# CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL PROPERTY AND HISTORICAL DATA



**DECEMBER 31, 1966** 

### CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL PROPERTY

THIS IS A DESCRIPTIVE COMPILATION OF VARIOUS MAJOR PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY AT DECEMBER 31, 1966. A FIVE-PAGE SUPPLEMENT CONTAINS HISTORICAL DATA.

PROPERTY ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

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#### TRACK AND BUS MILEAGE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1966

	MILES
TRACK:	SINGLE TRACK
SURFACE SYSTEM	
TRACK IN 78TH STREET YARD (IN OPERATION)	0.97
WENTWORTH SWITCH TRACK INTO SOUTH SHOPS PLANT	0.89
Unused Track on Streets	7.20
UNUSED TRACK ON PRIVATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY	.66
Unused Track in Carhouses and Yards	23,88
Total Surface System Track	<u>33.60</u>
RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM	
REVENUE TRACK	r
OWNED	117.87
IN SUBWAYS	18.27
LAKE ST. ELEVATION - LEASED	5.53
SKOKIE SWIFT ROUTE	10.18
Congress Expressway Branch - West-Northwest Route	
PERMANENT TRACK - OWNED	6.44
PERMANENT TRACK - LEASED	11.86
Douglas Park Connection	•98
SERVICE TRACKS IN YARDS, ETC.	
CONGRESS ST. TERMINAL	1.57
Owned	32.26
OWNED FREIGHT GAUNTLET TRACK - EVANSTON BRANCH	2.17
OWNED FREIGHT TRACK - EVANSTON BRANCH	.40
OTHER OWNED TRACK	
EMERGENCY TRACK	2.98
TOTAL RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM TRACK	210 51
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	MILES
TROLLEY BUS LINES:	SINGLE WAY
REVENUE OPERATION	227.24
Non-Revenue Operation-Connection and Storage	21.58
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MOTOR BUS LINES:	
WEEK DAY OPERATION	1,641.73
SATURDAY OPERATION	1,496.52
SUNDAY OPERATION	1,284.99

## SURFACE SYSTEM - PASSENGER EQUIPMENT DECEMBER 31, 1966

#### TROLLEY BUSES CLASSIFIED AS TO DATE OF ACQUISITION

YEAR Purchased		NUMBER	SEATS
1948		143	44
1951		178	49
1952	9	153	49
		474	

#### MOTOR BUSES CLASSIFIED AS TO DATE OF ACQUISITION

## DECEMBER 31, 1966

				SEATS				
YEAR Purch.	42	44	45	48	50	51	55	TOTAL
1945 1946 1947			6D 1D 26D					6 1 26
1948 1950			20D			9P	930	113
1951 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957					124P 298P 78P 81P 169P	99P 437P		108 437 124 298 78 81
1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1965	1 50D	99P		1P	119P 31P 300D 18D 133D 150P 250D 144D			169 119 130 1 300 18 283 250 294
	150	99	53	1	1,895	545	93	2,836
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## SURFACE SYSTEM - SERVICE EQUIPMENT DECEMBER 31, 1966

UTILITY BUS EQUIPMENT	TOTAL
SNOW EQUIPMENT WORK BUSES MISCELLANEOUS	64 14 4
	82
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT USED ON C.T.A. SYSTEM	
Passenger Autos Owned Rented	50 57
Utility Trucks and Tractors	69
Snow Fighting Trucks	47
CONVERTED BUSES	9
HI-LIFT TRACTOR LOADERS	24
TRAILERS & SEMI-TRAILERS	32
	288

## ALLOCATION OF SURFACE PASSENGER EQUIPMENT BY STATIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1966

Su	RFACE SYSTEM STATIONS	TROLLEY BUSES	MOTOR BUSES
	ARCHER		310
	BEVERLY		1 58
	FOREST GLEN	110	241
	KEDZIE	72	210
	KEELER		129
	LAWNDALE		147
	LIMITS		161
	North-Gas		124
	NORTH-TROLLEY	266	•
	NORTH-PARK		339
	52ND ST.		125
	69тн Sт.		318
	77тн Sт.		426
	South Shops Yard	26*	148*
	TOTAL	474	2,836

<sup>\*</sup> IN STORAGE - SCHEDULED FOR RETIREMENT

# SURFACE SYSTEM FORMER CARHOUSES AND GARAGES DECEMBER 31, 1966

#### 1. LAWNDALE

W. CERMAK RD. & W. OGDEN AVE.

REINFORCED CONCRETE AND BRICK BUILDING, 295 x 457
(BUILT 1910). RECONSTRUCTED IN RECENT YEARS FOR ALL BUS OPERATION.

OPEN STORAGE

#### 2. NORTH

N. CICERO AVE. AND W. NORTH AVE.

REINFORCED CONCRETE AND BRICK BUILDING, 112% x 507°

FEET (BUILT 1910). ADDITIONAL OFFICE SECTION

30 x 39 FEET. RECENTLY REBUILT FOR BUS STORAGE.

ALSO TANK HOUSE FOR OIL STORAGE 13 x 150 FEET. (BUILT 1952)

OPEN STORAGE SEPARATED BY BRICK FIRE WALLS. PAVED STORAGE YARDS OF RECENT CONSTRUCTION.

N. LAMON AVE. & W. PIERCE AVE.

BRICK AND MILL CONSTRUCTION GARAGE AND REPAIR SHOP,

122 x 145 FEET. (Built 1931; Extended 1936 and 1948).

GARAGE 330 x 60 FEET. (Built 1938) - HAS OPEN PROPANE

STORAGE, AND DISPENSER IN YARD SOUTH OF BUILDINGS

#### 3. KEDZIE

S. KEDZIE AVE., W. VAN BUREN ST., S. SPAULDING AVE., AND W. JACKSON BLVD.
REINFORCED CONCRETE AND BRICK BUILDING, 456 x 450 FEET.
(BUILT 1910). RECENTLY CONVERTED FOR BUS AND TROLLEY COACH STORAGE.

BRICK, STEEL AND CONCRETE WASH House, 23 x 186 FEET. (Built 1936).

FENCED STORAGE YARD - NORTH & WEST OF BLDG.

EAST STORAGE YARD FOR MOTOR COACHES

#### 4. LIMITS

N. CLARK ST., W. SCHUBERT ST.

REINFORCED CONCRETE AND BRICK BUILDING, 238 x 290 FEET.

(BUILT 1909). A PORTION OF THE OFFICE BAY IS 2 STORIES

AND CONTAINS 10 STORES LEASED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

AND SCHOOL FOR BUS OPERATORS. 2 STORY REINFORCED CONCRETE,

STEEL AND BRICK BUILDING, 98 x 264 FEET. USED FOR MISCELL—

ANEOUS MATERIAL STORAGE. REMODELED 1966

South Yard Open Paved Storage Area-Brick and wood truss building, 49 x 401 feet. (Built 1948-1949) for bus servicing. 5. 77TH ST.

W. 77th St. & S. VINCENNES AVE.

BRICK, STEEL AND CONCRETE BUILDING, 359 x 353 FEET
(WENTWORTH AVE.). (BUILT 1907).

Connecting Roof Between these structures, constructed 1964.

REINFORCED CONCRETE, STEEL AND BRICK BUILDING, 359 X 460 FEET. (VINCENNES AVE.) 2 STORY OFFICE AND TRAINMEN'S SECTION (BUILT 1910). RECENTLY MODIFIED FOR BUS STORAGE. ROAD TOOLS AND SALVAGED MECHANICAL ITEMS. NEWLY CONSTRUCTED MACHINE SHOP. PROPANE STORAGE AND SERVICE ISLAND.

OPEN STORAGE WITH PAVEMENT FOR BUSES AND EMPLOYEE S CARS.

6. 69TH STREET

S. ASHLAND AVE., W. 69TH ST., S. MARSHFIELD AVE. W. 71ST ST. REINFORCED CONCRETE AND BRICK BUILDING, 265 x 485 FEET. SECOND FLOOR OFFICE ETC. 268 x 263.FEET. (BUILT 1908). CARHOUSE CONVERTED TO BUS STORAGE.

OPEN STORAGE FOR PROPANE TANK.

SERVICE ISLAND AND BUS STORAGE.

7. ARCHER

W. 38th St., S. Rockwell St., Archer Ave. and W. Pershing Road.

Reinforced concrete and Brick Building, 460 x 490 feet.

(Built 1909; Extended 1911 and 1914; Bus Conversion 1948).

OPEN PROPANE STORAGE - AND BUS STORAGE YARD CONSTRUCTED - 1962 - ARTESIAN - PERSHING

8. BEVERLY

103RD St., VINCENNES AVE.
BRICK REINFORCED CONCRETE AND STEEL BUILDING,
352 x 215 FEET. SECOND FLOOR OFFICES, ETC.
48 x 77 FEET. (COMPLETED IN 1949).

OUTSIDE STORAGE.

9. NORTH PARK

15. n 17

KEDZIE AVE. & FOSTER AVE.

Service Building - Steel, BRICK AND CONCRETE, 322 x 228 FEET.

Transportation building - Offices, Trainmen's Quarters etc. - Steel, Brick and Concrete, 86 x 84 feet. (Completed in 1950).

OUTSIDE STORAGE. PROPANE TANK AND SERVICE ISLAND.

10. ELSTON-ARMSTRONG

SERVICE BLDG., STEEL, BRICK AND CONCRETE, 404' -- 8" x 84' -3".

REPAIR AREA, INSPECTION AND WASHER WING.

PROPANE STORAGE - 155" -8" x 128" -0".

Transportation Building (Completed 1957). Offices and Trainmen's Quarters, steel, Brick and Concrete  $124^{\circ}$  -0" with wing 50° x 60°

North YD. - Propane Buses - Tanks & Service Isl. South YD. - Trolley Buses

11. KEELER

4201-25 W. DIVERSEY

1 AND 2 STORY BRICK AND STEEL GARAGE BUILT IN 1923
WITH SOME LATER ADDITIONS.

12. 5201 COTTAGE GROVE

1 & 3 STORY BRICK AND STEEL GARAGE. BUILT IN 1923.

#### SURFACE SYSTEM

#### **SHOPS**

DECEMBER 31, 1966

#### 1. WEST SHOPS PLANT

C. & N.W. Ry. R/W.E. of N. Pulaski Road, West End Ave. and Springfield Avenue.

Utility Dept. Reinforced concrete and Brick Building (Built 1911). Main Building 316 x 223 feet. One story addition 50 x 158 feet, 2 story addition 26 x 158 feet. Maypole – West End.

Building Maintenance offices, Storerooms and Boiler Room, Reinforced concrete and Brick Building (Built 1912, Modernized 1945 and 1947). Main Building 317 x 340 FEET. Second floor 29 x 271 FEET, Boiler Room 31 x 34 FEET. Part Leased. Lake - Maypole Heating System Modernized 1966.

Storage yard north of Lake Street. Fences, storage sheds, etc. Reinforced concrete and brick Boiler Room and Oil House 40 x 76 feet. 2 story brick repair shop 68 x 484 feet. Now serves Rapid System also.

#### 2. SO. SHOPS PLANT

W. 77TH ST. & S. VINCENNES AVE.

Building, two story, irregular in shop, 202 x 216 feet, made of concrete, steel, and brick. (Built 1902). First floor used for bus overhaul, second floor for storerooms. Loading dock & Elevator added 1966.

Building, L Shaped, 110 x 140 feet, 92 x 257 feet, Mill Construction, (Built 1902) includes industrial Storeroom and Degreasing Room.

Building, 92 x 101 feet, made of concrete, steel and Brick, (Built in 1902) includes Boiler Room and Radiator Repair Shop.

Building, 92 x 353 feet, Mill Construction (Built 1902) includes Print, Paint, Bus Body Repair Shops. Second Level 92 x 49 feet used as salt storage.

Building, 92 x 274 feet, Mill Construction (Built 1902) used for storerooms.

Building, 290 x 257 feet, Mill Construction (Built 1906) used as Bus Body Repair Shops and Storeroom. (Temporary)

Building, 21 x 142 feet, Steel Transite, and concrete (Built 1945) used as Paint Storage.

#### SURFACE SYSTEM

#### SHOPS

#### DECEMBER 31, 1966

#### SOUTH SHOPS PLANT (CONT.)

Building, 226 x 29 FEET, BRICK AND CONCRETE, USED AS SHOPMEN'S LUNCH-LOCKER-TOILET AND STOREROOMS.

Building, 19° x 29°, concrete base, steel frame, transite sheathed, used as Fuel Pump Room in area of Fuel Storage Tanks supplying dispensers island of reinforced concrete and steel canopy.

PROPANE STORAGE AREA 58 x 64 FEET.

GAS AND DIESEL STORAGE AREA 33 x 45 FEET.

FUEL DISPENSING ISLAND AREA 122 x 118 FEET.

MISCELLANEOUS YARD STRUCTURES, INCLUDES LIGHTING, FIRE STATIONS, FENCES, PAVING ETC.

LOADING, UNLOADING AND STORAGE CAR TRACKS.

TRACK CONNECTING SHOPS AND YARDS WITH STEAM RAILROAD CONNECTION AT W. 84TH STREET.

S. VINCENNES AVE. - W. 77TH ST. - S. PERRY AVE. AND W. 79TH ST., ALSO IN WENTWORTH AVE. (PRODUCED FROM W. 79TH ST. TO W. 84TH ST.)

Major bus overhaul facilities bldg. 500° x 440° irregular in shape, with 50° x 170° general shop office, 180° x 110° paint shop area - Balance of area consists of body, chassis, woodwork and upholstery shops with asphaltic concrete paved areas surrounding building.

#### CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF OFF-STREET TERMINALS

#### FOR STREET CARS AND BUSES

DECEMBER 31, 1966

#### LOCATION

PR	IOR	TO	1945

VINCENNES - 80TH	Aug. 111
CLARK-ARTHUR (ENLARGED OCT. 1962)	Nov. *11
79TH-HALSTED (ENLARGED 9-16-56)	DEC. 12
63RD-SOUTH PARK	JUNE 113
HALSTED-WAVELAND	MARCH 115
*75TH - LAKE FRONT	MAY 115
TORRENCE -112TH	MARCH 17
ARCHER-CICERO (REBUILT IN 1955)	DEC. 17
GRAND-NAVY PIER (REBUILT IN 1959) (ADDITIONS IN 1966)	JUNE 121
MADISON-AUST IN	JULY 121
MILWAUKEE-IMLAY	SEPT. *27
MONTROSE-MILWAUKEE	JAN. *31
Montrose-Narragansett	JAN. *31
87th-Western (Enlarged 9-18-54)	JULY 135
DIVERSEY-NEVA	0ст. *38
CALDWELL-CENTRAL (REBUILT IN 1961)	Aug. 139
**McCormick-Lunt	DEC. *42
1945	
115	o oh he
115TH - COTTAGE GROVE	9-24-45
1946	
1740	
Montrose - Broadway	7-29-46
*Monroe Parking Lot	8-15-46
*SOLDIER FIELD	8-15-46
*MERCHANDISE MART PLAZA	9-16-46
*Torrence - 128th	10-21-46
<u>1947</u>	
*IRVING PARK - PUEBLO	2- 4-47
*116TH-REPUBLIC STEEL	6-30-47

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF OFF-STREET TERMINALS FOR STREET CARS AND BUSES

	LOCATION	DATE INSTALLED
1948		h or ko
	*63rd-Archer Rd.	4-25-48
	63RD PL NARRAGANSETT	4-25-48
	HARLEM-N. OF 65TH	6-1 <i>5</i> -48 7-31-48
	Western-79TH	9-13-48
	DEVON-KEDZIE	12-12-48
	16TH-47TH COURT	12-12-40
1949		
and manufic	BELMONT-HALSTED	1- 9-49
	BELMONT-CUMBERLAND	1- 9-49
	BELMONT-OCTAVIA	1- 9-49
	Western-Berwyn	1-10-49
	WESTERN-HOWARD	2-17-49
	*North-Clybourn	7- 3-49
	*HARRISON-CENTRAL (REBUILT 8-1-54)	8-14-49
	ADDISON-PUEBLO	8-17-49
	WESTERN-LELAND	11-14-49
	Fullerton-Parkside (Rebuilt 1963)	12- 4-49
	North-Clark	12-4-49
	North-Narragansett	12- 4-49
1950		r 10 ro
	KEDZIE-PETERSON	5-13-50
	31st-California	5-17-50
	111TH-HARDING	10-21-50
	CENTRAL-MILWAUKEE	11-17-50
1951		
1901	GRAND-NORDICA	4- 1-51
	47th-Lake Park-(Relocated 1966)	4-15-51
	CICERO-PENSACOLA	5-10-51
	Pulaski-Peterson	7-20-51
	ARCHER-NEVA	11- 2-51
	LINCOLN-WHIPPLE	11-23-51
	Cicero-24th Place	11-25-51
	31st-Komensky	12- 6-51
	LOGAN SQUARE (REBUILT 1960)	12-19-51

#### CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF OFF-STREET TERMINALS

#### FOR STREET CARS AND BUSES

LOCATION	DATE-INSTALLED
1952	
North-Winchester	5- 5-52
GRAND-LATROBE (ENLARGED 8-8-54)	5-24-52
CERMAK-54TH	5-25-52
FAIRBANKS-ONTARIO	7-20-52
79TH-LAKE FRONT	8-11-52
ROOSEVELT-MONITOR	9-77-52
PULASKI-FOSTER	9-8-52
*Evergreen Pk. Plaza (Rev. 1-16-63)	9-28-52
CHICAGO-MAYFIELD	12-13-52
1953	
ROOSEVELT-WABASH	5-12-53
RACINE-87TH	5-28-53
26TH-KENTON	6-18-53
DESPLAINES & CONGRESS (REBUILT 1960)	10- 9-53
KEDZIE-63RD PL.	12-15-53
1954	0 41. 41.
*42ND-PACKERS (REV. 4-22-63)	2-14-54
87TH-CICERO	8-13-54
ASHLAND SOUTH OF 95TH	11- 4-54
CALIFORNIA SOUTH OF ADDISON	11-26-54
GRAND-FULLERTON	12-20-54
1044	
<u>1955</u>	2- 9-55
WESTERN AT 119TH	4-17-55
**CERMAK RD47TH CT.	7- 8-55
Jackson-Aust in	12- 9-55
Damen-87th	12- 9-00
1956	
COTTAGE GROVE-BURNSIDE	8-22-56
401 / Haz 4110 / E-201110 / E-201	
<u>1957</u>	
*CERMAK-HARLEM PLAZA	1-14-57
*59TH-KEATING	5- 5-57
<b>37</b>	
<u>1958</u>	
IRVING PARK-NEENAH	7- 9-58
*83rd East of VINCENNES	7-14-58
PULASKI - 104TH	9-17-58
CICERO-64TH	11-27-58

#### CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF OFF-STREET TERMINALS

#### FOR STREET CARS AND BUSES

	LOCATION	DATE INSTALLED
<u>1959</u>	*Scottsdale Shopping Center Indianapolis & 101st	6-21-59 7- 5-59
<u>1960</u>	Howard & McCormick Cermak & State *McCormick Place 115th & Pulaski 67th & Oglesby	11- 3-60 11-19-60 11-19-60 12- 4-60 12-15-60
1961	Howard & Hermitage (To REPLACE CLARK & Howard)	12- 3-61
<u>1963</u>	Pulaski & 81st 74th & Damen (Rebuilt)	7-21-63 5-18-63
<u>1964</u>	DEMPSTER W. OF BRONX *OLD ORCHARD SHOPPING CENTER *400 E. RANDOLPH 55TH & ST. LOUIS	4-19-64 4-20-64 9-14-64 11-11-64
1965	51st-St. Louis 115th - Springfield So. Pk Burnside	1-13-65 5-10-65 6-20-65
1966	PRATT-KEDZIE	9- 9-66

Total Off-Street Terminals in use as of 12-31-66 = 103

<sup>\*</sup> ON PRIVATE ROADWAYS NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR C.T.A. USE.

<sup>\*\*</sup> SERVICE DRIVE TO PERMIT "U" TURN.

#### RAPID TRANSIT TRACK CLASSIFIED AS TO OWNERSHIP

1st Main	0wned 56.00	MILES OF TRACK NOT OWNED 17.27	TOTAL 73.27
2ND MAIN	55.86	17.25	73.11
3RD MAIN	10.49	-	10.49
4TH MAIN	9 • 55	-	9.55
Main Line Crossovers & Passing Tracks	3.57	1.14	4.71
TOTAL REVENUE TRACK	135.47	35.66	171,13
Main Line Storage Track	10.50		10.50
YARD TRACK	27.31	1. 57	28.88
TOTAL TRACK 2.57 MILES OF FREIGHT & GAUNTLET TRACK	173.28	37.23	210.51

2.57 MILES OF FREIGHT & GAUNTLET TRACK ON EVANSTON BRANCH NOT INCLUDED

RAPID TRANSIT TRACKS CLASSIFIED AS TO OPERATING SECTIONS

MAI TO THAIR TO THAIR OF THE THE THE THE THE	THAT THE GEOTTE	MILES OF 1ST MAIN TRACK	
NORTH SIDE SECTION	0wned 24.13	CONTRACT	TOTAL 24.13
South Side Section	11.56		11.56
WEST SIDE SECTIONS	20.31	8.32	28.63
SUBWAY - STATE ST.		4.61	4.61
SUBWAY - MILWAUKEE AVE.		4.34	4.34
TOTAL	56.00	17.27	73.27
MILES OF MAIN LINE SINGLE TRACK NORTH SIDE SECTION	0wned 69.23	CONTRACT	TOTAL 69.23
South Side Section	23.47		23.47
WEST SIDE SECTIONS	42.77	17.39	60.16
SUBWAY - STATE ST.	-	9.48	9.48
SUBWAY - MILWAUKEE AVE.		8.79	8.79
	135.47	35.66	171.13

# RAPID TRANSIT TRACK SECTIONS CLASSIFIED AS TO DATES ON WHICH THEY WERE PLACED IN OPERATION:

Douglas	Park Branch	
	Marshfield Junction to Western Avenue	.1902 .1907 .1910
GARFIELD	PARK BRANCH	
	Congress Street Expressway, Dearborn Sub, Conn. to E. of Central Central Ave. to Des Plaines Avenue, Forest Park (formerly owned by C.A. & E. Ry.)	
LAKE STE	REET BRANCH	
	Wacker Drive (Market Street) to California Avenue	. 1894 . 189 <i>5</i>
NORTH S	IDE DIVISION	
	LOOP TO WILSON AVENUE	1907 1908 1908
South Si	IDE DIVISION	
	OLD CONGRESS TO 63RD AND CALUMET AVE	1897 1906
Loop Bra	NCH	1897
3 2 1	reet Subway	
MILWAUKE	E AVENUE SUBWAY	1951