

EVANSTON EXPRESS – PURPLE LINE route history

- c1922 Began separate Evanston route Linden to Loop, express south of Morse as embankment Howard to Leland completed
- Tu 01-09-1924 Route passes to CHICAGO RAPID TRANSIT CO
- 1928-1931 Elevated tracks onto embankment Emerson to Central
- Mo 02-23-1931 Discontinued owl service, line served by extended Howard trains
- We 07-01-1931 Opened South Blvd station, closed Calvary station
- We 10-01-1947 Route passes to CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
- Su 07-31-1949 Cut back to shuttle Linden to Howard at all times, extended Mon-Sat rush only to Loop, stopping at Morse and Loyola SB in AM, NB in PM, Wilson except NB in PM, Chicago, Merchandise Mart
- Sa 07-01-1950 Cut back Sat rush to shuttle Linden to Howard
- Mo 11-28-1955 Began Mon-Fri midday service Linden to Inner Loop, stopping at South Blvd, Fullerton, Merchandise Mart
- Th 08-10-1956 Midday expresses began stopping at Howard
- Fr 07-05-1957 Discontinued Mon-Fri afternoon service to loop, discontinued stopping at Wilson and Chicago stations
- Th 10-24-1957 Replaced third rail with trolley wire Isabella to Linden
- Su 04-02-1961 Began using one-person operated cars with fareboxes for most shuttle service
- Fr 07-06-1963 Replaced trolley wire with third rail South Blvd to Howard
- Mo 09-29-1969 Rerouted all Loop service clockwise around Inner Loop
- Mo 07-16-1973 Closed Isabella station
- Su 11-04-1973 Replaced trolley wire with third rail Linden to South Blvd
- Mo 09-30-1974 Began using some 5 car trains Mon-Fri PM rush
- Mo 12-09-1974 Replaced 4 and 5 car with 6 car trains Mon-Fri PM rush
- Mo 12-20-1976 Discontinued stopping at Morse and Loyola stations
- Su 10-03-1982 Began using two-person trains all times except owl service, replaced 4 with 6 car trains Mon-Fri AM rush
- Su 09-01-1985 Began using two-person trains for owl service
- Tu 01-31-1989 Began stopping at Belmont, Fullerton, and Chicago stations
- Mo 04-16-1990 Discontinued forenoon service to Loop
- Su 01-30-1994 Closed Madison/Wells station
- Mo 07-17-1995 Randolph/Wells station closed, Washington/Wells station opened
- Su 06-22-1997 Began one-person operation at all times, began making all stops south of Belmont, Library-State/Van Buren station opened
- Su 04-26-1998 Discontinued owl service
- Mo 03-09-2015 Began stopping at Wilson, Sheridan, Addison stations SB AM rush only

Mo 03-16-2015 Closed Madison/Wabash station

Mo 03-21-2016 Discontinued stopping at Addison station

Th 08-31-2017 Opened Washington/Wabash station

Su 09-03-2017 Closed Randolph/Wabash station

Mo 10-23-2017 Began stopping at Wilson station north and southbound AM and PM rush, discontinued stopping at Sheridan station

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