



# THE BELT RAILWAY COMPANY OF CHICAGO

## Transportation Notice

**# 2023-035**

**Effective, Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. 0001**

**To:** All Concerned

**Subject:** Switch Flags (Efficiency testing)

Effective Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the BRC will start performing a new type of efficiency test that uses individual flags placed in front of each switch point. This efficiency test will use a reflective flag that is attached to the rail and placed in front of each of the switch points on a switch, all movement must stop prior to passing these flags. The purpose of the new test is to assist with keeping employees focused on the route they will be traversing and maintaining heightened situational awareness.

The flags used are pictured on the second page of this notice, they are bright red with a yellow stripe through the center of the flag and are made from high visible material so they can be displayed day or night. These flags will be displayed at any switch whether the employee is required to operate the switch or not for their intended route, all movement must stop short of the displayed flags.

Any employee who encounters the switch flags while operating is required to notify the Yardmaster they are stopped for the displayed switch flags. If an employee operates over the switch flags, they will be handled in accordance with the BRC efficiency test program.

Jordan Busson  
Terminal Superintendent

### Transportation Notices in Effect:

2020	002
2022	009, 017, 023, 028, 029, 032, 034, 046
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