

#45 - ASHLAND/DOWNTOWN - Route History

- Xx 00-00-1884 Began CHICAGO CITY RY CO horsecar service from Archer via Ashland to Pershing
- Xx 00-00-1887 Extended horsecars from Pershing via Ashland to Garfield
- Xx 00-00-1889 Extended horsecars via Ashland-Archer to Pitney, also began extension horsecar service from Garfield via Ashland to 69th
- Su 08-11-1895 Replaced horsecars with streetcars Archer/Pitney to Ashland/Garfield, and extended streetcars from Pitney via Archer to State, then to Loop behind State cable trains
- Su 09-08-1895 Replaced shuttle horsecars with streetcars Ashland/Garfield to Ashland/69th
- We 08-25-1897 Thru-routed streetcars downtown to Ashland/69th
- Su 07-22-1906 Rerouted streetcars via State to Madison-Wabash-Lake-State loop
- Su 12-16-1906 Rerouted streetcars via State to Randolph-Wabash-Lake-State loop
- Mo 11-23-1908 Extended streetcars from 69th via Ashland to 71st
- Su 11-05-1911 Rerouted streetcars via State to State-Lake-Wabash-Randolph loop
- Su 10-12-1913 Extended streetcars from 71st via Ashland to 75th
- Su 02-01-1914 Route passes to CHICAGO SURFACE LINES
- Th 02-18-1915 Began extension streetcar service from 75th via Ashland to 79th
- Fr 12-31-1915 Extended extension streetcars from 79th via Ashland to 87th
- We 11-01-1916 Extended streetcars from 75th via Ashland to 87th, replacing extension streetcars
- Su 09-14-1924 Rerouted streetcars via State to Polk-Dearborn-Lake-State loop
- Mo 02-01-1926 Extended streetcars from 87th via Ashland to 89th
- Tu 07-06-1926 Extended streetcars from 89th via Ashland to 95th
- We 04-01-1931 Cut back streetcars to Ashland/70th Mon-Fri except rush
- Su 05-03-1931 Cut back streetcars to Ashland/70th Sundays
- Tu 06-30-1931 Cut back streetcars to Ashland/70th Saturdays
- Su 05-01-1932 Discontinued Sunday service
- Sa 07-01-1933 Extended downtown streetcars from 70th via Ashland to 95th
- We 10-01-1947 Route passes to CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
- Tu 08-23-1949 Discontinued Mon-Sat midday and evening service
- Sa 05-17-1952 Began Saturday rush #45-ASHLAND/DOWNTOWN bus service replacing #45-ASHLAND/DOWNTOWN streetcars from Polk-Dearborn-Wacker-State loop via State-Archer-Ashland to 94th-Beverly-95th-Ashland loop (69th garage)
- Mo 02-15-1954 Replaced streetcars with buses weekday rush, rerouted buses via Archer-Clark to Polk-Dearborn-Randolph-Clark loop, also rerouted Mon-Sat AM rush buses northbound via Ashland-63rd-Loomis-69th-Ashland, Mon-Fri PM rush buses southbound via Ashland-63rd-Loomis-69th-Ashland

Mo 03-08-1954 Rerouted Mon-Fri PM rush southbound buses via Ashland-59th-Loomis-63rd-Ashland

Th 11-04-1954 Rerouted buses via Ashland to 95th terminal

Mo 02-04-1953 Rerouted Mon-Fri PM rush southbound buses via Loomis-69th-Ashland

Sa 02-08-1958 Discontinued Saturday PM rush service, cut back Saturday AM rush buses via Ashland to 69th-Loomis-63rd-Ashland loop

Tu 05-06-1969 Rerouted Mon-Fri buses via Archer-Ashland to 95th, discontinued Saturday AM rush service

Mo 09-29-1969 Rerouted buses via Clark-Cermak-Archer

Tu 09-02-1980 Rerouted buses via Clark-Archer

Fr 11-05-1993 Discontinued service