

May 2, 2025

RE: Metra Van Buren Street Station, Platforms, and Access Tunnel Rehabilitation, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement, Stipulation V: Monitoring and Reporting SHPO Log #009120221

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 Van Buren Street Station, Platforms, and Access Tunnel Rehabilitation, please find enclosed the Summary Report: May 2024 - May 2025 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,

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Van Buren Street Station, Platforms, and Access Tunnel Rehabilitation

SUMMARY REPORT: MAY 2024 - MAY 2025

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 Van Buren Street Station, Platforms, and Access Tunnel Rehabilitation, Cook County, Illinois (MOA), please find the following summary report detailing work undertaken from May 2024 to May 2025 per Stipulation V: Monitoring and Reporting.

The following summary report contains updates for Stipulation III. A.: Update to the NRHP Registration Form for Grant Park, Stipulation III. B.: Interpretive Plan, and Stipulation III. C.: Design Reviews of Van Buren Street Station.

Stipulation	Stipulation Description	May 2024-2025 Implemented Activities	May 2025-2026 Proposed Activities
III. A.: Update to the NRHP Registration Form for Grant Park	1. Prior to commencing work, Metra will contact the SHPO National Register Program to discuss the NRHP registration form update and obtain the most recent SHPO NRHP guidelines.	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	The award of project consultant is anticipated to go before Metra's Board in mid-May and notice to proceed to be issued in June 2025. Meeting with SHPO NRHP Staff anticipated to be scheduled in late 2025.
	2. Metra will provide a draft updated NRHP registration form to the SHPO National Register Program, Chicago Park District, and FTA for their review and comment. The SHPO National Register Program, Chicago Park District, and FTA shall review concurrently and will have thirty (30) calendar days to review and comment on the draft.	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed draft activities during this period. An updated draft NRHP registration form is anticipated to be addressed in the next summary report cycle.
	3. Metra and their Preservation Lead will address the SHPO National Register Program, Chicago Park District, and FTA comments on the draft, and then Metra will provide the draft to Signatories and Consulting Parties for a concurrent thirty (30) calendar day review and comment period.	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.
	4. Metra and their Preservation Lead, in coordination with the SHPO National Register Program, Chicago Park District and FTA, will incorporate comments received on the draft amended NRHP	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.

	registration form, if feasible, and provide the final amended NRHP registration form to Signatories and Consulting Parties for concurrent review. Consulting Parties will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide comments on the final amended NRHP registration form. Signatories will have thirty (30) calendar days to review and provide concurrence on the final amended NRHP registration form. Disagreements regarding the amended NRHP registration form will be resolved in accordance with Stipulation VIII of this MOA. 5. Metra and their Preservation Lead will complete the final amendment to the Grant Park NRHP registration form, and Metra will submit the form to the SHPO within 5 years of execution of this MOA. SHPO is responsible for presenting the amended nomination to the Illinois Historic Sites Council and for forwarding the final amendment to the	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.
III.B.: Interpretive Plan	Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service 1. The interpretive plan will include proposed themes and locations, schematic plans, text, and graphics. If web- based elements are included, the plan will include information on website hosting. Metra and its Preservation Lead, in coordination with FTA and the Chicago Park District, will review the draft interpretive plan and submit the draft to Signatories and Consulting Parties for concurrent review and comment. Signatories and Consulting Parties will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide comments on the draft interpretive plan. Metra	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.

and its Preservation Lead will revise the draft interpretive plan and submit a final interpretive plan to Signatories and Consulting Parties for concurrent review. Consulting Parties will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide comments on the final interpretive plan. Signatories will have thirty (30) calendar days to review and provide concurrence on the final interpretive plan. Disagreements regarding the interpretive plan will be resolved in accordance with Stipulation VIII of this MOA.		
2. Metra will incorporate the interpretive plan into the Project's 100% design plans.	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.
3. Metra will install the interpretive elements within one (1) year of project completion.	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.

III.C.: Design Reviews of Van Buren Street Station	1. Metra, in coordination with FTA, will submit proposed station plans to Signatories and Consulting Parties for concurrent review and comment at 60% design. Signatories and Consulting Parties will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide written comments to Metra. To the extent feasible, Metra will	No activity on stipulation during period.	this this	No proposed activities during this period.
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incorporate comments into the 90% design plans. Metra will submit the 90% design plans to Signatories and Consulting Parties for concurrent review. Consulting Parties will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide written comments to Metra. Signatories will have thirty (30) calendar days to provide written comments and/or concurrence on the 90% design plans. Should there be design changes between 90% and 100% design, Signatories will have thirty (30) calendar days to concurrently review changes and provide concurrence on the 100% design plans. Disagreements regarding the station design plans will be resolved in accordance with Stipulation VIII of this MOA.		
2. The final, 100% design plans will be distributed to Signatories and Consulting Parties.	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.

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 May 2025 - May 2026.

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