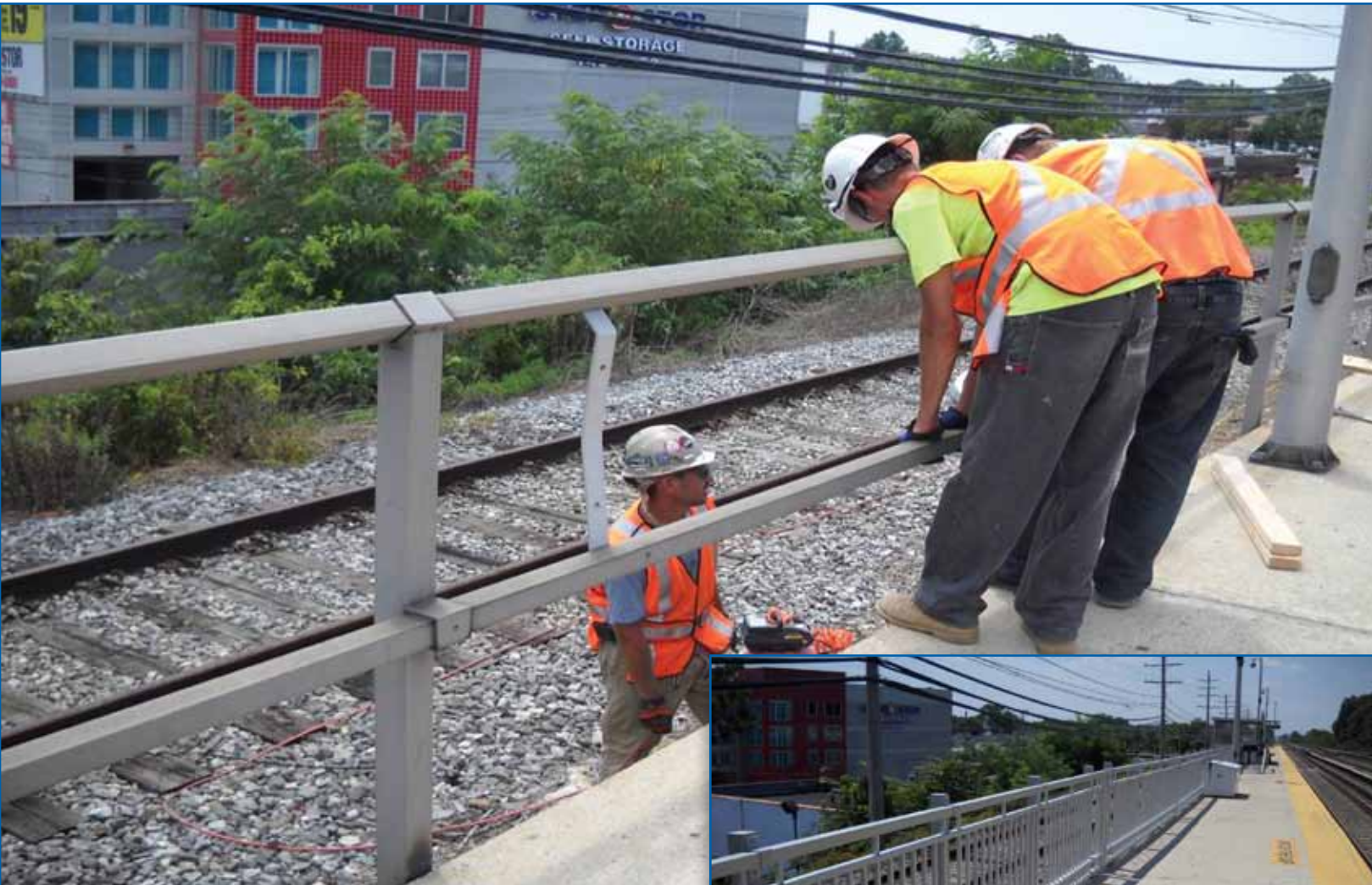


Queens Village Station

Riggs Construction Renovates Long Island Rail Road Station



Riggs Construction at work installing platform railing for the LIRR's Queens Village Station.

OVER THE TERM OF THE LIRR STATION PROJECT, SEVEN JOBS WERE CREATED OR MAINTAINED.



Pre-construction railings.



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Riggs Construction Co., Inc. was awarded the Long Island Rail Road Platform Handrail Replacement project at Queens Village Station, the first project awarded by the LIRR in the SBMP. The project specifications called for removal and replacement of the existing platform railings over a very busy roadway and had a contract value of \$381,726. Their bid was below the engineer's estimate.

The project progressed almost seamlessly. The most challenging aspect was getting the shop drawings for the

railings approved. The Construction Manager facilitated meetings, following up with the design engineers and coordinating with the LIRR engineers. According to Michael C. DeRiggs, the firm's President, "This project reinforced my knowledge of producing shop drawings expeditiously."

It was critical to obtain approval of the shop-drawings to be able to fabricate the sample rail for the LIRR approval prior to fabrication of the entire rails in order to maintain the scheduled completion date. The LIRR team was extremely helpful at all stages of this project including the submittal process, providing site support services, providing the contractor with onsite storage in the station building, coordinating all efforts with the NYC Department of Transportation, providing parking spaces for the contractors' trailers and coordinating permits with other agencies. "It was great to work with all of the very professional and facilitative MTA team members," says DeRiggs. "It was a team that produced this successful project."

The project also had challenging safety issues, with trains moving at 80 miles per hour. Flag persons and other safety professionals supported the challenging overhead handrail installation that went over the busy Springfield Boulevard intersection. Effective coordination with the NYC Department of Transportation, which closed off two lanes at a time, especially during morning rush hour, was critical to maintaining the project's schedule.

Construction commenced on July 14, 2011 and was completed as per the schedule on September 21, 2011.

ABOUT RIGGS CONSTRUCTION

Riggs Construction was founded in 1992 by Michael C. DeRiggs, who began his career in construction with the architectural firm of I M Pei in their shop drawings department. He has also worked with numerous construction firms, including HRH, Herbert Construction, AJ Contracting and York Hunter, among others. DeRiggs holds a degree in Construction Technology and is a licensed Site Safety Manager. The firm is a certified Minority Business Enterprise with New York State, New York City, New York City School Construction Authority and DASNY. Riggs provides full service general contracting services, with roofing and masonry as its specialty trades.

The construction team includes highly skilled and knowledgeable managers each having more than 20 years of experience in the industry. Riggs is equipped to handle all types of construction including new construction as well as alterations, renovations and additions to existing structures. The firm also maintains a licensed Site Safety Manager on its team. Riggs' clients include public agencies and non-profits, banks and several private sector organizations.