

KING STREET STATION RESTORATION PROJECT

NEW ERA FOR HISTORIC KING STREET STATION AND TRAIN TRAVEL IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.

► For over one hundred years, King Street Station has served as a gateway for millions of train travelers coming into Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. It has connected our region to the rest of the country, spurred economic growth, and helped establish Seattle as a major metropolitan city. Unfortunately, the station has fallen into disrepair and has been unable to keep up with the demands of a growing number of commuters and travelers.

In February 2008, the city of Seattle purchased the landmark building from Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is working with the community and its transportation partners to restore King Street Station to its former prominence and establish it as a modern transportation hub.



The city of Seattle's \$26.5 million restoration of King Street Station will:

- Restore the building's historic character and grandeur
- Upgrade facilities to meet present and future needs of rail and transit users
- Enhance passenger safety and security
- Promote sustainable design with a LEED Silver building certification
- Support efforts to transform the station into a modern transportation hub



Ten million dollars to fund the restoration of King Street Station were provided by the Bridging the Gap transportation initiative, approved by Seattle voters in 2006. Thanks to our federal, state and local partners who have contributed \$16.5 million.

Increasing rail use



With the high cost of gasoline and expanding commuter and intercity rail service, King Street Station has experienced a resurgence, now serving over 2.7 million passengers annually.

Possible restaurant and shops

A new plaza could attract people and new businesses.

Jackson St. Plaza

Presently inhospitable and underutilized, this area will be transformed into a vibrant pedestrian plaza that connects the station to Pioneer Square, Chinatown/International District and the Downtown Transit Tunnel.

Improved pedestrian access



Proposed streetcar Could provide more access.

Awnings and ornaments

To be replaced and restored.

Grand staircase

Currently closed to the public, this staircase will be restored to its original open air grandeur, improving access to and from the station.



1950's: Increasing popularity of air travel leads to elimination of many passenger rail lines.

1960's: Station undergoes full "modernization" that includes installation of the suspended ceiling and removal of many historic finishes.



1971: Amtrak starts passenger service.

2000: Sounder commuter rail begins service.

2006: King Street Station celebrates 100 years of passenger service.

2008: City of Seattle purchases the station from BNSF Railway for \$10.



For more information or to sign up for regular electronic updates, please visit SDOT's website at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/kingstreet.htm>.

Remove: Microwave dishes on tower.

Restore: Glass tiles on tower.

New station roof

Terra-cotta roof tiles, replicating the original, will be used to replace the station's leaking roof.



2nd and 3rd floors

Currently vacant and dilapidated, these floors could become commercial space. Most rooms still have spectacular views of the city.

New ticket office

Expanded waiting room

Current ticket office

Will be relocated.

Main waiting room

Original highback wood benches were recently restored.



Restore original ceiling

Low ceiling tiles will be removed to reveal the restored original ornate high ceiling.

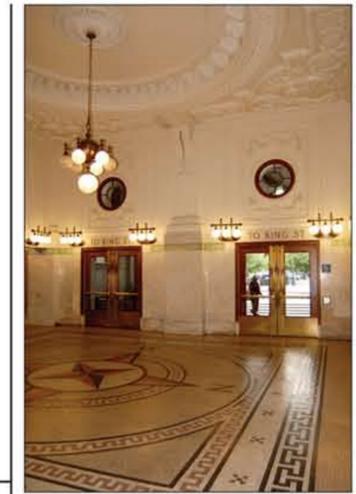


Waiting room

Historically known as the "women's waiting room," this area will be restored and may be the future location for a coffee shop or restaurant.



Compass Room



Tower clocks

With the help of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, the city of Seattle repaired the four clocks on the building's signature tower. For the first time in over a decade, Seattleites can once again set their watches by the station's 14-foot diameter clocks, whose 245-foot tower was modeled after the San Marco bell tower of Venice, Italy. There will be improved illumination behind and around the clocks.

“ We are saving an important part of Seattle's soul. By restoring the station's faded beauty and bringing together long distance rail, commuter rail, streetcars and bus service, we are connecting our transportation past with our transportation future. ”

— MAYOR NICKELS

CHRONOLOGY

1893: Great Northern Railway requests a franchise to locate new passenger terminal south of Seattle's commercial district.

1904: Construction of King Street Station begins. Design is by Reed & Stern, architects of New York's Grand Central Terminal.

May 10, 1906: Station opens to public. Local reports call it "one of the finest passenger depots in the U.S., if not the world."

1920: Rail travel reaches historic high of 1.3 billion passenger trips.

1920's: Decline in rail travel due to increased auto ownership and a developing highway system.

World War II boosts King Street Station use to all-time high.

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THE FUTURE

