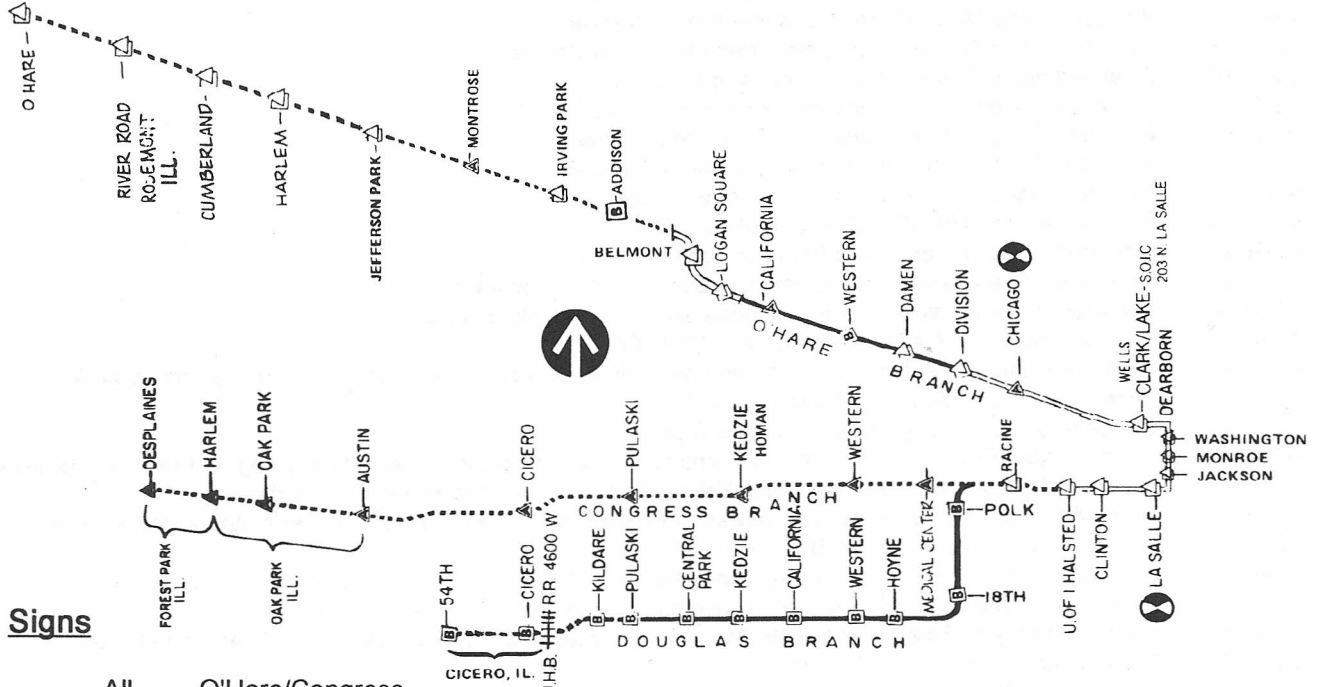


Route West-Northwest

BLUE LINE

Garage(s)/Run Numbers

O'Hare/101-200
 Desplaines/201-300
 54th/301-400



Signs

- All stops O'Hare/Congress
- A O'Hare/Congress
- B O'Hare/Douglas
- All stops O'Hare/Douglas
- B To River Rd only
- All stops To Halsted Uof I only

Schedule Interlocks

None

Hours of Operation

24 hour service
 Stations closed all day Sat, Sun/hol: Chicago/Ogden
 Grand/Halsted
 LaSalle/Congress

09/30/93

WEST-NORTHWEST (BLUE LINE) - route history

- 05-06-95 Began METROPOLITAN WEST SIDE ELEVATED RR service from Canal via Logan Square to Damen
- 05-15-95 Extended trains from Canal to Franklin terminal
- 05-25-95 Extended trains from Damen to Logan Square
- 06-17-95 Began service from Franklin Terminal via Garfield Park to Cicero
- 07-29-95 Began service from Franklin Terminal via Humboldt Park to Lawndale
- 08-28-95 Began service from Franklin Terminal via Douglas Park to 18th
- 09-08-96 Extended Douglas Park trains from 18th to Western
- 10-11-97 Extended all trains to Loop
- 02-03-99 Routes pass to METROPOLITAN WEST SIDE ELEVATED RY
- 03-10-02 Extended Douglas Park trains from Western to Lawndale
- 06-16-02 Extended Douglas Park trains from Lawndale to Pulaski
- 08-17-02 Extended Garfield Park trains from Cicero to Laramie
- 10-03-04 Rerouted some Mon-Fri rush trains into Wells Terminal
- 03-11-05 Extended some Garfield Park trains from Laramie to Desplaines
- 05-22-07 Extended some Douglas Park trains from Pulaski to Kenton
- 12-16-07 Extended Douglas Park trains from Kenton to Cicero
- 08-16-10 Extended Douglas Park trains from Cicero to Laramie
- 08-01-12 Extended Douglas Park trains from Laramie to Central
- 08-01-15 Extended Douglas Park trains from Central to Lombard
- 01-09-24 Routes pass to CHICAGO RAPID TRANSIT CO
- 03-16-24 Extended Douglas Park trains from Lombard to Oak Park
- 10-01-26 Extended some Garfield Park trains from Desplaines to Roosevelt
- 12-01-30 Extended some Garfield Park from Roosevelt to Cermak/Mannheim
- 10-01-47 Routes pass to CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
- 08-29-48 Cut back Humboldt Park trains to shuttle Lawndale to Damen, except some Mon-Fri rush trains to Wells Terminal, rerouted all Logan Square trains to loop
- 07-10-49 Cut back Sat-Sun Douglas Park trains to Cicero
- 02-19-50 Cut back Mon-Fri rush Humboldt Park trains to shuttle, and discontinued late evening and owl service, also cut back Garfield Park service Cermak/Mannheim to Roosevelt to Mon-Sat rush shuttle only
- 02-25-51 Rerouted Logan Square trains via subway to LaSalle, began Mon-Fri rush A-B skip-stop express service
- 02-27-51 Discontinued Logan Square A-B service
- 12-09-51 Cut back Garfield Park trains to Desplaines Mon-Sat, to Laramie Sunday, rerouted all trains to Loop, began Mon-Fri rush A-B skip-stop express service on Douglas Park and Garfield Park
- 02-03-52 Cut back Douglas Park trains to 54th Ave Mon-Fri, extended Sat-Sun trains from Cicero to 54th Ave
- 05-03-56 Discontinued Humboldt Park shuttle
- 09-20-53 Rerouted Garfield Park trains westbound via surface tracks Aberdeen to Sacramento, discontinued A-B service, and extended Sunday trains from Laramie to Desplaines
- 09-27-53 Rerouted Garfield Park trains eastbound via surface tracks Sacramento to Aberdeen
- 04-04-54 Rerouted all Douglas Park trains via Lake St to Loop
- 08-29-54 Rerouted Garfield Park trains via temporary tracks Central to Lombard
- 10-11-55 Rerouted Garfield Park trains via temporary connection to Loop thru Wells terminal
- 09-06-57 Rerouted Garfield Park trains westbound via temporary track Austin to Oak Park
- 09-17-57 Rerouted Garfield Park trains eastbound via temporary track Oak Park to Austin
- 11-27-57 Rerouted Garfield Park trains westbound via temporary track Kenilworth to Beloit
- 12-11-57 Rerouted Garfield Park trains eastbound via temporary track Beloit to Kenilworth
- 06-22-58 Thru-routed trains Logan Square to Desplaines via Congress (old Garfield Park) and Logan Square to 54th Ave via Douglas, began using new Congress route tracks LaSalle to Lotus, discontinued Douglas Park A-B service and began Milwaukee Ave Mon-Fri day and early evening, Saturday daytime A-B skip-stop express service
- 10-16-59 Rerouted Congress trains eastbound via permanent tracks Waller to Lotus
- 10-19-59 Rerouted Congress trains westbound via permanent tracks Lotus to Waller
- 03-19-60 Rerouted Congress trains eastbound via permanent tracks Desplaines to Waller
- 03-20-60 Rerouted Congress trains westbound via permanent tracks Waller to Desplaines, completing new right-of-way
- 02-01-70 Extended trains to Jefferson Park, abandoned old Logan Square terminal
- 07-10-72 Discontinued Mon-Fri early evening A-B service
- 02-27-83 Extended trains from Jefferson Park to River Rd, discontinued Saturday A-B service
- 09-03-84 Extended trains from River Rd to O'Hare Airport
- 12-16-90 Discontinued Mon-Fri midday A-B service