Project Update - January 2009

KING STREET STATION
restoration project

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and its contractor, Biwell Construction, are making a series of exterior building improvements to the landmark station that include replacing the existing roof, installing a new drainage system, repairing the four station clocks and removing the tower's microwave antenna. This work will be substantially completed in March 2009.

PROGRESS REPORT

- ☑ Repaired the station's neon "King Street Station" sign
- ☑ Installed new catwalk system in the station's attic for future maintenance
- ☑ Installed more than 80% of new ceramic roof tiles
- ☑ Removed all four station clock arms to be refinished (see photo)
- ☑ Removed the tower's 45' antenna and two microwave dishes
- ☑ Completed removal of existing roof tiles
- ☑ Completed asbestos abatement in select areas of the station
- ☑ Installed water proofing and structural decking on station roof
- ☑ Completed debris removal and clean-up of station attic and tower

RESTORATION GOALS

- Restore station's historic character
- Make seismic & structural upgrades
- Incorporate sustainable design elements
- Create a major transportation hub

UPCOMING WORK *Please note that some of this work is weather dependent.*

- ☐ Continue installation of new ceramic roof tiles on station's main roof
- ☐ Continue repairs to station clocks including replacing broken glass on clock faces, painting numbers, refinishing clock arms and restoring the neon lit bezel.
  NOTE: The four station clocks will be out of operation to accommodate this work.
- ☐ Continue with repairs to tower's terra cotta glass tile roof
- ☐ Clean brick and terra cotta between 10th and 12th floor of the clock tower
- ☐ Continue installation of new roof gutter systems and copper flashing, and make drainage improvements
- ☐ Install new exterior station lighting to station tower and new interior clock lighting
- ☐ Install new parapet cap similar to the original

DID YOU KNOW?

On May 10, 1906 King Street Station opened to passenger service and was regarded as one of the finest station depots in the United States.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Some temporary parking restrictions and additional truck traffic will occur. Expect moderate noise and dust. Normal work hours will be 7 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. weekdays, with occasional night-time and weekend work. Access to and from King Street Station will be maintained at all times. The project team is committed to working with the community to minimize construction impacts.

Please share this update with anyone who you think might be interested in the restoration of King Street Station.
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http://seattle.gov/transportation/kingstreet.htm