

230.060(k) Accessibility. Additions or alterations to improve accessibility are allowed.

(1)Materials. To the greatest extent practicable, materials shall be of the same type, quality, design, size, finish, proportions and configuration of the original materials in the building.

Response: The existing non-character defining concrete platform, walkways and ramps will be replaced in like kind with concrete. Likewise, the detectable warning surfaces will also be replaced in like kind. The materials will match or exceed the existing quality. The design, size, finish, proportions and configuration will not change.

(2)Design.

(A)Additions or alterations to improve accessibility should be designed in a manner that identifies the building's character-defining spaces and features and prevents their damage or loss.

Response: The project activities will not alter character-defining features of the historic station. The compost sock and silt fence are temporary elements that will be present only during construction, are reversible, and will not remove, damage, or destroy any historic fabric. The new lighting, signage, and storm water connection and underdrain will not adversely affect the historic character of the historic property and will not affect the historic use of the property, retaining key elements that are important to its historic form, integrity, and features. The signage will not be attached to the building but will be mounted on pedestals along the platform.

(B)Additions and alterations to improve accessibility should be designed in a manner that is compatible with the building and its setting.

Response: The compost sock and silt fence are temporary elements that will be present only during construction and will be easily discernible during that time as non-historic elements (avoiding creating a false sense of history). The compost sock and silt fence will also be compatible with the size, scale, proportion, and massing of the property. The lighting design will be compatible with historic lighting designs while still meeting ADA and Amtrak dark sky requirements. Signage will be Amtrak branded signage that is compatible with Amtrak Stations.