Metra Electric District
Homewood Station Renovation

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project will entail the renovation the existing 1911 tunnel and creating accessible paths from both ends of the tunnel. In addition to transit access, the tunnel also connects the community, joining the downtown retail district on the east side with the residential area and Ravisloe Golf Club on the west side. The tunnel runs under two Metra electric district tracks, two Amtrak leased diesel tracks and four CN main and yard diesel tracks. It currently provides an accessible path to the Metra and Amtrak platforms from the east headhouse elevator only.

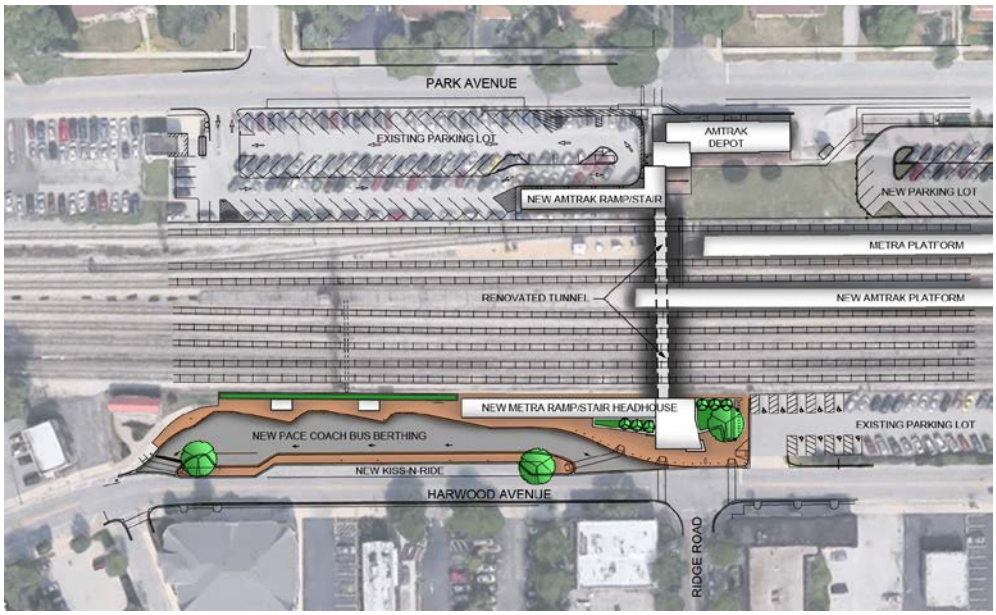
As part of the project, the tunnel will be waterproofed, provided with upgraded lighting, drainage and ventilation systems, and graffiti resistant wall and ceiling finishes. The coordinated Metra and Amtrak projects will also provide new accessibe paths to the platforms from the tunnel by constructing new stairs, accessible ramps and headhouses at both the east and west ends of the tunnel. Amtrak is making the depot interior waiting area and restrooms accessible as well as the paths from the parking lot to the depot and the headhouse. The intermodal nature of the project includes a reconfiguration an upgrade in Metra's project of the Pace bus station, which serves as a terminal for three current routes.

FUNDING

Project cost:	Metra $11.9 million

DESIGN STATUS

Metra design:	100% complete
Amtrak:	Under construction

SCHEDULE

4th Quarter 2020:	Bid project
2nd Quarter 2021:	Start Construction
Construction duration:	18 months