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December 2024

“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.

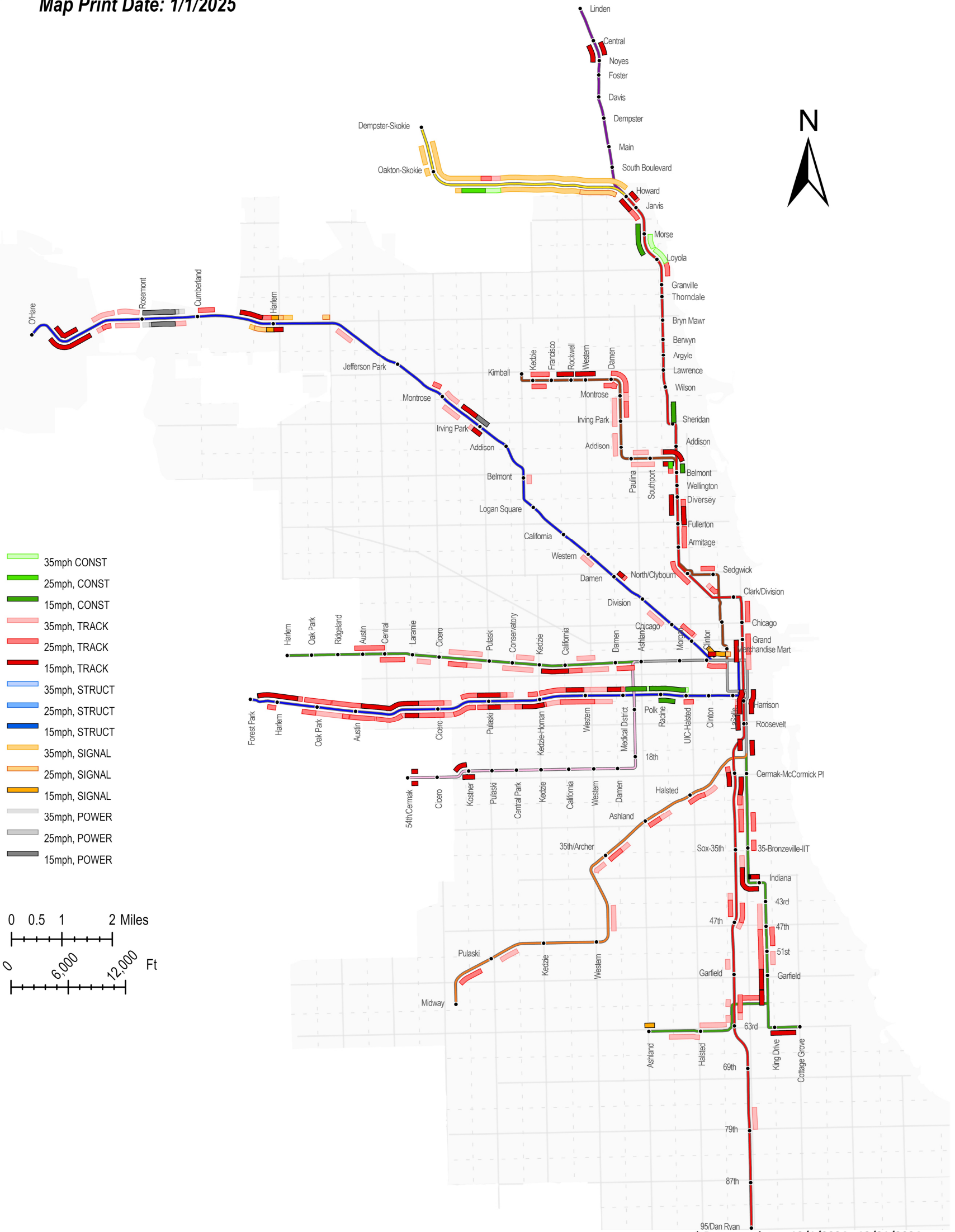
As a result, the percentage of slow zones across our system vary from month to month.

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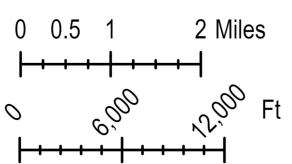


CTA Slow Zone Map

Map Print Date: 1/1/2025



- █ 35mph CONST
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- █ 35mph, POWER
- █ 25mph, POWER
- █ 15mph, POWER



* Between dates: 12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	120,716	295,440	40.9%
RED	42,093	243,546	17.3%
YELLOW	41,731	51,330	81.3%
PURPLE	5,405	77,784	6.9%
LOOP	1,453	21,164	6.9%
BROWN	25,123	97,496	25.8%
ORANGE	17,406	103,018	16.9%
GREEN	64,071	198,441	32.3%
PINK	2,046	76,294	2.7%
TOTAL	320,044	1,164,513	27.5%

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	23,430	30,173	19,047	72,650	94,010	77.3%		
O'Hare/Logan Square	17,014	8,365	15,704	41,083	155,760	26.4%	6,883	
Dearborn Subway	3,560	1,673	1,750	6,983	45,670	15.3%		
North Main Line	8,423	4,549	1,461	14,433	84,637	17.1%		1,250
State Subway	2,918	7,110	2,729	12,757	48,426	26.3%		
Dan Ryan	2,648	5,913	6,342	14,903	110,483	13.5%		
Skokie		6,110	35,621	41,731	51,330	81.3%		
Evanston	2,436			2,436	40,704	6.0%		
Evanston Express	1,660		1,309	2,969	37,080	8.0%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	5,924	10,180	9,019	25,123	97,496	25.8%	1,283	
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	6,817	8,386	17,406	103,018	16.9%	914	
Lake	3,731	8,982	15,110	27,823	91,228	30.5%	2,475	1,365
South Loop/South Main Line	10,148	10,081	6,166	26,395	65,403	40.4%		
Englewood	786	1,811	5,096	7,693	30,292	25.4%		
Jackson Park	2,160			2,160	11,518	18.8%		
Douglas/Connector	2,046			2,046	76,294	2.7%		
TOTAL	89,087	103,217	127,740	320,044	1,164,513	27.5%	11,555	2,615

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.