



April 13, 2026

RE: Metra 59th/60th Street Station Rehabilitation Project, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement, Stipulation V: Monitoring and Reporting
SHPO Log #005030421

Dear Signatories and Consulting Parties:

In accordance with the *Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Transit Administration and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the Metra 59th/60th Street Station Rehabilitation Project, Cook County, Illinois*, please find enclosed the Summary Report: April 2025 - April 2026 addressing implemented and proposed activities for this period.

Thank you for your continued cooperation on this Project. Please feel free to contact me at bstepp@metrarr.com or Rita Yamin at myamin@metrarr.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Stepp".

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59th/60th Street Station Rehabilitation Project

SUMMARY REPORT: APRIL 2025 - APRIL 2026

Addressing Memorandum of Agreement Stipulation V



On behalf of Metra and in accordance with the *Memorandum of Agreement Between the Federal Transit Administration and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Metra 59th / 60th Street Station Rehabilitation Project in Cook County, Illinois* (MOA), please find the following summary report detailing work undertaken from April 2025 to April 2026 per Stipulation V: Monitoring and Reporting.

The following summary report contains updates for Stipulation III. A.: Interpretive Elements for the Metra 59th/60th Street Station Depots and Stipulation III. B.: Landscape Restoration and Planting Plan.

Stipulation	Stipulation Description	April 2025 -2026 Implemented Activities	April 2026-2027 Proposed Activities
III. A.: Interpretive Elements for the Metra 59 th /60 th Street Station Depots	1. Metra and its Preservation Lead, in coordination with FTA, will prepare a draft of interpretive elements to be placed within the 59th and 60th Street Station depots that will include proposed themes and locations within the depots, schematic plans, and text and graphics. Metra, in coordination with FTA, will review the draft interpretive elements for sufficiency and submit the draft to Signatories and Consulting Parties for review and comment. Signatories and Consulting Parties will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide comments on the draft interpretive elements.	On February 20, 2026, Metra submitted the draft of the interpretive elements (IE) to FTA for review and comment. Metra received minor comments from FTA and incorporated these recommendations into the draft IE plan. On March 24, 2026, FTA then distributed the draft IE to Signatories and Consulting Parties resulting in the start of a 30-day comment period.	By the end of April 2026, it is anticipated that FTA will forward comments to Metra received from Signatories and Consulting Parties on the draft IE plan. Metra will then develop a Comment Disposition Matrix to track and respond to all comments received. Feedback received will be integrated into the final IE.
	2. Metra and its Preservation Lead, in coordination with FTA, will prepare final interpretative elements that will include the final content and design of the interpretative elements. As feasible, the final interpretive elements will incorporate recommendations made by Signatories and Consulting Parties on the draft station interpretive elements. Metra, in coordination with FTA, will review the final interpretive elements for sufficiency and submit the final draft to Signatories and Consulting Parties. Consulting Parties will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide comments on the	After the receipt of comments from Signatories and Consulting Parties, Metra will move forward with the development of the final IE plan. It is anticipated that the final IE will be submitted to FTA for review and comment in mid-2026. After this process, the final IE will be sent to Signatories and Consulting Parties for review before the close of 2026.	Early in 2027, it is anticipated that FTA will forward concurrence documentation received from Signatories and any possible comments received on the final IE plan.

	final station interpretive elements. Signatories will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide concurrence on the final station interpretive elements. Consulting Party and Signatory review shall be concurrent. Disagreements regarding the interpretive plan will be resolved in accordance with Stipulation VIII of this MOA.		
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III.B.: Landscape Restoration and Planting Plan (LRPP)	1. Metra and its Preservation Lead will prepare a draft landscape restoration and planting plan and submit to the Chicago Park District and FTA for their review and comment. The Chicago Park District and FTA each will have thirty (30) calendar days to review and comment on the draft.	Activity Closed.	No Additional Activities for this Stipulation.
	2. Metra and their Preservation Lead will address the Chicago Park District and FTA comments on the draft and then provide the draft to Signatories and Consulting Parties for review and comment. Signatories and Consulting Parties each will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide comments on the draft landscape restoration and planting plan.	The draft LRPP was reviewed by Signatories and Consulting Parties in March of 2025. Comments were received from Consulting Parties and a Comment Disposition Matrix was developed. Comments received during this phase were integrated into the development of the final LRPP. Activity Closed.	No Additional Activities for this Stipulation.
	3. Metra and their Preservation Lead, in coordination with FTA and the Chicago Park District, will prepare a final landscape restoration and planting plan that takes into account the comments made by Signatories and Consulting Parties on the draft landscape restoration and planting plan, as feasible. Metra, in coordination with FTA and the Chicago Park District, will submit the final landscape restoration and planting plan to Signatories and	On December 17, 2025, Metra submitted the final LRPP to FTA and CPD for review and comment. Metra did not receive any additional feedback on the final LRPP. On January 6, 2026, FTA distributed the final LRPP to Signatories and Consulting Parties resulting in the start of the 30-day comment period. On February 6, 2026, comments were received and a Comment Disposition Matrix was developed. This	On February 2, 2026, the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office provided concurrence on the Final LRPP. Activity Closed.

	Consulting Parties. Consulting Parties will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide comments on the final landscape restoration and planting plan. Signatories will have thirty (30) calendar days to review and provide concurrence on the final landscape restoration and planting plan. Consulting Party and Signatory review shall be concurrent. Disagreements regarding the landscape restoration and planting plan will be resolved in accordance with Stipulation VIII of this MOA.	matrix was distributed to all parties by FTA on March 11, 2026.	
	4. Metra, in coordination with Chicago Park District, will implement the landscape restoration and planting plan within one (1) year of the station reopening to the public as part of construction associated with the rehabilitation of Metra's 59th/60th Street Station. The Chicago Park District will install the plant material, and Metra will reimburse the Chicago Park District for the cost of the plant material. If any new trees or other vegetation planted as part of the landscape restoration and planting plan do not survive one year after they are planted, as determined by a certified arborist or landscape architect, Metra, in coordination with Chicago Park District, will obtain and plant replacement vegetation of the same species or a substitute species as agreed upon by Signatories and Consulting Parties.	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	As the LRPP has been finalized, Metra is poised to work with CPD to implement the Midway Plaisance Landscape and Restoration Plan in the near future.

Metra has not encountered any problems, unexpected issues, disputes, or objections in efforts to carry out the terms of the MOA. There are no changes recommended in the implementation of this MOA.

The next summary report will be released for the period of April 2026 - April 2027.

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