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2019 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

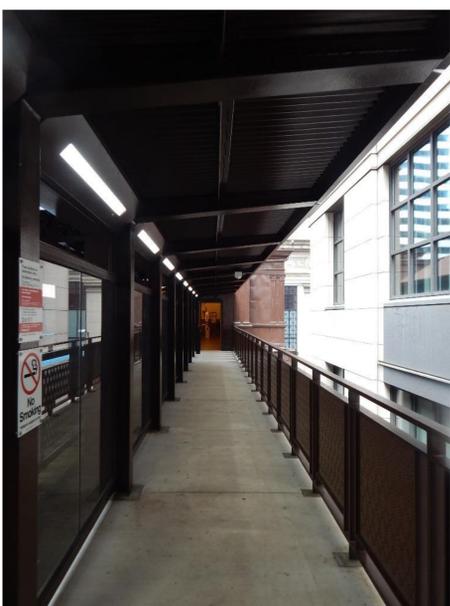
Quincy Elevated Station 220 South Wells Street Rehabilitation

Recipient: Chicago Transit Authority

The Quincy elevated station was designed by architect Alfred M. Headley and engineer John Alexander Low Waddell, and constructed in 1897. The Classical Revival style station consists of covered stairways, two station houses clad in sheet metal connected by a mezzanine, and passenger platforms covered with canopies. The station underwent changes over the years to accommodate new technology and increased ridership. Thirty years prior to Quincy Station's 2017 landmark designation, the station houses were renovated by the Chicago Transit Authority to match the original appearance as closely as possible. Making these station houses accessible presented a challenge because of the historic character of the station and the narrow street ways below. CTA worked to seamlessly incorporate new elevators and elevated walkways utilizing glass and metal panels inspired by the original station design. New doors, and wood-finish porcelain tile floors were added into the station houses and the deteriorated metal panel ceilings were replaced. This project serves as proof that a structure can be adapted to accommodate everyone while still retaining its historic character and integrity. The Quincy CTA Station was designated a Chicago Landmark on November 8, 2017.



before



after



rendering of new elevator and walkway



after

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