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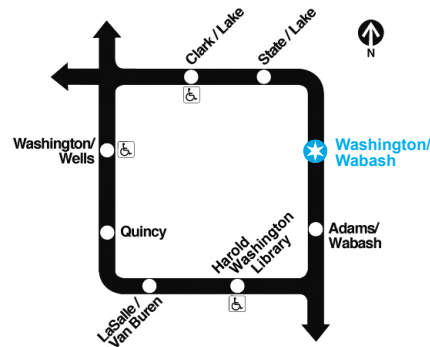


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Existing Station Built in 1896

This project is the latest in a series of transit station rehabilitations that are part of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's commitment to improving public transportation in Chicago.



Historic Photo of the Randolph/Wabash Station

"Having world-class infrastructure is a key focus for any world-class city" - Mayor Emanuel



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The concept of MOVEMENT is at the heart of the transit system. The CTA rail system is the thread that weaves through Chicago to connect the City of Neighborhoods with the Loop, its iconic landmarks, and the Lakefront parks.

Transforming the perception of public transportation, the Washington/Wabash Station will become a GATEWAY for Millennium Park and many of Chicago's downtown attractions. The undulating wave form of the canopies weaves through the historic Wabash Avenue canyon as a counterpoint to the city grid, and anticipates the soft forms of the park and lake beyond. The faceted skeletal steel and glass structure creates a dynamic play of light reminiscent of diamond facets and this historic Jeweler's Row location.



THE NEW STATION

The existing Randolph/Wabash and the Madison/Wabash Stations date back to 1896. While the stations have been renovated over the years they lack modern amenities, are inaccessible to passengers with disabilities and do not efficiently accommodate CTA operations. The consolidation of these two closely spaced stations into one new Washington/Wabash Station will create a vibrant new facility that will enhance passenger convenience, improve train speeds, decrease operating costs and provide accessibility for all riders. The new station is anticipated to become the fifth busiest station in the CTA system.

IMPACT ON CTA CUSTOMERS

To facilitate construction of the new station, the existing Madison/Wabash Station will be closed. The adjacent Randolph/Wabash will remain open during construction and will not be removed from service until the new Washington/Wabash Station is opened.

During construction there will be some slow zones. Intermittent track closures will be necessary during select off-peak periods to reconstruct portions of track

structure. CDOT is working closely with CTA to help minimize the impact of construction on CTA service.

IMPACT ON TRAFFIC

Portions of Wabash Avenue will be closed during select periods to facilitate construction of the new station. In order to minimize traffic impacts and detours, associated signage will be in place to clearly indicate alternate routes and restrictions during construction.

Sidewalks will remain open and accessible to all buildings and businesses.

THE TRANSFORMATION

The project highlights include:

- Increased entering / exiting capacity
- New "Signature Canopy" that will provide continuous coverage along the length of the platform
- Station accessible from Washington and Madison Streets
- Expanded fare control
- New elevators
- New escalator
- Wider platforms
- LED Energy Efficient Lighting

