



April 30, 2026

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 2025 – May 2026 addressing implemented and proposed activities.

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, appearing to read "Brian Stepp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Stepp" clearly distinguishable.

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**Van Buren Street Station, Platforms, and
Access Tunnel Rehabilitation**
SUMMARY REPORT: MAY 2025 - MAY 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 Van Buren Street Station, Platforms, and Access Tunnel Rehabilitation, Cook County, Illinois* (MOA), please find the following summary report detailing work undertaken from May 2025 to May 2026 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 2025-2026 Implemented Activities	May 2026-2027 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.	On February 19, 2026, Metra conducted a coordination meeting with Andrew Heckenkamp, Survey and National Register Coordinator at the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office. Mr. Heckenkamp provided guidance for the NRHP registration form update as well as current SHPO guidelines. Activity Closed.	No Additional Activities for this Stipulation.
	2. Metra will provide an updated draft NRHP registration form to the SHPO National Register Program, Chicago Park District (CPD), 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.	It is anticipated that work to rewrite the NRHP registration form will begin in mid-2026.	Submission of the draft NRHP registration form is anticipated to be submitted to SHPO, CPD, and FTA in Spring of 2027.
	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.	Distribution of the revised draft NRHP registration form is anticipated to go to Signatories and Consulting Parties for review and comment in mid-2027.

	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 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.	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.
	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 Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.
III.B.: Interpretive Plan	1. The interpretive plan will include proposed themes and locations, schematic plans, text, and graphics. If web-based elements are	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	As part of 10% design development set, initial locations and themes for the interpretive plan have been examined. The

	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 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.		interpretive plan is still in development and an initial draft plan outline is anticipated to be completed in early 2027. Draft interpretive plan is anticipated to be distributed to Signatories and Consulting Parties in mid-2028.
	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 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.	No activity on this stipulation during this period.	No proposed activities during this period.
	2. The final, 100% design plans will be distributed to Signatories and Consulting Parties.		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 2026 – May 2027.

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