



‘L’ System Slow Zone Map

September 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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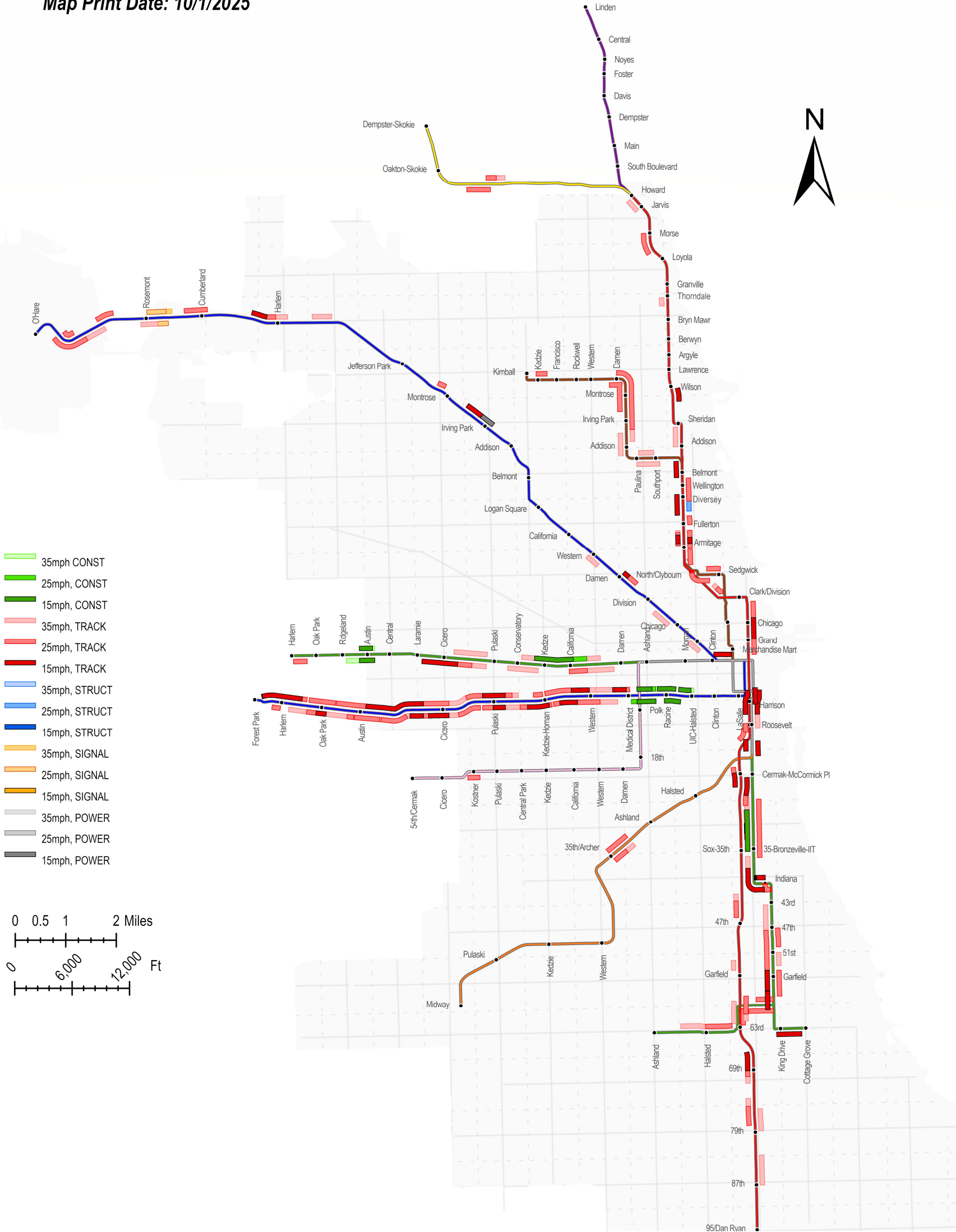


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Map Print Date: 10/1/2025



* Between dates: 9/1/2025 - 9/30/2025

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	100,262	295,440	33.9%
RED	43,968	241,033	18.2%
YELLOW	3,550	51,330	6.9%
PURPLE	626	84,952	0.7%
LOOP	1,453	21,164	6.9%
BROWN	24,112	97,626	24.7%
ORANGE	6,448	103,018	6.3%
GREEN	81,042	198,441	40.8%
PINK	790	76,294	1.0%
	262,251	1,169,298	22.4%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	61,275	136,834	96,046	294,155
STRUCTURE	2,043	757		2,800
POWER	755	275		1,030
CONSTRUCTION	13,445	2,425	1,975	17,845
	77,518	140,291	98,021	315,830

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	27,019	28,889	20,480	76,388	94,010	81.3%		
O'Hare/Logan Square	3,674	10,397	7,307	21,378	155,760	13.7%		
Dearborn Subway			2,496	2,496	45,670	5.5%		
North Main Line	4,369	2,699	3,059	10,127	82,124	12.3%	1,124	2,627
State Subway	4,237	5,244	493	9,974	48,426	20.6%	3,664	
Dan Ryan	4,510	8,562	10,795	23,867	110,483	21.6%	3,812	
Skokie		2,600	950	3,550	51,330	6.9%		
Evanston					40,704			8,944
Evanston Express	626			626	44,248	1.4%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop		16,897	7,215	24,112	97,626	24.7%		
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	3,272	973	6,448	103,018	6.3%	2,110	
Lake	10,285	5,269	14,385	29,939	91,228	32.8%		
South Loop/South Main Line	14,048	16,443	7,572	38,063	65,403	58.2%	6,212	
Englewood		8,035	2,604	10,639	30,292	35.1%	10,639	
Jackson Park	2,401			2,401	11,518	20.8%		
Douglas/Connector		790		790	76,294	1.0%		
	73,372	110,550	78,329	262,251	1,169,298	22.4%	27,561	11,571

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.