



# 'L' System Slow Zone Map

May 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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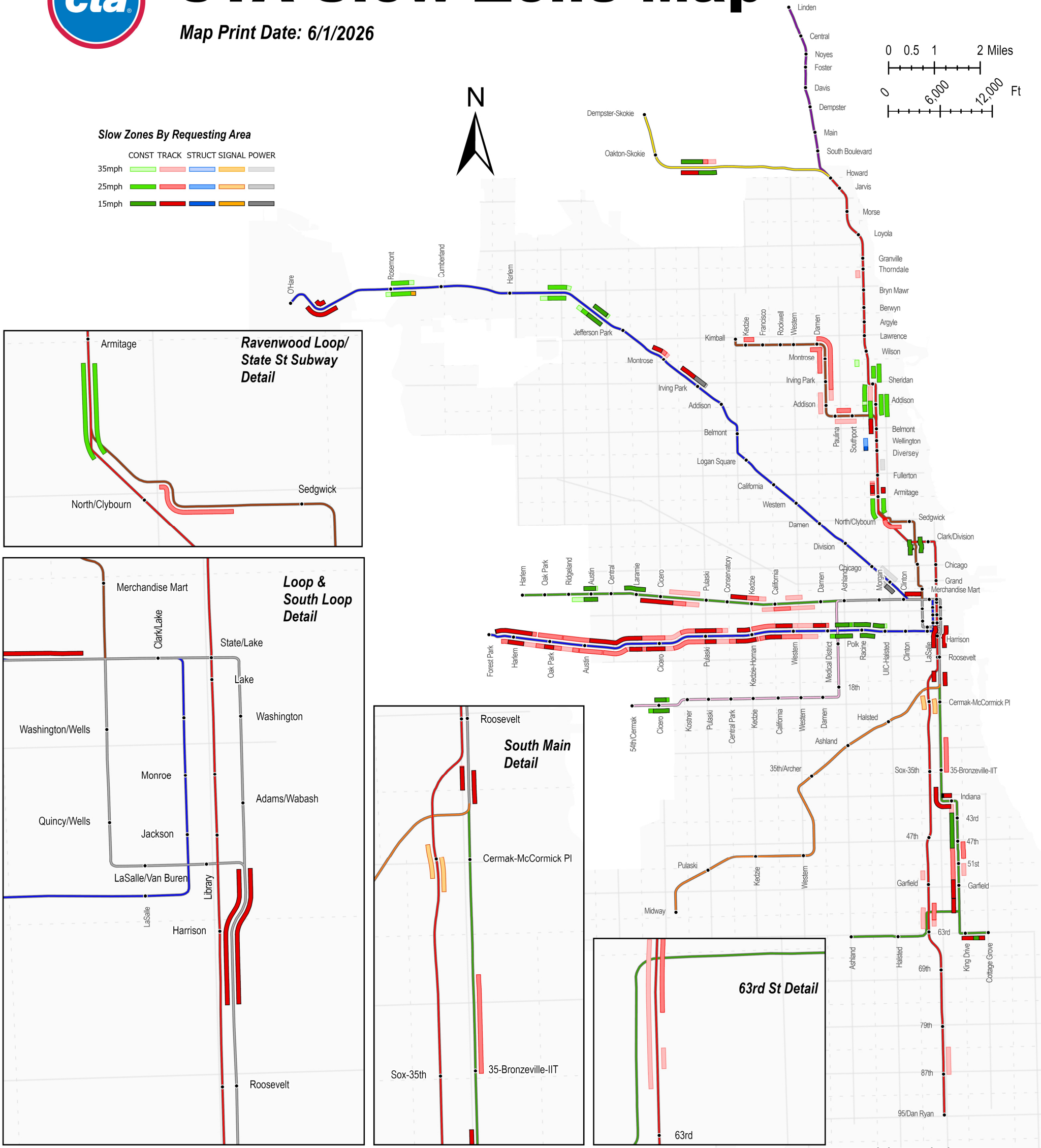
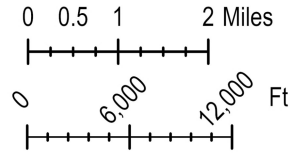
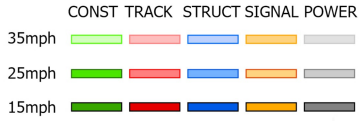
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Map Print Date: 6/1/2026

### Slow Zones By Requesting Area



\* Between dates: 5/1/2026 - 5/31/2026

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Usable Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	104,891	295,440	35.5%
RED	20,438	241,356	8.5%
YELLOW	7,100	51,330	13.8%
PURPLE	5,974	98,604	6.1%
LOOP	1,111	21,164	5.2%
BROWN	22,005	98,964	22.2%
ORANGE	2,203	103,018	2.1%
GREEN	54,015	198,441	27.2%
PINK	3,088	76,294	4.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>220,825</b>	<b>1,184,611</b>	<b>18.6%</b>

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	63,413	78,101	60,145	201,659
STRUCTURE	482	488		970
SIGNAL	2,378	2,841		5,219
POWER	1,815	430	2,597	4,842
CONSTRUCTION	22,806	22,123	5,928	50,857
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90,894</b>	<b>103,983</b>	<b>68,670</b>	<b>263,547</b>

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	12,930	6,975	2,970	22,875	155,760	14.7%	6,652	
Dearborn Subway	785	230	1,623	2,638	45,670	5.8%		
North Main Line	646	4,811	2,936	8,393	83,650	10.0%		980
State Subway	1,214	1,890		3,104	48,648	6.4%	1,890	
Dan Ryan		3,668	5,273	8,941	109,058	8.2%		
Skokie	5,550	600	950	7,100	51,330	13.8%	5,550	
Evanston					40,663			
Evanston Express		5,302	672	5,974	57,941	10.3%		
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	3,176	13,754	5,075	22,005	98,964	22.2%	3,664	
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203			2,203	103,018	2.1%		
Lake	9,871	4,265	12,590	26,726	91,228	29.3%		
South Loop/South Main Line	13,698	9,581	1,850	25,129	65,403	38.4%		
Englewood					30,292			
Jackson Park	2,160			2,160	11,518	18.8%		
Douglas/Connector	2,193	895		3,088	76,294	4.0%	3,088	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83,883</b>	<b>83,404</b>	<b>53,538</b>	<b>220,825</b>	<b>1,184,611</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>20,844</b>	<b>980</b>

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.