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King Street Station Renovation

King Street Station in downtown Seattle is the busiest train station in the Pacific Northwest, serving nearly a half-million Amtrak Cascades passengers in 2010. WSDOT, the city of Seattle and the federal government are working to restore and upgrade the busy and historic King Street Station to meet current and future needs of expanding passenger rail service.

Passenger stations are part of the travel experience and effectively act as the gateway to communities served by Amtrak Cascades. These improvements will leave passengers with a lasting positive impression.

Project information

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/rail/kingstreetstationrenovation/>

Cascades High Speed Rail program information

www.wsdot.wa.gov/passengerrail

Train schedules & tickets

www.amtrakcascades.com



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KING STREET STATION RENOVATION

Passenger-train service is experiencing a revival, so, too, is historic King Street Station. A long-overdue restoration project begun in 2008, is steadily proceeding as the station embarks upon its second century of service. The station restoration accentuates the building's original grandeur while adding modern amenities for 21st century travelers.

The station already has undergone nearly \$30 million worth of repairs restoring the interior's elegance, with high ornamental plaster ceilings, white Italian-marble columns, brass light sconces, chandeliers, inlaid mosaic glass tile trim, and a terrazzo and mosaic tile floor.



The details

- A major portion of work beginning in 2012 will strengthen the main building and clock tower to better enable the facility to withstand earthquakes.
- Other work will include the restoration of the main passenger waiting area, new restrooms, and improvements to the King Street entrance to the station.
- Makes modern upgrades to the inner workings of the station including heating and cooling systems, plumbing, wiring, stairs and restrooms.

The benefits

- Improves public safety and prolongs the life of the building by strengthening the building walls and clock tower
- Improves the customer experience at the station, one of the busiest train stations in the Pacific Northwest
- Restores historic features of King Street Station while creating a modernized train station for Amtrak *Cascades*, *Coast Starlight*, and *Empire Builder* customers

The investment

WSDOT, the city of Seattle and many other partners have invested nearly \$30 million in state and federal funds to restore and renovate King Street Station.

Federal High Speed Rail Funds: \$16.7 million

The states of Washington, Oregon along with Amtrak, jointly sponsor Amtrak *Cascades*, a 466 mile regional service that operates between Eugene, Ore. and Vancouver, B.C.

Project Status:

Environmental work Completed

Project design Completed

Project construction Complete: fall 2013



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