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Service bulletin

TO: All Concerned, Rail

SUBJECT: Permanent Closing of Cermak Station,
North-South Route

EFFECTIVE: Friday, September 9, 1977 - 1830 Hours

On the above date and time, the Cermak Station, North-South Route will be permanently closed.

Trains will no longer make passenger stops at this location after above date and time.

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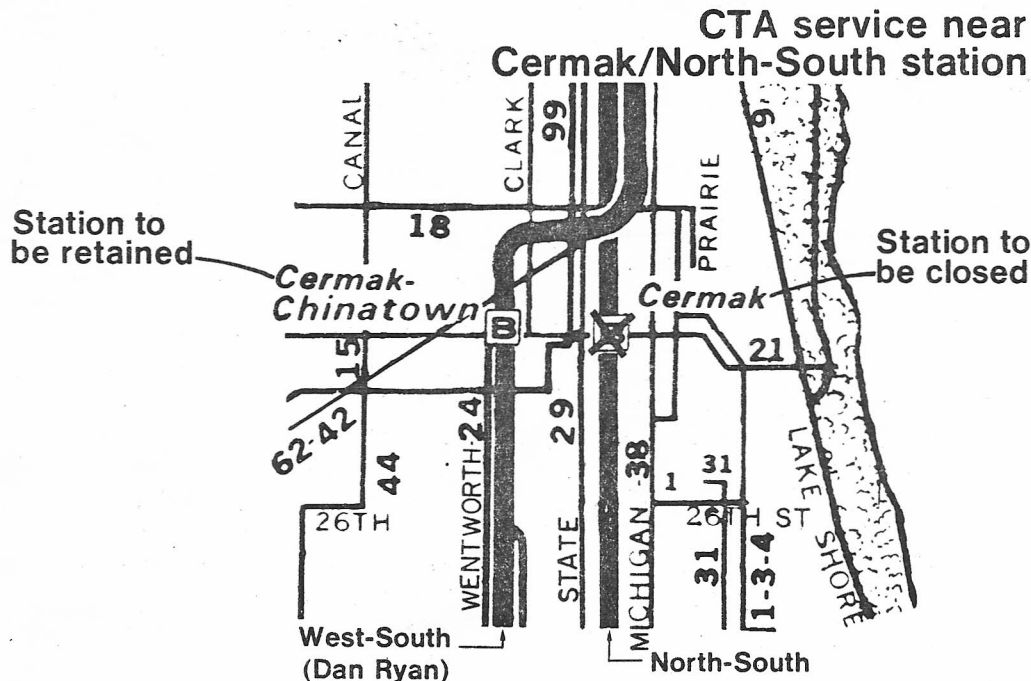
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ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

As previously stated, the Cermak/Chinatown station on the West-South rail route is only 1/4 mile to the west, and can be easily reached by the #21 Cermak bus from the east or west. The more frequent and faster train service to points north or south available there is provided entirely with air conditioned equipment. Extensive service to the north (downtown) and south from this area is provided by bus routes #1 Drexel-Hyde Park, #3 King Drive, #4 Cottage Grove and #29 State. Currently, Cermak N-S is open for entering passengers weekdays only, from 0630 to 0930 and 1500 to 1800 hours; at these times frequent service is provided on each of these alternate routes.



NEED FOR STRUCTURE WORK

Extensive structure work is needed at the Cermak N-S station due to deterioration of through girders and mezzanine hangers. The station mezzanine would have to be removed to allow this work. The total cost to retain this station after reconstruction would be over \$400,000 capital, plus up to \$140,000 in annual operating cost.

As stated above, Cermak N-S station ridership has declined considerably, and there is good alternative transit service within the area. Furthermore, in view of funding limitations and other urgent capital needs, not only of CTA but throughout the RTA area, it is recommended that Cermak N-S station be closed to conserve scarce capital and operating funding.

Closing of this station would be effective at the close of business on Friday, September 9, 1977.

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