

HOWARD YARD CONSTRUCTION

Starting **Tuesday, February 25**, through June, there may be service delays of up to 10 minutes between Morse and Howard stations. This is a result of a new phase of construction at the Howard train yard, which is part of an extensive, multi-year project that consists of several components:

- **Doubling the size of the yard at Howard to accommodate more trains.**
- **Creation of a new track layout in the yard to allow for more efficient train movement.**
- **Installation of a control tower, all new signals and switches.**
- **New and expanded maintenance facilities.**
- **Construction of a new bridge over Chicago Avenue.**

When the entire project is finally completed, in the fall of 1993, we will be able to operate out of a state-of-the-art facility that will enable us to provide more efficient and reliable service. We will also be able to accommodate the extra trains required by the new Howard-Dan Ryan line, which will start later this year.

There is a saying that in order to have an omelette you have to break a few eggs. In this case the broken eggs will take the form of occasional service delays over the next few months. We do not anticipate that we will experience service interruptions to the same degree as last year, but common sense tells

us to anticipate occasional construction problems.

We will have staff available at the Howard station to provide passengers with regular updates on scheduled operations. If there are delays, we will tell you. If there are problems that call for us to provide alternate service in the form of shuttle service, we will run that service.

If you ride the Skokie Swift, Evanston shuttle, or travel through Howard station you should plan to add 10 minutes each way to your travel times.

We apologize in advance for what you may experience. Please understand this project is critical if we are to continue to provide the kind of service you deserve and expect.

We will give you periodic reports on the status of this project.



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