

Columbus Union Station – Chronology

Date	Event	Source	Notes
Feb 27, 1850	C&X reached Columbus	RS/JTD	Columbus & Xenia Railroad – Little Miami line, PRR. It was the first railroad and first Passenger train to Columbus.
Feb 1851	CC&C reached Columbus	RS/JTD	Cleveland Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad – Big Four, NYC.
1851	CUD No. 1 constructed	RS/JTD	Columbus Union Depot
1853	CO reached Columbus	RS/JTD	Central Ohio Railroad (Newark – Columbus) - B&O
1854	C&U reached Columbus	RS/JTD	Columbus & Urbana Railroad - Bradford line, PRR..
1864	S&I	RS/JTD	Steubenville & Indiana Railroad (shared Newark – Columbus track with the CO RR) – Panhandle, PRR.
1868	UD Co. formed	RS/JTD	Union Depot Company was formed to build a new depot.
1872	CC&C complete	RS/JTD	Cleveland Columbus & Cincinnati completed from Columbus – London, Springfield, and Dayton. – Big Four, NYC.
1873	CUD No. 2 started	RS/JTD	Columbus Union Depot No. 2 construction started
Feb 14, 1875	CUD No. 2 complete	RS/JTD	Columbus Union Depot No.2 completed
1875	Tunnel Complete	RS/JTD	The High Street tunnel under the depot tracks was completed.
1891	Traffic count study	RS/JTD	High Street crossing of depot tracks, 24-hour traffic count – 233 trains, 2180 railroad cars, and 211 light locomotives crossed High Street. For 7 hours and 25 minutes, the crossing was blocked. 40,035 pedestrians and 7,310 vehicles crossed the tracks.
Sep 1-15 1891	High Street trestle constructed	TS	A wooden trestle was constructed over CUD tracks crossing High Street for the electric streetcars. The electric streetcars were too big for the tunnel.
Sep 14 1891	The last horsecar used the High Street tunnel	TS	The tunnel was abandoned, and the approach track at each end of the tunnel was taken up.
Oct 1892	High Street Trestle removed	TS	The High Street streetcars were rerouted onto Fourth Street, and the trestle was removed.

1893	Planning for CUS No. 3	RS/JTD	Planning started for Columbus Union Station No. 3. The planning included a High Street viaduct over the tracks crossing High Street, an Arcade, and commercial space along High Street.
1895-97	CUS No. 3 under construction	RS/JTD	
1897	CUS No. 3 completed	RS/JTD	
1927-28	Reinforce Viaduct girders	CD 3/1928	Reinforce the High Street viaduct girders and sealed them by spraying Gunitite on all the girders.
May – Dec 1928	1 st phase CUS remodeling	RS/JTD	The entrance to the station was expanded by demolishing the south arch, the pedestrian entrance next to the arch, and the commercial building south of the arch. A second leg was added to the driveway, improving traffic flow.
1930-31	2 nd phase CUS remodeling	RS/JTD	The train shed and bridge over the tracks were removed. A passenger concourse was constructed over the tracks, and an umbrella-type roof was built over the passenger platforms.
1956	42 trains a day at CUS	JTD	
1962	21 trains a day at CUS	JTD	
May 1, 1971	Amtrak starts	Wikipedia	The National Railroad Passenger Corporation, known as Amtrak, starts service.
Oct 1976	Demolition of Arcade	JTD	Demolition of the High Street Arcade started.
Apr 28, 1977	Last passenger train	JTD	The last passenger train departs Union Station. CUS is replaced by the Amshak on Fourth Street.
Sep 30, 1979	Last passenger train	JTD	The last scheduled passenger train through Columbus was abandoned.
1980	Arch reconstructed	JTD	The Union Station Arch was reconstructed in Arch Park between Front Street and Marconi Blvd., south of the original Columbus - Xenia mainline.
Mar 27, 1999	Arch moved – again	JTD	The arch was moved to McFerson Commons facing Nationwide Blvd.

JTD – *Talking the Cars* by Jeffrey T. Darbee, 2003

RS – *Columbus Union Depot 1851 -- 1956* By Rowlee Steiner

TS – *A Review of Documents, The Street Railway Trestle, Columbus, Ohio*, by Terry Sherburn, May 2017

Notes – Under the “notes” column, the railroad's name is followed by a nickname and the lines’ 1950’s name.