

EVANSTON – PURPLE LINE route history

05-16-1908 Began NORTHWESTERN ELEVATED RR CO service Central St (Evanston) to Loop - day & evenings

04-02-1912 Extended service from Central St to Linden Av (Wilmette)

01-09-1924 Route passes to CHICAGO RAPID TRANSIT CO

10-01-1947 Route passes to CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

07-31-1949 Cut back to shuttle Linden to Howard at all times, extended Mon-Sat rush only to Loop

07-01-1950 Cut back Sat rush to shuttle Linden to Howard

11-28-1955 Began Mon-Fri midday service Linden to Inner Loop

07-05-1957 Discontinued Mon-Fri afternoon service to loop

10-24-1957 Replaced third rail with trolley wire Isabella to Linden

04-02-1961 Began using one-person operated cars with fareboxes for most shuttle service

07-06-1963 Replaced trolley wire with third rail South Blvd to Howard

09-29-1969 Rerouted all Loop service clockwise around Inner Loop

11-04-1973 Replaced trolley wire with third rail Linden to South Blvd

09-30-1974 Began using some 5 car trains Mon-Fri PM rush

12-09-1974 Replaced 4 and 5 car with 6 car trains Mon-Fri PM rush

10-03-1982 Began using two-person trains all times except owl service, replaced 4 with 6 car trains Mon-Fri AM rush

09-01-1985 Began using two-person trains for owl service

01-31-1989 Began stopping at Belmont, Fullerton, and Chicago

04-16-1990 Discontinued forenoon service to Loop

06-22-1997 Began one-person operation at all times, began making all stops south of Belmont

04-26-1998 Discontinued owl service