'L' System Slow Zone Map

September 30, 2022

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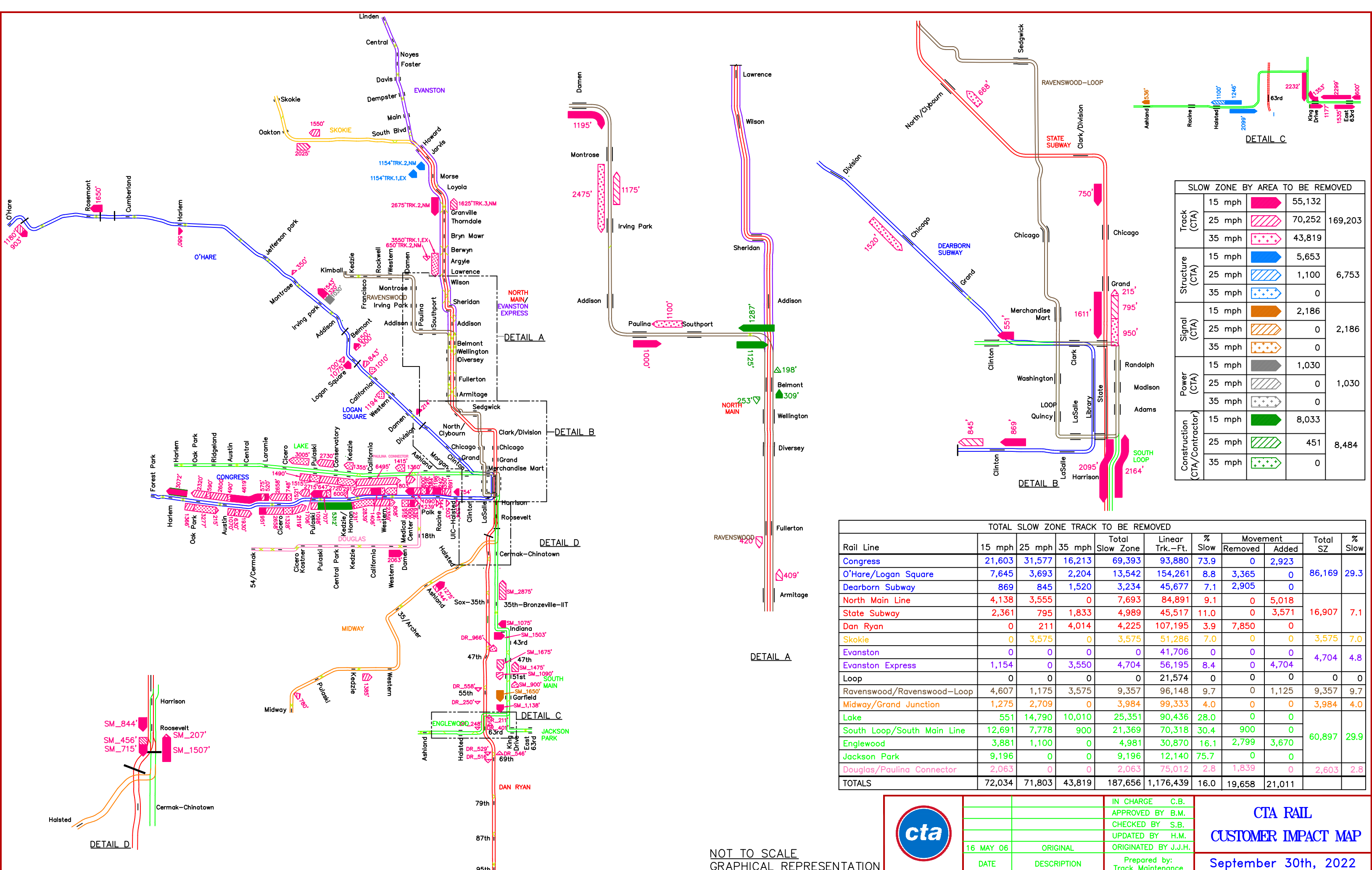
With more than 225 miles of CTA track, slow zones are constantly changing and evolving: As crews repair one section of track, new slow zones can be instituted if track inspectors detect new signs of deterioration somewhere or as an upgrade project begins on our system.

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

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CTA RAIL CUSTOMER IMPACT MAP

SLOW ZONE BY AREA TO BE REMOVED

Area	mph		Value	Total
Track (CTA)	15 mph	◆	55,132	
	25 mph	▨	70,252	169,203
	35 mph	⋯	43,819	
Structure (CTA)	15 mph	◆	5,653	
	25 mph	▨	1,100	6,753
	35 mph	⋯	0	
Signal (CTA)	15 mph	◆	2,186	
	25 mph	▨	0	2,186
	35 mph	⋯	0	
Power (CTA)	15 mph	◆	1,030	
	25 mph	▨	0	1,030
	35 mph	⋯	0	
Construction (CTA/Contractor)	15 mph	◆	8,033	
	25 mph	▨	451	8,484
	35 mph	⋯	0	

TOTAL SLOW ZONE TRACK TO BE REMOVED

Rail Line	15 mph	25 mph	35 mph	Total Slow Zone	Linear Trk.–Ft.	% Slow	Movement Removed	Movement Added	Total SZ	% Slow
Congress	21,603	31,577	16,213	69,393	93,880	73.9	0	2,923		
O'Hare/Logan Square	7,645	3,693	2,204	13,542	154,261	8.8	3,365	0	86,169	29.3
Dearborn Subway	869	845	1,520	3,234	45,677	7.1	2,905	0		
North Main Line	4,138	3,555	0	7,693	84,891	9.1	0	5,018		
State Subway	2,361	795	1,833	4,989	45,517	11.0	0	3,571	16,907	7.1
Dan Ryan	0	211	4,014	4,225	107,195	3.9	7,850	0		
Skokie	0	3,575	0	3,575	51,286	7.0	0	0	3,575	7.0
Evanston	0	0	0	0	41,706	0	0	0	4,704	4.8
Evanston Express	1,154	0	3,550	4,704	56,195	8.4	0	4,704		
Loop	0	0	0	0	21,574	0	0	0	0	0
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	4,607	1,175	3,575	9,357	96,148	9.7	0	1,125	9,357	9.7
Midway/Grand Junction	1,275	2,709	0	3,984	99,333	4.0	0	0	3,984	4.0
Lake	551	14,790	10,010	25,351	90,436	28.0	0	0		
South Loop/South Main Line	12,691	7,778	900	21,369	70,318	30.4	900	0	60,897	29.9
Englewood	3,881	1,100	0	4,981	30,870	16.1	2,799	3,670		
Jackson Park	9,196	0	0	9,196	12,140	75.7	0	0		
Douglas/Paulina Connector	2,063	0	0	2,063	75,012	2.8	1,839	0	2,603	2.8
TOTALS	72,034	71,803	43,819	187,656	1,176,439	16.0	19,658	21,011		

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