















# Chicago Union Station

Chicago, Illinois, USA

Designed by Graham, Anderson, Probst & White, Chicago Union Station is one of the last grand American railroad stations. When it opened in 1925 it was considered an outstanding achievement in railroad facility planning. The limestone-clad structure has an austere Neoclassical exterior with a massive colonnade on the east side. The interior features a Beaux Arts-style Great Hall, a marble-sheathed waiting room enclosed by colossal fluted Corinthian columns with gilded capitals.

GP has designed several renovations and restorations of this historic structure, including the replacement of the famous marble staircases leading from the Great Hall, renovation and expansion of Amtrak's first-class lounge, the restoration of the former Women's Lounge as the new Burlington Room special events space, and the restoration of the Great Hall Skylight, as well as the ornamental plaster and historic paint finishes within the Great Hall itself.

## Project Data

### SIZE

600,000 sf total

### FEATURES

Renovation:  
Building systems / new HVAC  
Elevators

Interior restoration  
Windows

### Historic Context:

Graham, Anderson, Probst & White circa 1925

### CLIENTS

Amtrak  
Chicago Union Station Company

## Recognition & News

### RECOGNITION

2021 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award for Restoration – Landmarks Illinois

2021 Chicago Landmark Award for Preservation Excellence, Chicago Union Station/500 West Jackson Boulevard – City of Chicago Commission on Chicago Landmarks

2021 Divine Detail Award, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Skylight – American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter

2021 Best Renovation/Retrofit, Chicago Union Station Clinton Street Improvements – Structural Engineers Association of Illinois

2020 Crombie Taylor Award for Preservation and Restoration, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – American Institute of Architects, Illinois Chapter

2020 Acanthus Award of Arete – Institute of Classical Architecture & Art Chicago-Midwest Chapter (ICAA Chicago-Midwest)

2020 Winner, Interior Architectural Illumination, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – LIT Lighting Design Awards

2019 Interior Architecture Award – American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter

2019 Overall Transformation of the Year, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – GlobeSt Real Estate Forum Magazine

2019 Silver Reconstruction Award, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – Building Design & Construction Magazine

2019 Best Project, Government/Public Building, Chicago Union Station Great Hall Restoration – ENR

Midwest Magazine

2019 Best Preservation Project  
Station Great Hall Restoration – Structural Engineers  
Association of Illinois

2019 Metamorphosis Award, Whole Building, Chicago  
Union Station Great Hall Restoration – Retrofit  
Magazine

2019 Finalist, Merit Award for Renovation & Adaptive  
Reuse Over \$10 Million, Chicago Union Station Great  
Hall Restoration – Chicago Building Congress

2017 Best Revival – Friends of Downtown

2017 Interior Architecture Award, The Burlington Room  
– American Institute of Architects, Chicago Chapter

#### NEWS

Chicago Union Station Wins Driehaus Foundation  
Preservation Award

GP's Chicago Union Station Restoration Wins the  
Crombie Taylor Award

Goettsch Partners Wins Two AIA Chicago Design  
Awards

GP Completes Restoration of Chicago's Historic Union  
Station Great Hall

The Burlington Room at Chicago Union Station Wins  
AIA Chicago Interior Architecture Award

LondonHouse Chicago and Union Station Highlighted  
in Chicago Tribune Yearend Roundup