



‘L’ System Slow Zone Map

September 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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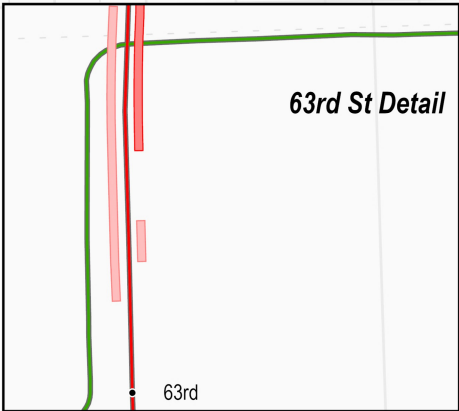
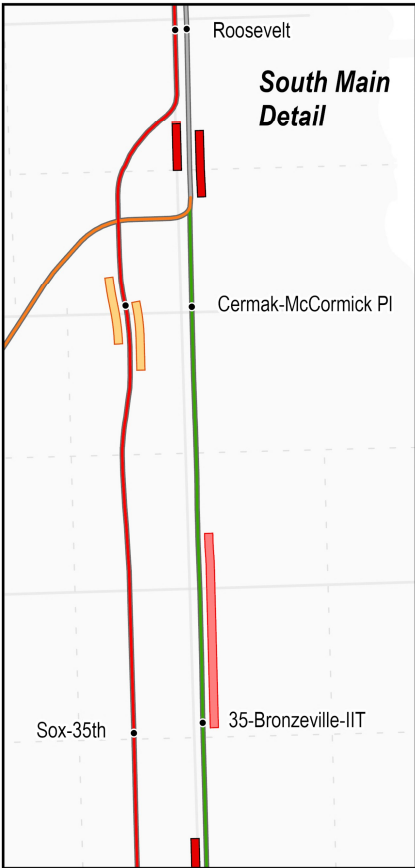
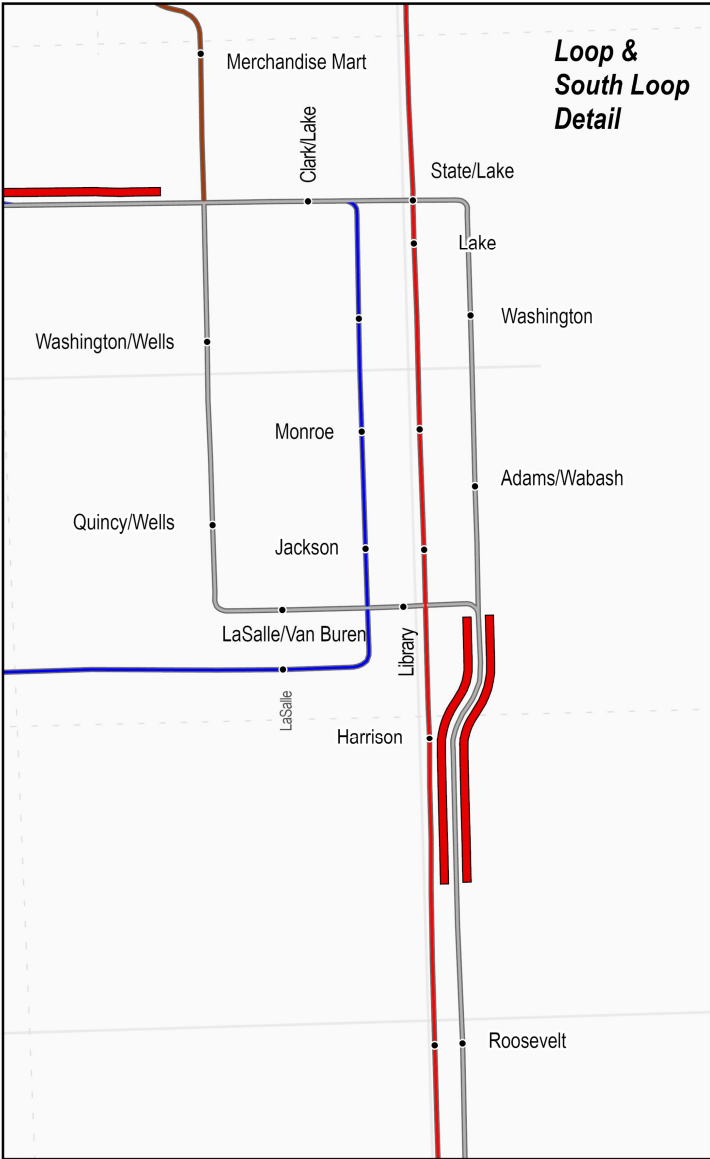
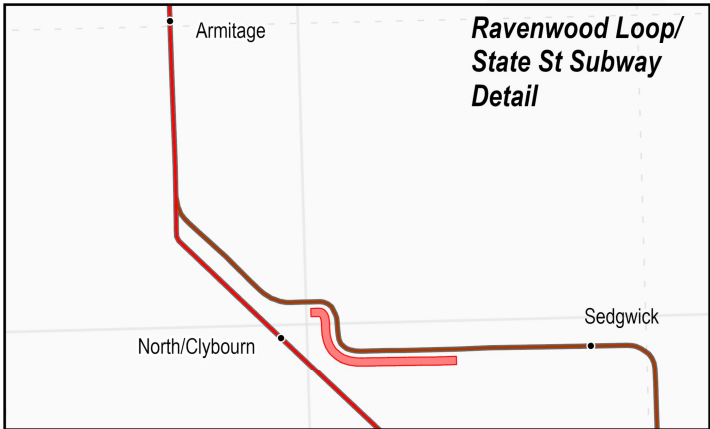


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Slow Zones By Requesting Area

	CONST	TRACK	STRUCT	SIGNAL	POWER
35mph					
25mph					
15mph					



Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	102,142	295,440	34.6%
RED	23,894	241,356	9.9%
YELLOW		51,330	
PURPLE	13,917	98,604	14.1%
LOOP	1,111	21,164	5.2%
BROWN	21,035	98,964	21.3%
ORANGE	7,003	103,018	6.8%
GREEN	63,219	198,441	31.9%
PINK		76,294	
	232,321	1,184,611	19.6%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	61,090	90,482	68,937	220,509
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	2,824	715	1,853	5,392
CONSTRUCTION	17,070	14,549	7,341	38,960
	83,362	108,587	78,131	270,080

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	11,331	4,745	4,050	20,126	155,760	12.9%	2,220	3,538
Dearborn Subway	785	230	1,623	2,638	45,670	5.8%		
North Main Line	1,731	6,030	2,448	10,209	83,650	12.2%	2,560	1,555
State Subway	1,210			1,210	48,648	2.5%		
Dan Ryan	4,559	3,668	4,248	12,475	109,058	11.4%	6,739	
Skokie					51,330			7,100
Evanston	2,025	6,180		8,205	40,663	20.2%	8,205	
Evanston Express		5,302	410	5,712	57,941	9.9%		
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	2,694	13,266	5,075	21,035	98,964	21.3%		
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	14,891	10,982	2,106	27,979	65,403	42.8%		
Englewood					30,292			
Jackson Park					11,518			2,160
Douglas/Connector					76,294			
	80,361	93,826	58,134	232,321	1,184,611	19.6%	19,724	14,353

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.