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NEW ERA FOR KING STREET STATION

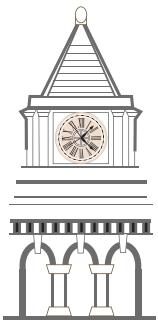
Under city ownership, King Street Station will undergo a \$26.5 million renovation to:



- 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 transit hub

"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 Greg Nickels



KING STREET

For over one hundred years King Street Station has served as a gateway for millions of 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.

Restoring King Street Station's prominence and establishing it as a modern transportation hub for the next one hundred years is one of Mayor Nickels' priority projects.

Earlier this year, the City of Seattle purchased the landmark building from Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has taken the lead in working with the community and our transportation partners to restore the station.

RESTORATION OF KING STREET STATION IS UNDERWAY

In less than six months under city ownership the historic facility's revival has already begun. The neon "King Street Station" sign above Jackson Street Plaza has been illuminated, broken windows have been replaced, and the four clocks on the building's signature tower will soon be repaired. For the first time in over a decade, Seattleites will once again be able to set their watches by the King Street Station clock, whose 242-foot tower was modeled after the San Marco bell tower of Venice, Italy.

Next up is the station's roof. Work will begin this summer to replace the existing roof with one made of terra cotta tile, replicating the original. The tower's microwave dish will also be removed, clock tower windows will be replaced or refurbished, and the lighting around the four station clocks will be restored. This work is scheduled to be completed by first quarter 2009. Interior finishes and the lobby's original ornate ceiling will then be restored, and seismic upgrades will be undertaken. This work is anticipated to be complete by 2011.

Please note: Interior restoration of the station's second and third floors has yet to be designed and funded.

During roof replacement parking restrictions will be necessary and the work will generate moderate noise and dust. Normal work hours will be 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays, with occasional night time and weekend work. Area residents and businesses will receive regular notice of construction activity with more location-specific information as the project proceeds. Access to Sounder Commuter Rail and Amtrak Trains will be maintained.

For more information or to sign up for regular electronic updates, please visit SDOT's website at:
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