

#49 – WESTERN route history

- 06-13-1893 Began WEST CHICAGO STREET RR CO horsecar service from Milwaukee via Western to Roosevelt
- 05-01-1894 Extended horsecars from Roosevelt via Western to 14th, also began shuttle horsecar service from 14th via Western to 26th
- 04-30-1895 Replaced horsecars with streetcars Milwaukee to 14th
- 00-00-1895 Replaced horsecars with streetcars 14th to 26th
- 00-00-1896 Extended streetcars from Milwaukee via Western to Diversey
- 10-08-1898 Began CHICAGO CITY RY CO streetcar service from Archer via Western to 54th
- 07-01-1899 Main route passes to CHICAGO UNION TRACTION CO
- 10-08-1899 Extended south streetcars from 54th via Western to 71st
- 00-00-1906 Extended streetcars from Diversey via Western to Belmont
- 00-00-1907 Extended streetcars from Belmont via Western to Roscoe
- 01-29-1908 Main route passes to CHICAGO RYS CO
- 00-00-1909 Extended extension streetcars from 26th via Western to 31st
- 00-00-1910 Thru-routed streetcars Roscoe to 31st
- 01-04-1911 Extended south streetcars from Archer via Western to 32nd
- 09-05-1911 Began joint CHICAGO RYS CO and CHICAGO CITY RY CO streetcar service from Belmont via Western to 71st
- 11-15-1911 Extended main route streetcars from Roscoe via Western to Lawrence
- 10-28-1912 Extended joint route streetcars from Belmont via Western to Lawrence
- 02-01-1914 Routes pass to CHICAGO SURFACE LINES
- 10-18-1915 Began extension streetcar service from Lawrence via Western to Bryn Mawr
- 12-31-1915 Extended extension streetcars from Bryn Mawr via Western to Devon
- 12-16-1916 Extended extension streetcars from Devon via Western to Howard
- 01-08-1922 Began using experimental one-man car on extension route, in addition to two-man cars
- 12-22-1922 Replaced experimental one-man car with additional two-man cars on extension route
- 05-01-1923 Thru-routed streetcars Howard to 71st
- 12-01-1924 Extended streetcars from 71st via Western to 75th
- 01-11-1931 Extended streetcars from 75th via Western to 79th
- 07-26-1931 Extended streetcars from 79th via Western to 95th
- 11-08-1931 Extended streetcars from 95th via Western to 111th

05-04-1947 Transferred Division station portion of work to Devon station

10-01-1947 Route passes to CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

02-15-1948 Transferred Archer station portion of work to 69th station

08-01-1948 Cut back streetcars from Ravenswood-Schreiber-Clark-Devon loop via Devon-Western to 79th terminal only

12-12-1948 Cut back streetcars via Western to Berwyn terminal

12-07-1952 Replaced streetcars with motor buses Sat-Sun only, transferred Sat-Sun work from Devon and 69th stations to North Park and Archer stations

09-05-1954 Transferred 69th station Mon-Fri and Archer station Sat-Sun work to 77th station

06-19-1955 Began using one-man streetcars daily, discontinued Sat-Sun buses, transferred North Park station Sat-Sun work to Devon station

06-17-1956 Replaced streetcars with motor buses, transferred work from Devon and 77th stations to North Park and 69th stations

10-31-1993 Rerouted buses northbound via Western/49th RT station terminal, southbound via Western-48th Pl-Western/49th station terminal-Western Blvd-49th-Western

07-03-1994 Transferred North Park station portion of work to 69th station

06-18-1995 Transferred work from 69th station to Archer station

12-14-1998 Began Mon-Fri day & early evening express service, extended express buses via Western to Western-Evergreen Plaza Dr-95th loop

09-02-2003 Transferred some weekday work from Archer station to 74th station

06-20-2004 Transferred 74th station work to Archer station