

#51 - 51ST - Route History

- Xx 00-00-1887 Began CHICAGO CITY RY CO horsecar service from State via 51st to King Dr
- Mo 01-04-1897 Replaced horsecars with streetcars
- We 01-05-1898 Began west route streetcar service from Wood via 51st to Halsted
- Tu 06-06-1899 Extended west route streetcars from Halsted via 51st to Wallace
- Sa 06-10-1899 Extended east route streetcars from State via 51st to Shields
- Tu 07-03-1906 Thru-routed streetcars, Wood to King Dr
- Mo 08-15-1910 Extended streetcars from Wood via 51st to Leavitt
- Mo 07-15-1912 Began extension streetcar service from Leavitt via 51st to Kedzie, day & evenings
- Tu 08-06-1912 Extended extension streetcars from Kedzie via 51st to St Louis
- Su 02-01-1914 Routes pass to CHICAGO SURFACE LINES
- Su 04-01-1923 Began using one-man car on extension route
- Su 07-17-1927 Thru-routed streetcars, St Louis to King Dr, all times, with two-man cars
- Su 11-02-1930 Extended streetcars from King Dr via 51st-Cottage Grove-55th to Harper-Cable Ct-Lake Park-55th loop
- Su 08-21-1932 Began using one-man cars
- Mo 09-09-1946 Cut back streetcars to 51st/Cottage Grove (owl to 51st/Wentworth), began extension bus service from 51st-Wells-50th-Wentworth loop via 51st-Cottage Grove-55th to Harper-56th-Lake Park-55th loop all times
- We 10-01-1947 Routes pass to CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
- Su 05-30-1948 Began #51-51ST/55TH bus service, replacing #51-51ST streetcars and #51A-51ST/55TH buses, from St Louis "Y" via 51st-Cottage Grove-55th to Harper-56th-Lake Park-55th loop (Archer garage)
- Su 06-20-1948 Replaced buses with trolley buses
- Xx 04-00-1957 Rerouted trolley buses via Harper-Cable Ct-Lake Park
- Su 06-21-1959 Replaced trolley buses with motor buses, cut back buses via 51st to 51st-Bowen-Cottage Grove loop, redesignated #51-51ST
- We 01-13-1965 Rerouted buses via 51st to St Louis terminal
- Sa 09-12-1981 Discontinued owl service
- Su 11-07-1993 Rerouted buses via 51st-Kedzie to Kedzie/49th station terminal
- Su 01-09-1994 Rerouted eastbound and westbound buses via 51st-Wentworth-47th-Wells-51st
- Su 12-28-1997 Discontinued late evening service, also extended buses via 51st-Hyde Park-Lake Park to 47th terminal
- Su 08-31-2003 Cut back buses eastbound via 51st to Wentworth-47th-Wells loop, transferred some weekday work from Archer garage to 74th garage
- Fr 06-18-2004 Discontinued work from 74th garage
- Su 03-23-2008 Transferred work from Archer garage to 74th garage

Su 12-16-2012 Transferred work 74th garage to 77th garage