



'L' System Slow Zone Map

December 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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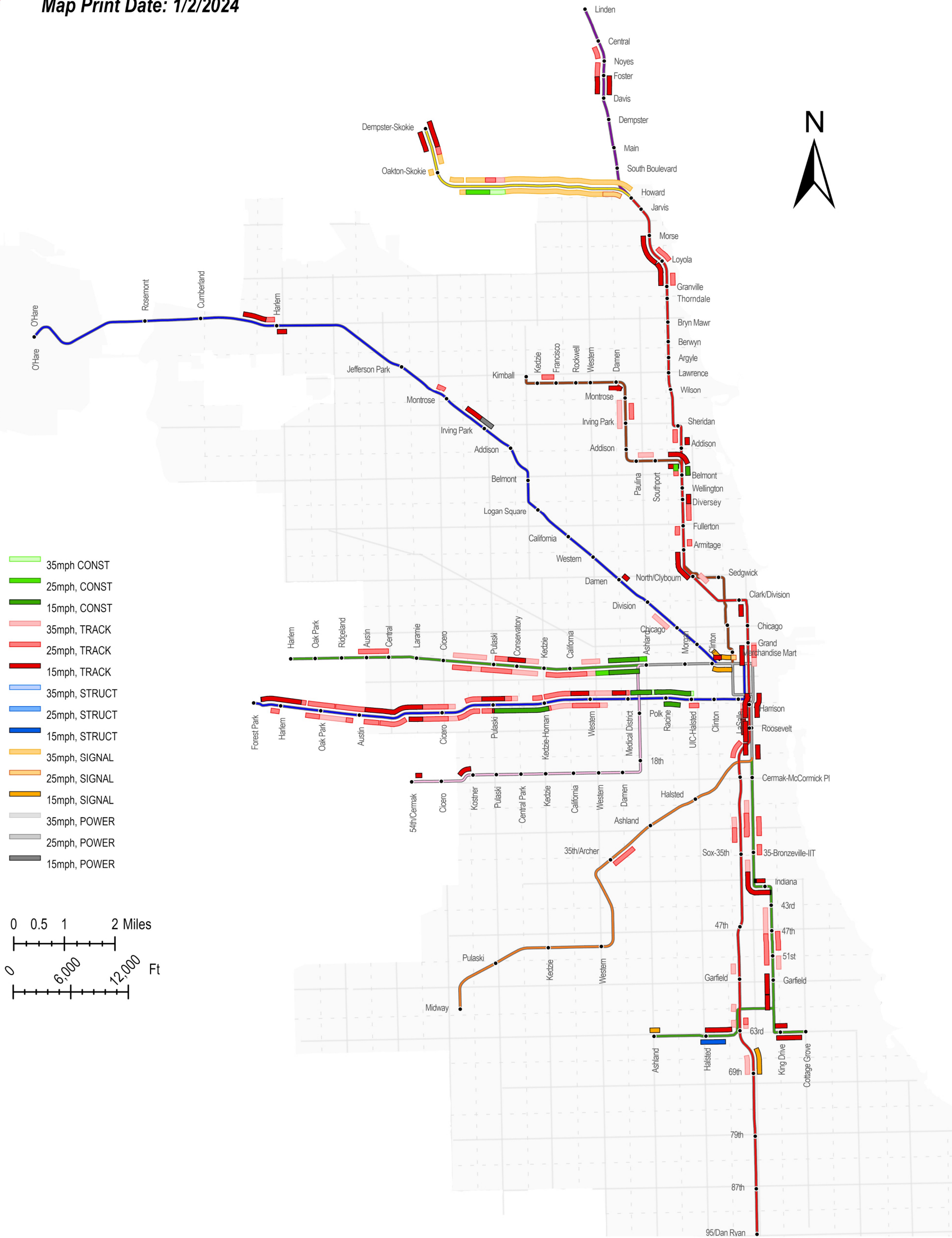


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Map Print Date: 1/2/2024



* Between dates: 12/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	80,659	295,501	27.3%
RED	29,756	248,132	12.0%
YELLOW	40,256	51,330	78.4%
PURPLE	5,129	86,549	5.9%
LOOP	1,111	21,164	5.2%
BROWN	11,904	97,657	12.2%
ORANGE	3,862	102,831	3.8%
GREEN	68,170	197,543	34.5%
PINK	628	76,294	0.8%
	241,475	1,177,001	20.5%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	77,831	82,886	55,938	216,655
STRUCTURE	2,099			2,099
SIGNAL	6,123	2,258	31,396	39,777
POWER	1,030			1,030
CONSTRUCTION	17,298	4,393	2,650	24,341
	104,381	89,537	89,984	283,902

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%		
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	5,359	6,236		11,595	89,223	13.0%	3,770	
State Subway	3,450	1,833	2,412	7,695	48,426	15.9%		
Dan Ryan	2,021	2,822	5,623	10,466	110,483	9.5%		1,759
Skokie	4,050	6,035	30,171	40,256	51,330	78.4%		
Evanston	2,850	2,279		5,129	40,704	12.6%		
Evanston Express					45,845			
Loop		1,111		1,111	21,164	5.2%		
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	5,452	2,877	3,575	11,904	97,657	12.2%		
Midway/Grand Junction	1,752	2,110		3,862	102,831	3.8%		4,163
Lake	5,746	15,475	11,435	32,656	91,228	35.8%		
South Loop/South Main Line	12,741	8,696	6,166	27,603	65,403	42.2%		205
Englewood	4,987			4,987	29,394	17.0%		
Jackson Park	2,924			2,924	11,518	25.4%		
Douglas/Connector	628			628	76,294	0.8%		
	86,927	78,745	75,803	241,475	1,177,001	20.5%	3,770	6,127

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.