

Ridgewood Station Clocktower (Concept)

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Ridgewood Station is an historic one-story structure nestled in the middle of this suburban New Jersey town. Ridgewood reached out to NJ TRANSIT for suggestions on how it might better identify the station site from different locations in the city grid. Mindful of the historical setting and delicate architecture of the surroundings, CESAR VERGARA conceptualized a clock tower that could safely be constructed between the northbound and southbound tracks, as the track centers in the stations proximity widen to envelope the station on both sides.

The concept calls for a 50-foot clock tower constructed of two copper-clad beams that converge in a gracious top centered by the clock. The clock face called for a dimly lit back surface.

The goal was to create a station icon consistent with the original design of the station.

