



## Revitalizing Linden Train Station: Restoring an Iconic Landmark with Durability and Charm

Discover how Linden Train Station was revitalized to preserve its historic charm while enhancing safety and durability for the future.

**Architect:**

SMBW Architect

**General Contractor:**

Taylor and Parish, Inc.

**Owner:**

City of Richmond Department  
of General Services

**Product:**

8" x 8" x 4" Clarity Thickset 90  
Impact Glass Block

### Opportunity

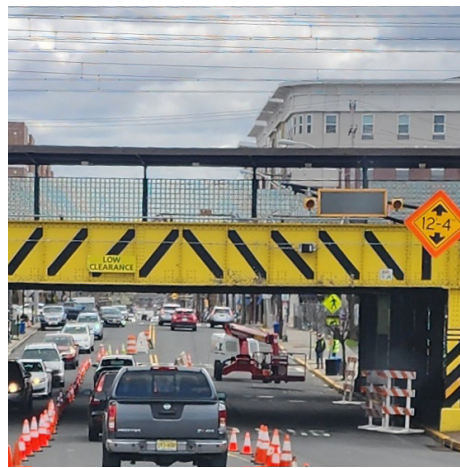
The City of Linden aimed to revitalize the historic Linden Train Station, which had long been a central part of the community's transportation infrastructure. One of the station's most iconic features was its glass block windscreens that lined the platform, providing both protection from the elements and a unique aesthetic. However, over the years, the glass blocks had suffered significant damage due to weather exposure and frequent impacts from city trucks and other equipment. The city wanted to preserve the historical charm of these glass blocks while addressing the safety and durability concerns that arose from their deterioration. The goal was to replace the damaged sections with high-quality, resilient materials that would maintain the station's visual appeal, enhance its safety, and ensure long-term durability for years

to come—all without disrupting the critical daily operations of the busy train station.

## Solution

GBA Architectural Products was brought in to lead the restoration. The team recommended using thicker glass blocks and reinforcing the structure with new steel beams to ensure resilience against potential impacts. They worked closely with NJ Transit and Amtrak to ensure the project did not disrupt services, prioritizing safety and efficiency throughout. Despite challenges like weather delays and holiday interruptions, GBA completed the project within the agreed timeline, maintaining open communication and collaboration with all stakeholders.

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## Outcome

The revitalized glass block windcreens not only restored the station's iconic look but also provided long-lasting durability. The station now offers a safer and more visually appealing environment for commuters, reflecting the successful collaboration between the City of Linden, GBA, and other partners. The project is a testament to the power of teamwork, resulting in a revitalized community landmark that enhances both the station's functionality and the pride of the local community.



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