



# 'L' System Slow Zone Map

February 2025

“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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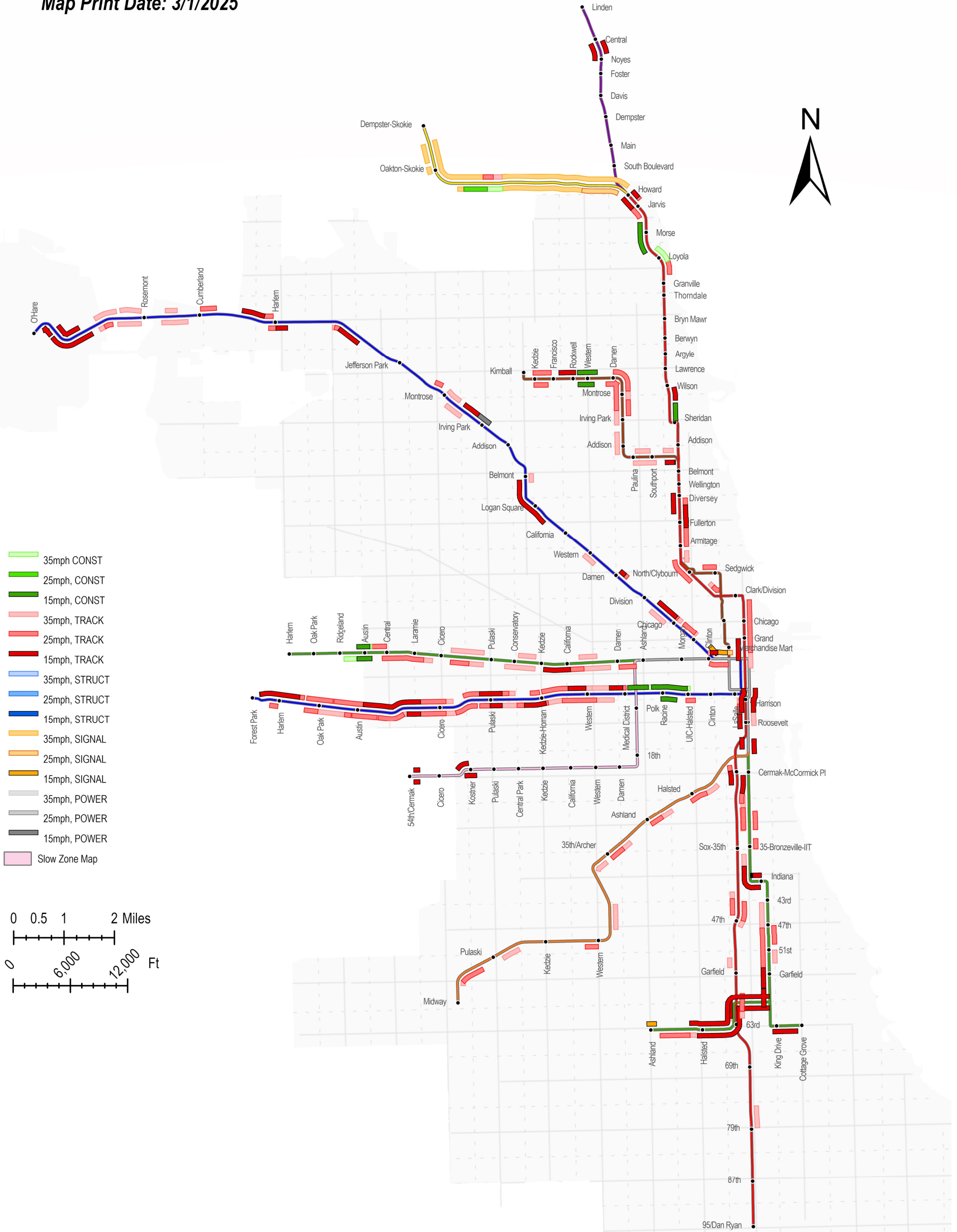


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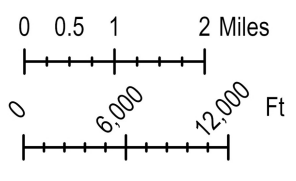


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Map Print Date: 3/1/2025



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\* Between dates: 2/1/2025 - 2/28/2025

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	124,711	295,440	42.2%
RED	44,775	241,054	18.6%
YELLOW	41,731	51,330	81.3%
PURPLE	3,062	79,043	3.9%
LOOP	1,453	21,164	6.9%
BROWN	28,812	97,373	29.6%
ORANGE	20,371	103,018	19.8%
GREEN	84,581	198,441	42.6%
PINK	2,046	76,294	2.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>351,542</b>	<b>1,163,157</b>	<b>30.2%</b>

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	106,389	124,532	111,682	342,603
SIGNAL	4,102	7,758	67,017	78,877
POWER	755	275		1,030
CONSTRUCTION	17,315	2,847	5,362	25,524
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128,561</b>	<b>135,412</b>	<b>184,061</b>	<b>448,034</b>

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	22,143	6,525	13,692	42,360	155,760	27.2%	7,659	1,642
Dearborn Subway	5,565	1,887	2,249	9,701	45,670	21.2%	2,718	
North Main Line	8,469	4,040	1,459	13,968	82,145	17.0%		2,541
State Subway	2,918	8,897	2,729	14,544	48,426	30.0%		
Dan Ryan	4,008	5,913	6,342	16,263	110,483	14.7%		
Skokie		6,110	35,621	41,731	51,330	81.3%		
Evanston	2,436			2,436	40,704	6.0%		
Evanston Express	626			626	38,339	1.6%		
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,164	6.9%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	6,721	12,630	9,461	28,812	97,373	29.6%	1,220	457
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	6,817	11,351	20,371	103,018	19.8%		
Lake	4,631	9,960	15,310	29,901	91,228	32.8%		
South Loop/South Main Line	10,148	10,081	7,572	27,801	65,403	42.5%		
Englewood	20,548	2,680	1,250	24,478	30,292	80.8%	19,762	
Jackson Park	2,401			2,401	11,518	20.8%	241	
Douglas/Connector	2,046			2,046	76,294	2.7%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118,293</b>	<b>107,166</b>	<b>126,083</b>	<b>351,542</b>	<b>1,163,157</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>31,600</b>	<b>4,640</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.