

#59 - 59TH/61ST - Route History

- Sa 06-27-1885 Began CHICAGO CITY RY CO horsecar service from State via 61st to Vernon
- Xx 00-00-1887 Extended horsecars from Vernon via 61st to Blackstone
- Th 04-20-1893 Replaced horsecars with streetcars, trailers operated thru to Loop behind State St Cable trains for World's Columbian Exposition
- Xx 00-00-1893 Discontinued use of trailers on 61st at end of World's Columbian Exposition, along with thru service to Loop
- Sa 06-20-1896 Began streetcar service from Leavitt via 59th to State
- Su 05-14-1899 Thru-routed streetcars from Leavitt via 59th-State-61st to Blackstone
- Mo 06-01-1903 Extended streetcars via 61st-Blackstone to 60th
- Su 02-01-1914 Route passes to CHICAGO SURFACE LINES
- Su 07-05-1914 Extended streetcars from Leavitt via 59th to Western
- Sa 10-31-1914 Began extension streetcar service from Western via 59th to Kedzie
- Su 11-01-1914 Extended streetcars from Leavitt via 59th to Kedzie, replacing extension streetcars
- We 10-01-1924 Extended streetcars from Kedzie via 59th to Central Park
- Mo 03-24-1947 Began extension bus service from Keating "Y" via 59th to Central Park "Y", day & evenings
- We 10-01-1947 Routes pass to CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
- Mo 02-16-1948 Began #59-59TH/61ST bus service, replacing #59-59TH/61ST streetcars, from Springfield-59th Pl-Pulaski-59th loop via 59th-State-61st-Blackstone to Blackstone-Midway-Stony Island-60th loop, transferred former streetcar work from 69th station to Archer station
- Tu 05-30-1948 Extended day & evening buses from Pulaski via 59th to Keating "Y", replacing #59A-WEST 59TH buses
- Su 09-05-1954 Transferred work Archer garage to 69th garage
- Su 05-05-1957 Rerouted buses into Keating terminal
- We 05-18-1958 Rerouted westbound buses via 61st-Indiana-60th-State
- Su 12-14-1958 Extended daytime buses via Midway EB/60th WB-Stony Island-57th to Museum Dr-Everett-57th loop
- Sa 06-20-1959 Discontinued service to Museum Dr/Everett
- We 04-14-1976 Rerouted buses via 61st-Dorchester to Dorchester-Midway-Stony Island-60th loop
- Sa 09-12-1981 Discontinued owl service
- Su 09-13-1981 Discontinued Sat-Sun late evening service
- Su 09-06-1987 Extended buses via 59th-Cicero to 64th terminal
- Su 10-31-1993 Rerouted east and westbound buses via Midway station terminal
- Su 11-07-1993 Cut back all buses via 59th to Midway station terminal
- Su 01-09-1994 Rerouted buses east and westbound via 59th-Yale-63rd-Wentworth-59th

Su 02-13-1994 Rerouted buses eastbound via 59th-Princeton-Garfield-Wells-59th, westbound via 59th-Wentworth-Garfield-Princeton-59th

Su 07-03-1994 Rerouted buses east and westbound via 59th-Wentworth-Garfield-Wells-59th

Su 06-18-1995 Transferred work from 69th garage to 74th garage

Su 10-05-1997 Discontinued Sunday service

Mo 12-29-1997 Discontinued Mon-Fri late evening service