

1st railroad town on Puget Sound was Tacoma - 1873

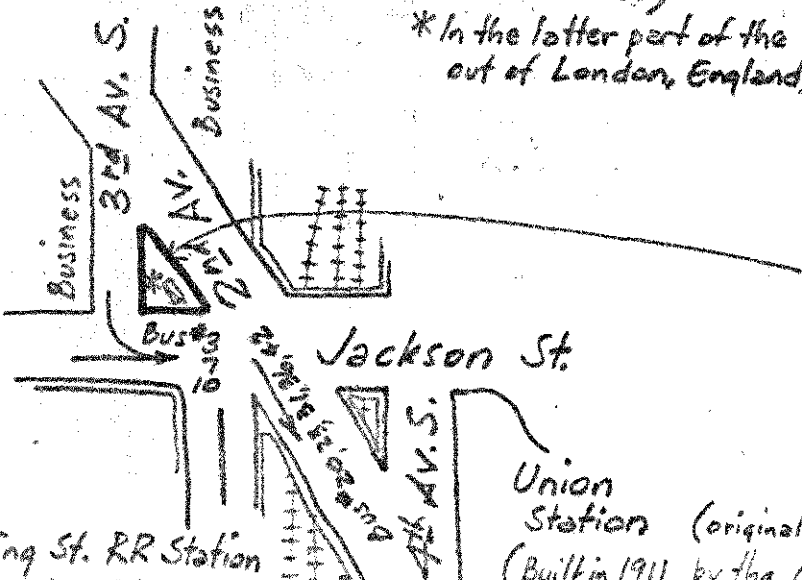
(1st railroad in Seattle was from south end of Lake Union, along valley - Westlake Av. - to coal bunkers @ foot of Pike St. Great Northern^{golden spike} railroad "arrived" in Seattle in 1891,

1st transcontinental line completed in 1869) thru efforts of Judge Thos.

Hill's efforts Burke and James J. Hill, "the Empire Builder," (only man to build trans. RR w/out Fed. \$) also established trade with Japan and China in 1896. Plans for creating a main line railroad along the waterfront were defeated by Hill and City Engineer R.H. Thomson and the 5,142 ft. long tunnel under the city center was built in 1904, for \$2,348,765. The first train station was at the foot of Marion St, replaced by the present stations. Merged in 1970 with other roads to become Burlington Northern, Inc., serving 17 States + Canada = 24,489 mi. system.)

(G.N. Steam Locomotive #1246 + tender [1907-1952] and N.P. Caboose #1313 [1913-1961] are on display in Woodland Park.)

* In the latter part of the 19th C. there was a train running out of London, England, known as The Great Northern Ry.



1600 sq. ft.
Transf. Jurisd. 1929
lawn, Bus-stop shelter
Evergreen tree

King St. RR Station
(built 1906 by Gr. Northern, Northern Pacific, Canadian Pacific & Chicago, Burlington and Quincy RRs. Clock tower designed after Campanile in Venice, 240 ft. high. 51st Historic Honor Award in 1972.)
not Reg. of Hist. Places 1974.

King St. named in 1852 by "Doc" Maynard to honor Wm. Rufus King, ambassador to France, Vice-President in 1853. (King County named for him also by Oregon Legislature in 1853) Maynard also named Jackson St. to honor the 7th President.

Union Station (originally called "Oregon-Washington Pass. Sta.")
(Built in 1911 by the Oregon-Washington RR and Navigation Co. and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways building and trackage cost one million dollars.)*
The diagonal 2nd Ave. was cut thru in 1928, taking out a 7 story building at 3rd & Jackson, leaving a triangular street area, named after transfer: 1930 Annual Rpt. Jackson St., 3rd, 4th + others in this area had been "elevated" as viaducts in 1911. (4th + 6th continued southward on trestles across the reclaimed Duwamish Tidal flats - until 1930's?) [First Gas Co. plant built in 1873 on tide flats on site of Union Station: founded by A.A. Denny + Dexter Horton: used wooden tank + fir log pipes.]
Passenger service "taken over" by the National RR Passenger Corp. ("Amtrak") upon authority by Congress, on May 1, 1971, in an effort to end rising deficits, duplication + to increase revenue by improving conditions. Many trains went out of service including "The Empire Builder".

* Electrification began in 1917 to become the first long distance electrification in No. America + the longest electrified lines in the world. Phased out in 1974.

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