Philadelphia 30th Street Station Improvements

West Plaza Renovation
In 2013, crews completed a $30 million Amtrak-funded reconstruction project along the west side of 30th Street Station featuring a redesigned pedestrian plaza and reinforced basement structure. The new plaza has improved vehicle traffic and pedestrian flow around the station, enhanced lighting for better security and visibility, provided safer walking and driving conditions and expanded public parking.

Facade Restoration
Amtrak began Phase I of a $60 million dollar restoration of the exterior facade of 30th Street Station with the installation of a temporary sidewalk canopy system erected around the sides of the building. The full restoration of the station’s exterior including repair of limestone, cleaning of facade, waterproofing and the renewal of the station’s portico doors will cost an estimated $60 million and take two to three years to complete.

Station Signage
Last year, in an effort to enhance the passenger experience, Amtrak in partnership with PennDOT and SEPTA installed more than 100 new signs to the interior and exterior of 30th Street Station. The new signage has dramatically improved wayfinding at 30th Street.

Elevator and Escalator Replacement
Passenger elevators that connect the train platforms with the main concourse are being replaced, along with several elevators that service the employee office towers in the upper floors of the building. In addition, two escalators that provide our customers access to the underground parking garage have been replaced. Phase I of the project has been completed and Phase II is scheduled to start this month. This is a $4 million Amtrak-funded project.

Building Renovation and Refurbishment
Amtrak is advancing plans to renovate the public restrooms in the South Arcade located immediately adjacent to the food and beverage retail area. As these restrooms serve a large proportion of station patrons, the renovation will improve quality, durability and bring them to ADA standards. This is an estimated $900,000 Amtrak-funded project.

Station Retail
Amtrak is working with station retailers to improve operations. Local favorite, Saxbys Coffee has undergone a major renovation to its location in the food and beverage retail area and re-opened in February 2016. The Pizza Hut/Taco Bell space will undergo a renovation bringing the store to the most current design and newest standards and the station expects to introduce a new Philadelphia local tenant “Milkhouse” in the coming months offering grilled cheese sandwiches and hand spun milkshakes. In addition, Amtrak has added two MobileQubes cell phone battery kiosks to the retail area of the station where you can rent a charging Qube and return it or purchase one to keep and use again.

Philadelphia 30th Street Station District Plan
Amtrak and its partners Brandywine Realty Trust, Drexel University, PennDOT, and SEPTA are nearing the completion of the Philadelphia 30th Street Station District Plan, a joint planning effort to develop a vision for the future of the 30th Street Station District in the year 2040 that places 30th Street Station at the epicenter of a dynamic, urban neighborhood full of opportunities for community development, economic growth and improved transportation connections. Once complete, the District Plan will serve as the roadmap for the next 25 years and beyond.

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