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TO: All Concerned, Rail

SUBJECT: Rail Service Shut Down - Skokie Route

EFFECTIVE: Monday, July 8, 1991

Rail passenger service on the Skokie Swift Route between Howard and Dempster will be suspended for approximately 12 weeks. Substitute bus service will be provided by a special Skokie Express Bus. This bus will not make any passenger stops between Howard and Dempster. In addition, passengers may use the regular 97 Skokie bus.

A contractor will renew the tracks and ballast between Chicago Avenue (Evanston) and Dempster. At the same time a second contractor will build new tracks from Chicago Avenue (Evanston) to Howard Street. Contractors will be working daily from 0600-2000 hours. In some areas the contractors may be working on weekends.

Work will be done in two sections. A **west section** extending from East Prairie Road to Dempster and an **east section** from Howard to East Prairie Road.

West Section: Both the **northbound** and the **southbound** tracks will be out of service. Crossing gates will be locked in the raised position. **All train movements across any grade crossing must be flagged.**

Tracks will remain out of service for the duration of this project, however, some train movement over these tracks will be allowed.

- Contractors' work equipment.
- Trains authorized by bulletin.
- Trains authorized by the North Rail District Superintendent.

East Section: Only one track will be taken out of service at a time. The remaining track (an access track) will be used for restricted train movements to and from Skokie Shops. In addition, the contractor will be allowed to occupy and operate work equipment on this track from 0600 to 2000 hours daily.

Power: Power will be off on the out of service portion of track during the hours the contractors are working. Power will be on in Skokie Yard and Skokie Shops at all times except for a few movements at 0600 and 2000 hours when CTA electricians will either disconnect or connect taps.

The access track will be energized **when the contractors are not working.**

At 0600 hours the North Rail District Superintendent, R-160, channel 8, will turn the access track over to the CTA Contract Inspector, K-858, channel 2. The Contract Inspector will be responsible for the removal of traction power on the access track. At 2000 hours, after traction power has been restored, the Contract Inspector will return the access track to the North Rail District Superintendent.

Inspection Train: Every night after the power is restored to the access track, the CTA Contract Inspector will ride the first train to or from Skokie Yard inspecting the access track and right-of-way for any possible defects or hazards.

CONDUCTORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Weekdays between 0445 and 2200 hours.
- Saturdays between 0630 and 2100 hours.

North-South Conductors:

Northbound when leaving Jarvis and while standing at Howard Station.

"The Skokie Swift is not operating. Passengers wishing to go to Dempster, Skokie, must transfer to an Express Bus or a 97 Skokie Bus at Howard Terminal."

Evanston Conductors:

Southbound when leaving South Boulevard and while standing at Howard Station.

Northbound when leaving Belmont and while standing at Howard Station.

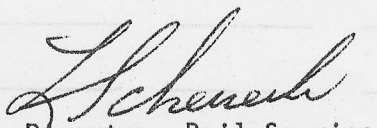
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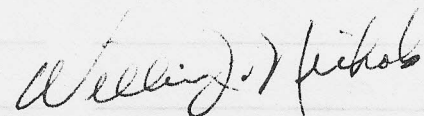
TRANSFERS

Passengers who, as a result of this service change, need transfers to continue their trip, must be issued emergency transfers.

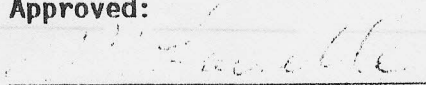
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