

DESIGN GUIDELINE SERVICES

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SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA



The context within the Central Station block includes large building scale, hardscape surfaces, multi-modal circulation planning and pedestrian oriented streetscape.



The Central Station guidelines project included an intensive, 1-day charrette with local architects and designers to study, analyze and identify design principles for the Central Station block.

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Central Station Design Guidelines

Following the demolition of a National Register-eligible historic building in order to construct a new Light Rail Transit (LRT) station in downtown St. Paul, a Programmatic Agreement for the Central Corridor LRT Project stipulated that a set of design guidelines be prepared for the redevelopment of the block. The goal was to prepare a design guidelines document that ensured new development that is compatible with the surrounding historic resources spanning from the 1800s to the mid-1900s.

The City of St. Paul hired a consultant team led by Winter & Company to craft a set of design guidelines that considered the site and its historic context, and to provide appropriate design solutions for the Central Station Block in downtown Saint Paul. Landscape Research, a St. Paul based cultural resource consulting firm, compiled a history of the block and character of the surrounding early 20th century and mid-century buildings. Winter & Company then analyzed the characteristics of the surrounding buildings created a design framework and set of key design principles. Design guidelines expanded on these principles to provide more detailed direction for appropriate construction regarding mass, form, architectural character, building materials, parking and public space on the site. Additional design guidelines addressed circulation in and around the site, open spaces and public art on the site. With the design guidelines and input provided from local architects and designers during an intensive design charrette, Cuningham Group, a local architecture firm, modeled appropriate design solutions for the Central Station Block.



These models show two of the options for the Central Station's site concepts.



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