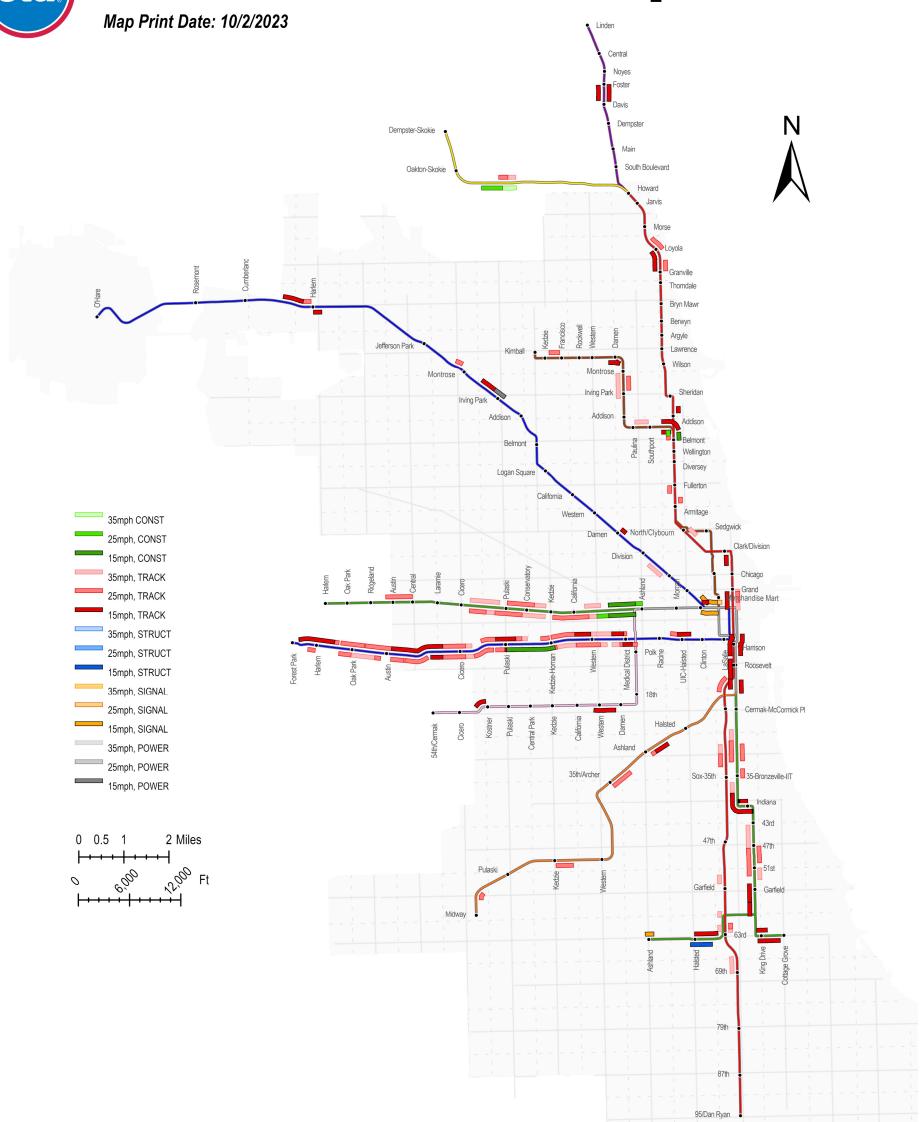
With more than 225 miles of CTA track, slow zones are constantly changing and evolving: As crews repair one section of track, new slow zones can be instituted if track inspectors detect new signs of deterioration somewhere or as an upgrade project begins on our system.

As a result, the percentage of slow zones across our system vary from month to month.

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CTA Slow Zone Map



Line Color To	tal Slow Zone	Total	Length	% Slow Zone	
BLUE	78,34	19	295,889	26.5%	
RED	20,34	17	248,132	8.2%	
YELLOW	5,10	00	51,330	9.9%	
PURPLE	2,85	50	86,549	3.3%	
LOOP	1,11	11	21,164	5.2%	
BROWN	9,19	9,195		9.4%	
ORANGE	8,02	8,025		7.8%	
GREEN	68,37	75	197,543	34.6%	
PINK	2,51	2,516		3.3%	
	195,86	195,868		16.6%	
Area To Be Remov	ed 15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	
TRACK	71,209	79,815	56,237	207,261	
STRUCTURE	2,099			2,099	
SIGNAL	4,102	548		4,650	
POWER	1,030			1,030	
CONSTRUCTION	11,004	4,393	1,550	16,947	
	89.444	84.756	57.787	231.987	

				* Between dates: 9/1/2023 - 9/30/2023						
Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*		
Congress	21,658	29,416	14,719	65,793	94,010	70.0%				
O'Hare/Logan Square	5,193	1,735		6,928	156,209	4.4%		1,577		
Dearborn Subway	3,560	548	1,520	5,628	45,670	12.3%				
North Main Line	3,090	3,863		6,953	89,223	7.8%				
State Subway	2,361	795	1,793	4,949	48,426	10.2%				
Dan Ryan		2,822	5,623	8,445	110,483	7.6%		2,396		
Skokie		3,550	1,550	5,100	51,330	9.9%				
Evanston	2,850			2,850	40,704	7.0%				
Evanston Express					45,845					
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%				
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	2,743	2,877	3,575	9,195	97,657	9.4%				
Midway/Grand Junction	3,027	4,998		8,025	102,831	7.8%	2,110			
Lake	5,746	15,475	11,435	32,656	91,228	35.8%				
South Loop/South Main Line	12,946	8,696	6,166	27,808	65,403	42.5%				
Englewood	4,987			4,987	29,394	17.0%				
Jackson Park	2,924			2,924	11,518	25.4%				
Douglas/Connector	2,516			2,516	76,294	3.3%				
	73,601	75,886	46,381	195,868	1,177,389	16.6%	2,110	3,973		

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.