

'L' System Slow Zone Map

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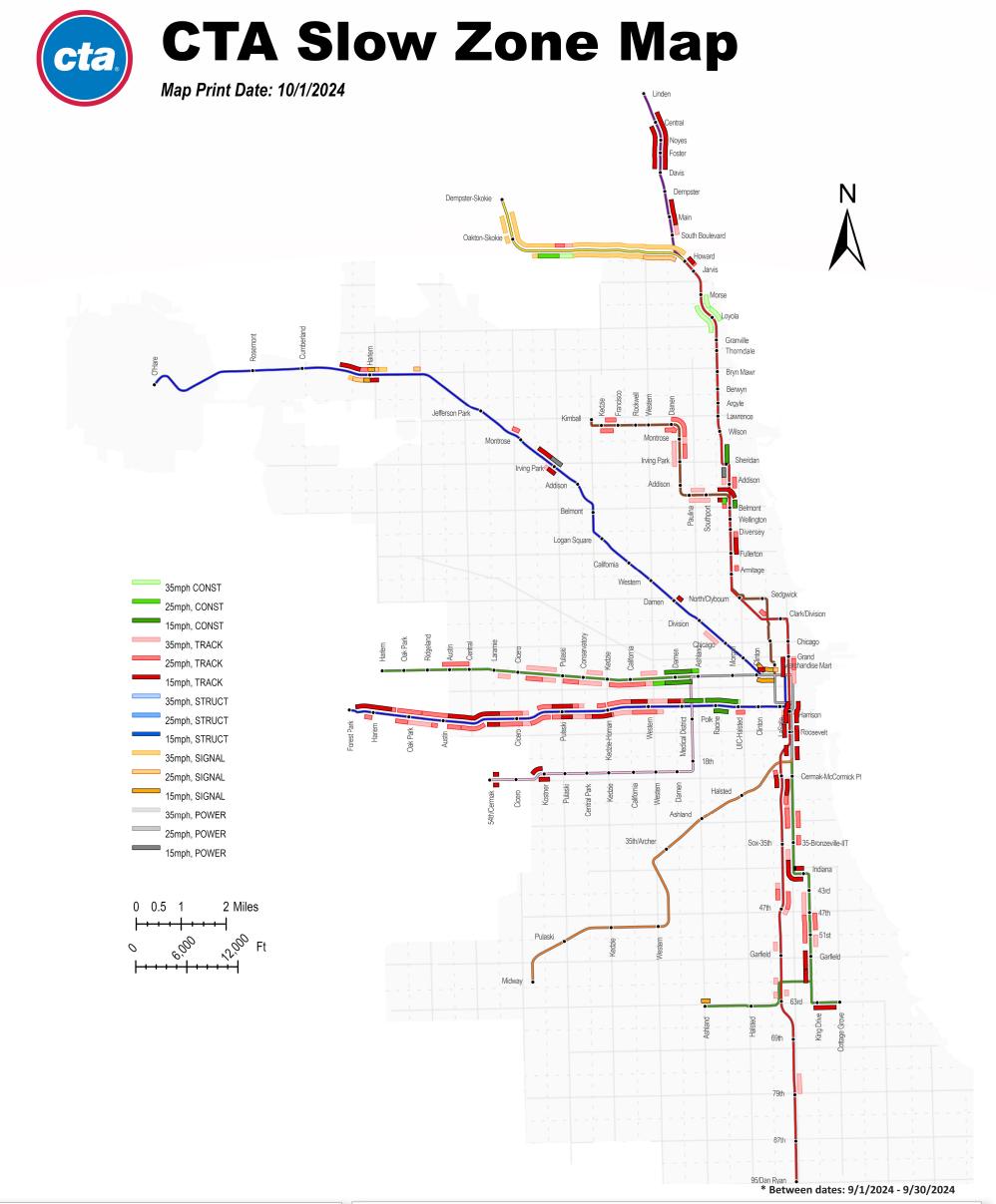
"Slow zones" are areas of track where trains are required to operate at slower-than-normal speeds due to certain track conditions and other temporary concerns. Track conditions can develop on railways from age, weather and other sometimes unpredictable forces that cause distress or deterioration on track 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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Line Color Total	Slow Zone	Total	Length	% Slow Zone	
BLUE	86,04	41	295,009	29.2%	
RED	33,16	51	242,711	13.7%	
YELLOW	41,73	31	51,330	81.3%	
PURPLE	20,09	99	77,784	25.8%	
LOOP	1,12	11	21,419	5.2%	
BROWN	16,17	70	96,171	16.8%	
ORANGE	1,75	52	103,018	1.7%	
GREEN	58,82	25	199,168	29.5%	
PINK	2,04	46	77,613	2.6%	
	260,93	36	1,164,223	22.4%	
Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	
TRACK	73,985	79,312	66,802	220,099	
SIGNAL	5,612	11,211	68,209	85,032	
POWER	1,425	275		1,700	
CONSTRUCTION	15,246	4,393	8,987	28,626	
	96,268	95,191	143,998	335,457	

Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*
Congress	23,191	27,768	16,905	67,864	93,771	72.4%		
O'Hare/Logan Square	7,003	3,899	1,647	12,549	155,568	8.1%		
Dearborn Subway	3,560	548	1,520	5,628	45,670	12.3%		
North Main Line	4,862	4,174	3,528	12,564	84,286	14.9%	6,246	2,292
State Subway	2,918	2,550	2,451	7,919	48,426	16.4%		4,083
Dan Ryan	2,648	4,030	6,000	12,678	109,999	11.5%	9,219	
Skokie		6,110	35,621	41,731	51,330	81.3%		
Evanston	13,625		1,150	14,775	40,704	36.3%		
Evanston Express	1,660		3,664	5,324	37,080	14.4%	5,324	
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,419	5.2%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	2,595	6,675	6,900	16,170	96,171	16.8%	2,978	2,709
Midway/Grand Junction	1,752			1,752	103,018	1.7%		4,955
Lake	5,746	11,405	12,375	29,526	91,955	32.1%	940	2,720
South Loop/South Main Line	11,491	8,696	6,166	26,353	65,403	40.3%	1,343	1,693
Englewood	786			786	30,292	2.6%		5,095
Jackson Park	2,160			2,160	11,518	18.8%		
Douglas/Connector	2,046			2,046	77,613	2.6%		
	86,043	76,966	97,927	260,936	1,164,223	22.4%	26,050	23,547

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.