



# 'L' System Slow Zone Map

October 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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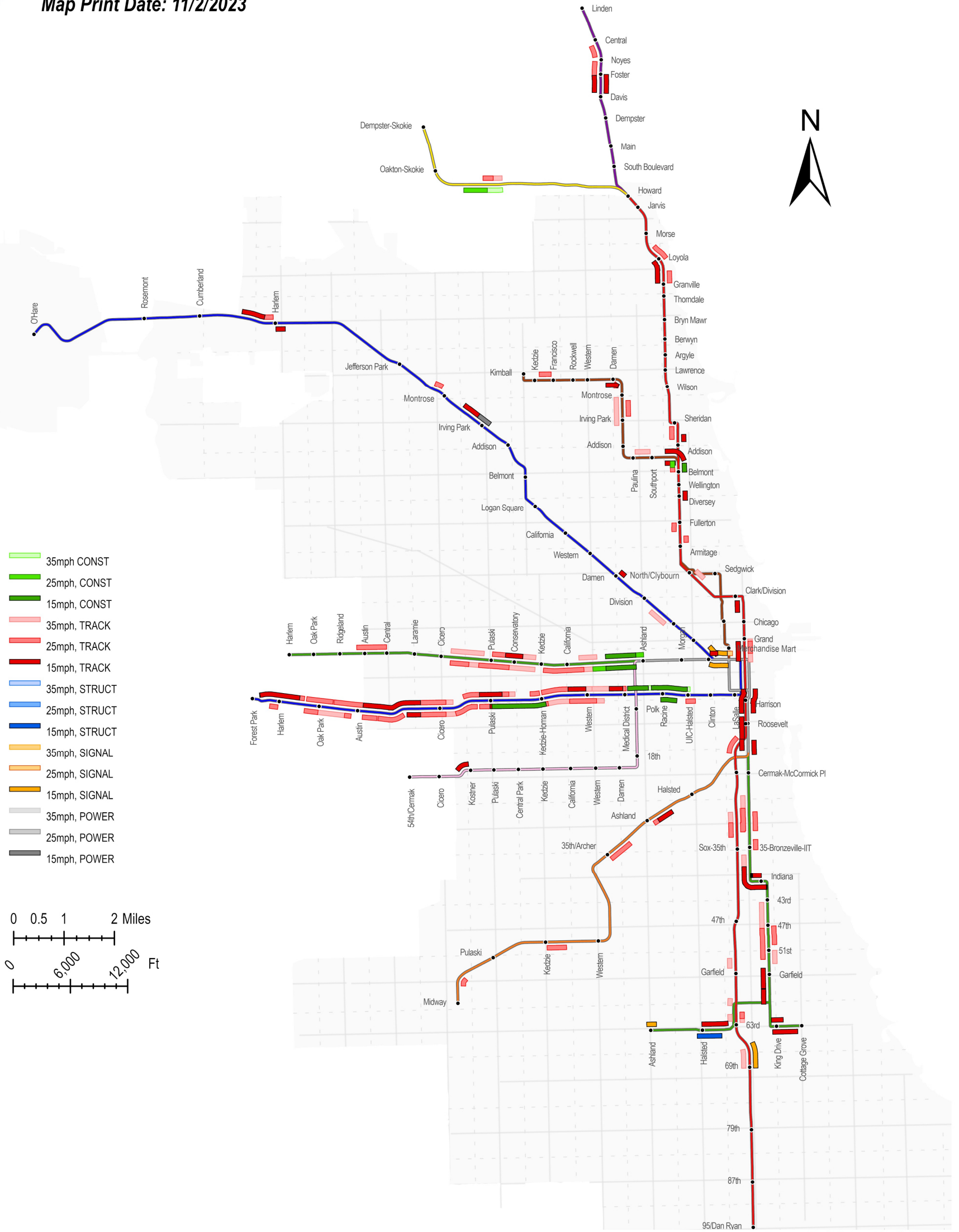


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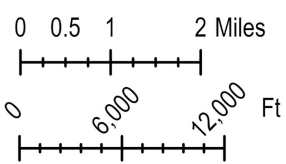


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- █ 35mph CONST
- █ 25mph, CONST
- █ 15mph, CONST
- █ 35mph, TRACK
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- █ 35mph, STRUCT
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- █ 35mph, SIGNAL
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- █ 15mph, SIGNAL
- █ 35mph, POWER
- █ 25mph, POWER
- █ 15mph, POWER



\* Between dates: 10/1/2023 - 10/31/2023

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	80,659	295,501	27.3%
RED	23,240	248,132	9.4%
YELLOW	5,100	51,330	9.9%
PURPLE	5,129	86,549	5.9%
LOOP	1,111	21,164	5.2%
BROWN	9,707	97,657	9.9%
ORANGE	8,025	102,831	7.8%
GREEN	68,375	197,543	34.6%
PINK	453	76,294	0.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>201,799</b>	<b>1,177,001</b>	<b>17.1%</b>

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	69,531	82,460	55,319	207,310
STRUCTURE	2,099			2,099
SIGNAL	6,123	548		6,671
POWER	1,030			1,030
CONSTRUCTION	17,298	4,393	2,650	24,341
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96,081</b>	<b>87,401</b>	<b>57,969</b>	<b>241,451</b>

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	26,214	26,988	14,901	68,103	94,010	72.4%	8,203	2,507
O'Hare/Logan Square	5,193	1,735		6,928	155,821	4.4%		
Dearborn Subway	3,560	548	1,520	5,628	45,670	12.3%		
North Main Line	3,090	4,735		7,825	89,223	8.8%	872	
State Subway	2,361	795	1,793	4,949	48,426	10.2%		
Dan Ryan	2,021	2,822	5,623	10,466	110,483	9.5%		
Skokie		3,550	1,550	5,100	51,330	9.9%		
Evanston	2,850	2,279		5,129	40,704	12.6%	2,279	
Evanston Express					45,845			
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	3,255	2,877	3,575	9,707	97,657	9.9%	512	
Midway/Grand Junction	3,027	4,998		8,025	102,831	7.8%		
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	453			453	76,294	0.6%		2,063
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78,627</b>	<b>76,609</b>	<b>46,563</b>	<b>201,799</b>	<b>1,177,001</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>11,866</b>	<b>4,570</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.