



CITY OF FRESNO - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PRESENTATION August 25, 2025



- 1. High Speed Rail Authority Update
- 2. RAISE Grant Scope and Schedule
- 3. Site Activation
- 4. Historic Depot and Shed
 - Scope of Renovation
 - Environmental Reviews with SHPO
- 5. Discussion

Presenters:

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RAISE GRANT SCOPE AND SCHEDULE

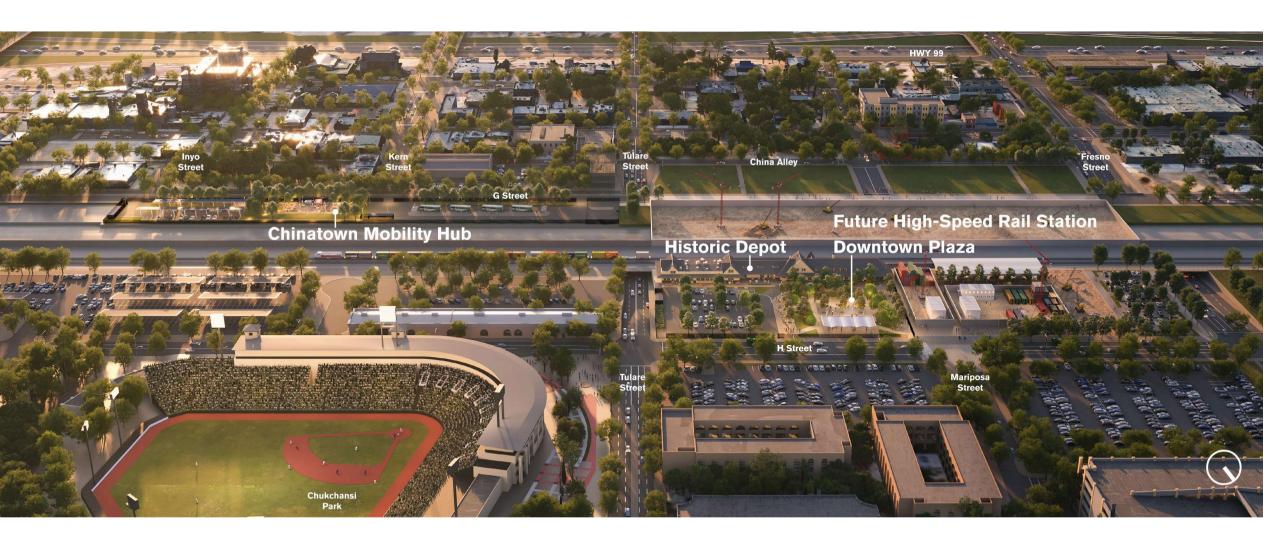
- \$20 Million Federal RAISE grant for Early Site Activation
 - Historic Fresno Depot renovation
 - New Downtown Plaza
 - Chinatown Mobility Hub
- Design nearly complete, construction is scheduled to begin in 2026

Schedule milestones:

- 7/2025: Complete CD documents
- 10/2025: Approvals and Bid
- 1/2026: Start Construction

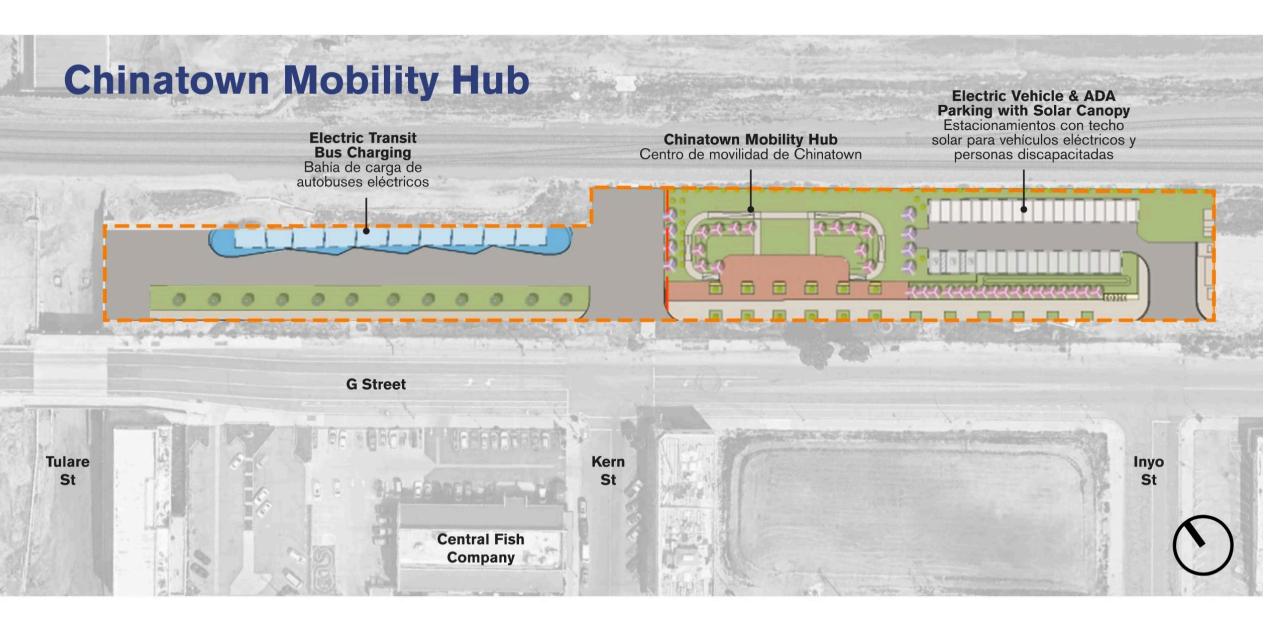


AERIAL RENDERING - Courtesy of Foster+Partners / Arup Joint Venture



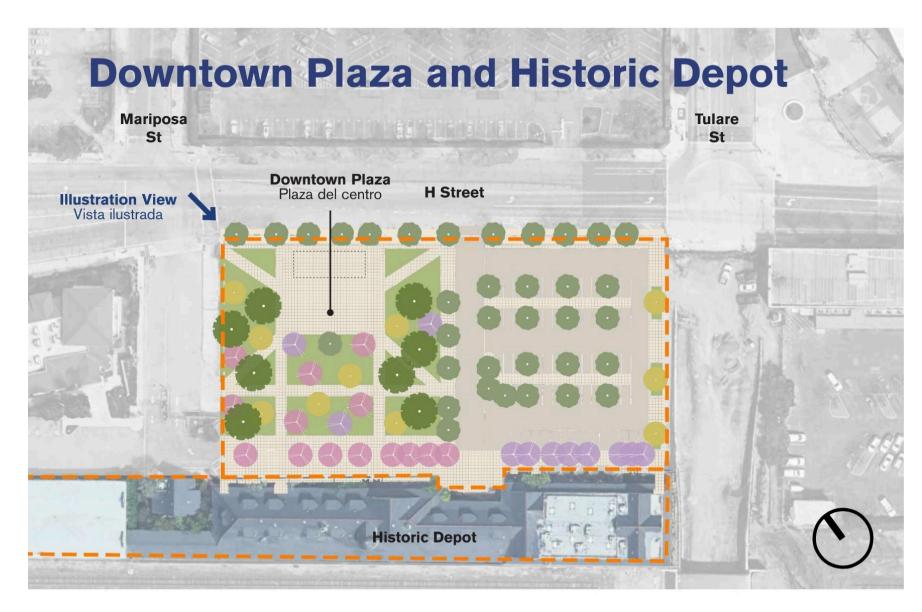


SITE PLAN - Courtesy of Foster+Partners / Arup Joint Venture





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VIEW - Courtesy of Foster+Partners / Arup Joint Venture





SCOPE OF RENOVATION

Site Activation:

- Enhance Space adjacent to Historic Depot
- Restore and Reinforce community connectivity
- Introduce Shade Structures and Tree Canopies
- Improved Stormwater Management
- Introduction of Electric Vehicle Parking

Historic Depot Renovation:

- Seismic Retrofit of Depot Building
- Accessibility Upgrades to exterior walks and interior path of travel new elevator / lift
- Demolish non-historic interior work
- Rehabilitation at Main Waiting Room area, new public restrooms
- Life-safety and New Fire Protection System
- Provide Warm Shell Condition
- Exterior Envelope Repairs for weather-resistance new roofing
- Tracking LEED Gold



SCOPE OF RENOVATION

Passenger Depot

Main Waiting Room (2400 SF):

- Flooring Repairs
- Wood Trim and Wainscotting Repairs
- Marble Baseboard Repairs
- Plaster Ceiling Repairs

Lobby (880 SF)

• New Open Stair and Elevator to second floor

Public Restrooms (170 SF each):

- Womens 3 water closets, 2 lavatories, baby-changing
- Mens 1 water closet, 2 urinals, 2 lavatories, baby-changing
- High/low drinking fountains

Freight Depot

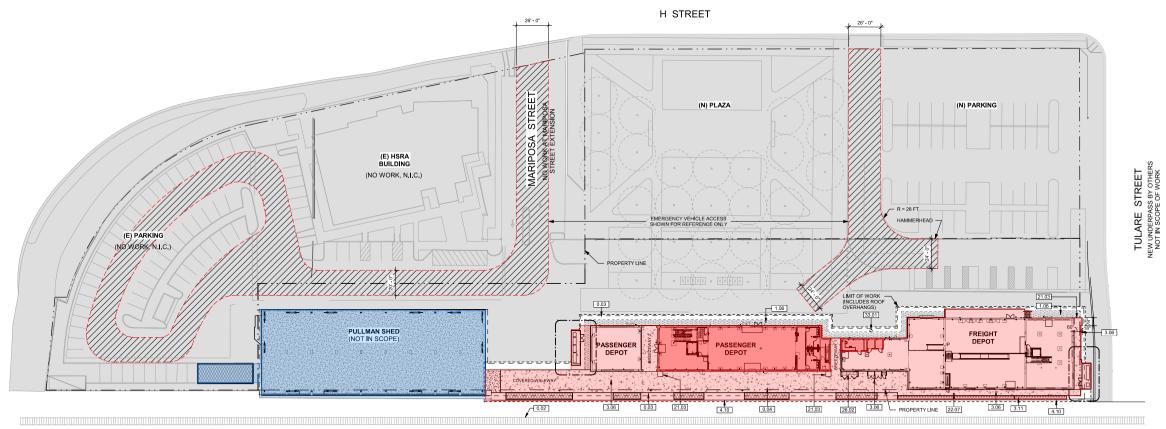
Security Office (175 SF)

New Open Stair and Elevator to second floor



PROPOSED SITE PLAN

FINISHED SPACE, FULL SERVICES
WARM SHELL
OPEN AIR SHED



UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

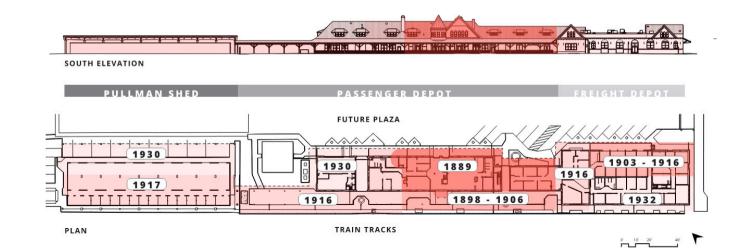




PASSENGER & FREIGHT DEPOTS

PROPOSED ELEVATIONS

- Wood: Repair, replace as needed, repaint
- Gutter: Replace
- Cement Plaster: Patch, repaint
- Wood Windows: Repair, reseal, repaint
- Roofing: Replace
- Chimneys: Rebuild





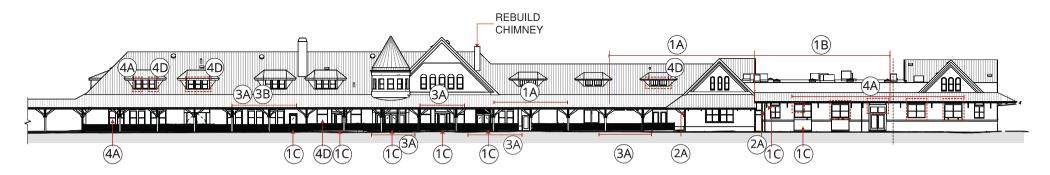
LEGEND

1889

1898 - 1906

1930 - 1932

NORTH ELEVATION



SOUTH ELEVATION



ROOF

ROOFING & RIDGE TILES

- Existing roof is asphalt shingle. Original roof was slate.
- Replacement asphalt shingles with LEED compliant "cool roof" features
- Existing historic ridge tiles and finials to be maintained and replaced if damaged.
- Several styles of ridge tile and finial are present
 - Ridge tiles are primarily clay
 - Some ridge tiles appear to be painted concrete replicas



Existing elevation with dark gray roofing



Painted cement plaster



Charcoal colored asphalt shingle Existing ridge tiles and finials

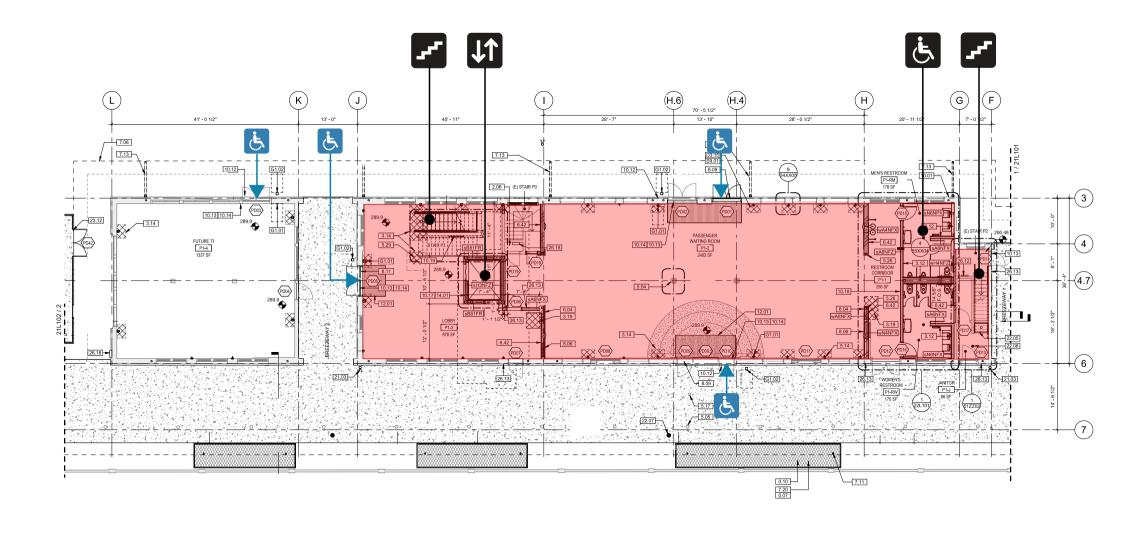




Replacement material: Ludowici Ridge Tile 206

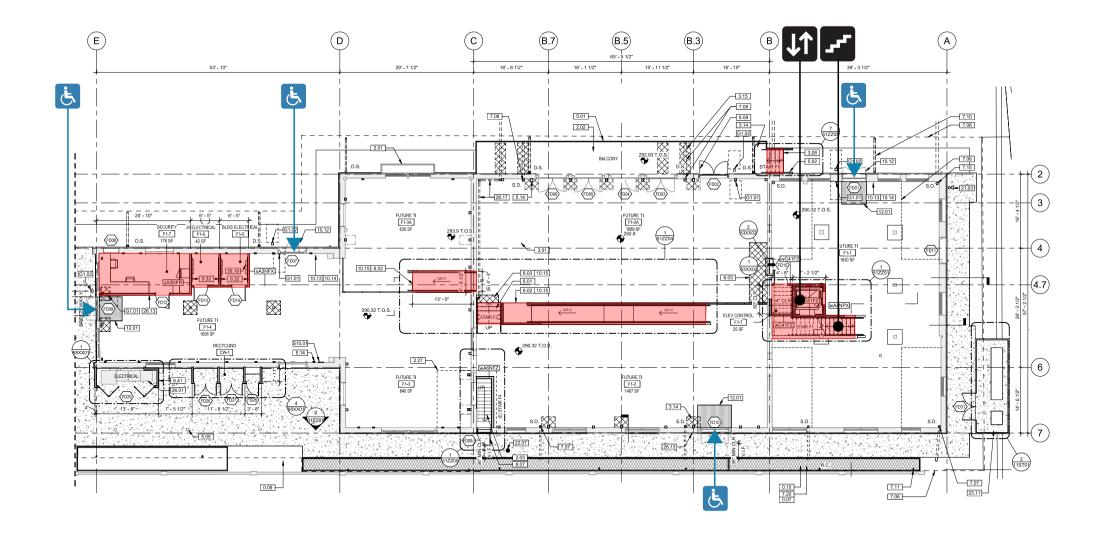


PASSENGER DEPOT - FIRST FLOOR





FREIGHT DEPOT - FIRST FLOOR

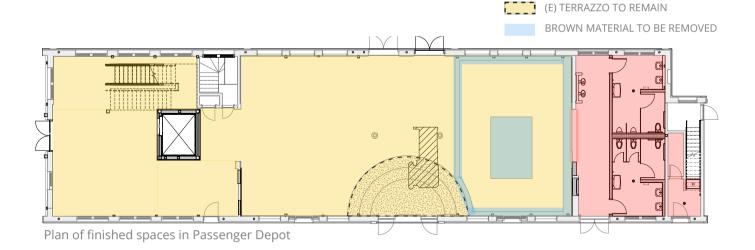




PASSENGER DEPOT

FLOOR FINISH OVERVIEW

- Historic hexagon porcelain tile believed to date ca. 1916
- Brown material to be removed and patched.
- Terrazzo floor area at south doors to remain.
- Existing non-historic tile, occurring at areas that will become the restrooms and corridor, to be removed and replaced with new tile.
- New tile at the corridor should be visually compatible with existing finishes at the Passenger Waiting Room.





Passenger Waiting Room existing conditions

Left - Historic Tile, to be restored

Center - Brown Material. Remove and patch to match historic.

Right - Non-historic tile. Remove and replace with new tile.



Historic mosaic pattern with border



NEW TILE

HISTORIC TILE RESTORATION

Existing Terrazzo floor (semicircle shape) at south doors



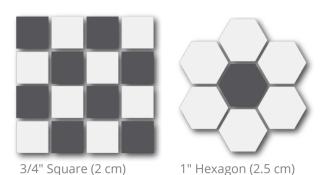
PASSSENGER WAITING ROOM

HISTORIC TILE FLOOR RESTORATION

• Damaged areas to be patched and repaired with matching porcelain tile to extent feasible

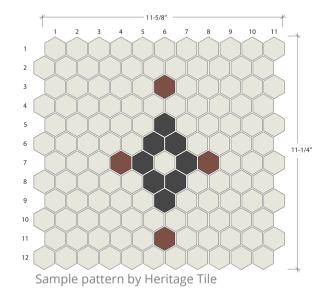
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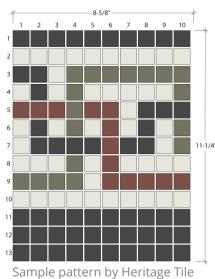
Heritage Tile unglazed color-through porcelain or approved equal

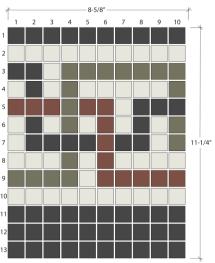




*Color match to be confirmed

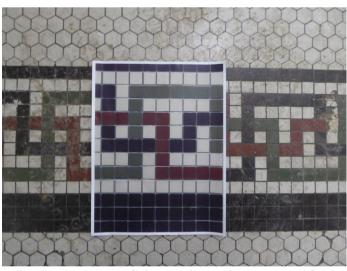








Full scale photocopy of tile sample overlaid on actual floor



Full scale photocopy of tile sample overlaid on actual floor



PASSENGER WAITING ROOM

WOOD TRIM AND WAINSCOTING, MARBLE BASEBOARD

- Repair damage to existing crown trim, opening trim, wainscoting, and window trim
- Reproduce missing wainscoting at east and west walls
- Clean, repair and infill marble baseboard



North wall with extensive existing wood trim



Opening trim at east wall



Example of area likely to require repairs after demo





Minwax "Red Chestnut"



Tennesee Pink Marble Baseboard



Wainscoting



Example of existing damage at wainscoting



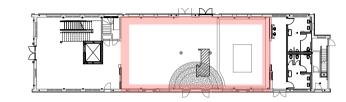
Trim at windows



PASSENGER WAITING ROOM

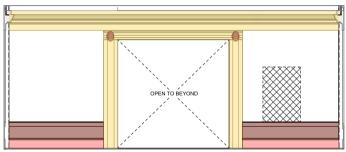
WOOD TRIM AND WAINSCOTING

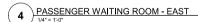
- Repair damage to existing crown trim, opening trim, wainscoting, and window trim
- Maintain existing wood stain, match stain color at repair material
- Reproduce missing wainscoting at east and west walls, approx. 30 linear ft
- Repair and replace missing sections of marble baseboard

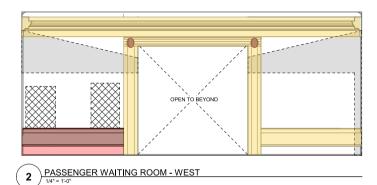


Key Plan - Ceiling





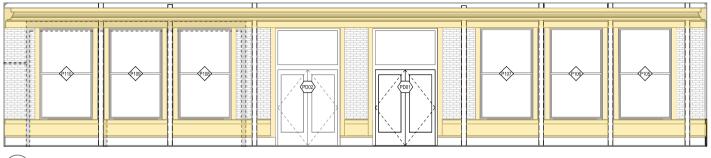








3 PASSENGER WAITING ROOM - SOUTH



1 PASSENGER WAITING ROOM - NORTH



PASSENGER WAITING ROOM

PLASTER CEILING

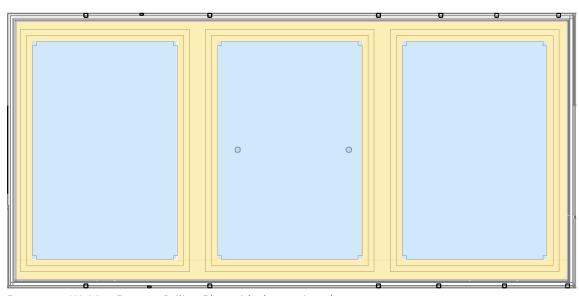
Key Plan - Ceiling

HISTORIC PLASTER & WOOD TO MAINTAIN ACOUSTIC TEXTURE TO DEMOLISH

- Maintain historic plaster ornament, reconstruct if necessary for structural work
- Maintain historic ceiling cove, reconstruct if necessary for structural work
- Demolish acoustic texture and replace with smooth finish



Existing plaster ceiling ornament with wood trim elements and non-historic acoustic texture

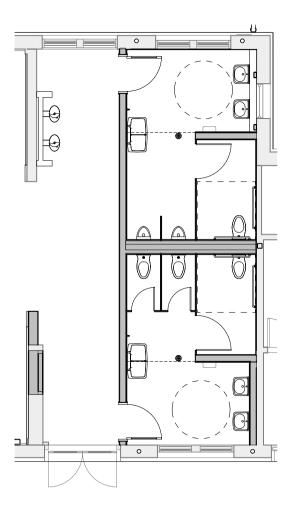


Passenger Waiting Room - Ceiling Plan with decorative plaster

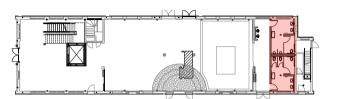


PUBLIC RESTROOMS

TILE FINISHES

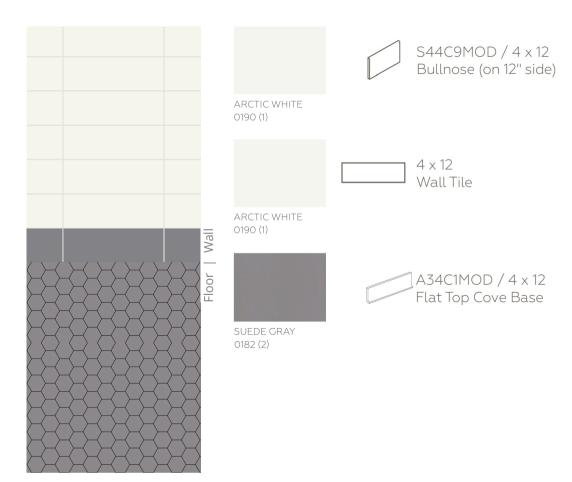


Enlarged Plan - entry and exit to south covered walkway



Key Plan - Restrooms

Wall and Floor Tile



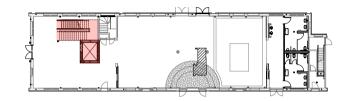
2" Hexagon Tile

Daltile Color Wheel Linear ceramic tile



LOBBY

ELEVATOR AND STAIR FINISHES

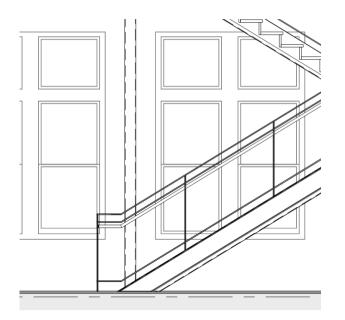


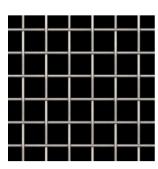
Key Plan - New Elevator and Stair





- Kone Monospace 300 DX
- Traction elevator with control room at level 2, side opening
- Brushed stainless and wood laminate panel interior





- Painted steel stringer with stained wood treads and plate steel risers
- Painted guard rail and hand rail
- Painted steel wire mesh infill panels



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UPDATE

- Described proposed scope of interior, exterior, and site work for:
 - Passenger Depot
 - Freight Depot
 - Pullman Shed
- Prepared SOIS of Rehabilitation analysis
- Included siteline diagrams for potential rooftop solar panels



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UPDATE - FEDERAL CONSULTATION

SECTION 106 REVIEW

- March 2025 HSR submitted a Finding of Effect (FOE) Addendum to SHPO for review.
- June 16, 2025 SHPO concurrence letter received.
 - SHPO concurred with The Authority that the project <u>will not</u> adversely affect historic properties because it is designed in conformance with the SOIS for Rehabilitation and, in accordance with PA Stipulation VII.A.

Continuing consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), in accordance with the Second Amendment to the Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Railroad Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California High-Speed Rail Authority Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as it Pertains to the California High-Speed Train Project (PA), as amended July 23, 2024.



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UPDATE - STATE AGENCY CONSULTATION

PRC §5024 and §5024.5 REVIEW

- April 3 and May 22, 2025 HSR submitted review materials to SHPO.
- June 16, 2025 SHPO concurrence letter received.
 - SHPO concurred that the Project is in conformance with the SOIS for Rehabilitation and would not adversely affect the historic, master-listed resource, the Fresno Southern Pacific Railroad Depot and assumed NRHP eligible Pullman Shed.



Thank you

