Springfield Union Station

Fact Sheet

Restoration Goals

- The Springfield Redevelopment Authority is collaborating with the Massachusetts Historical Commission to facilitate a restoration of the historic Union Station in Springfield, MA.
- Plans call for restoring the station's historic imagery while modernizing its structure to provide a safer, more accessible and environmentally friendly facility.
- There will be strong environmental sustainability benefits in terms of facilitating non-auto travel (bus, rail, bicycle and pedestrian) and constructing an energy efficient Terminal building.
- The project scope involves maintaining and restoring the facade of the existing terminal building and interior renovations to repair or replace original conditions in major public areas such as the main concourse.

Improvements

- The former baggage building was in deteriorated condition and functionally obsolete and was demolished in Dec 2014
- The baggage building will be replaced with an open air bus station and a six story 377 space parking garage for transit passenger's vehicles located at the former Hotel Charles site.
- Renovations are ongoing for the passenger tunnel, as well as the areas along Frank B. Murray street.

Cost & Financing

- The financing for the Union Station project will consist of federal, state and local funds
- Funding sources include FTA Grants, DOT Bus Livability grants, State Transportation Bond Funds, an Off Street parking grant, MassWorks grants Environmental Assessment Grants through MassDevelopment, City of Springfield Bond funds, and a portion of committed funds from the SRA.
- The project is currently underway with construction development plans being finalized

Schedule

- Construction began with early packages in April 2013 with a large environmental effort to abate any and all hazardous materials in the demolished baggage building, Hotel Charles parcel and terminal building.
- It is expected that the Springfield Union Station will be open in the Fall of 2016.

About Union Station

- Springfield's Union Station played a central role in the life of Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley for half a century, and was especially busy during World War II.
- By the mid-1950s, however, transportation, settlement and economic patterns began to change radically as the nation moved from urban to suburban life and transportation shifted from railroads to interstate highways.
- By the late 1970s, Union Station had closed, and it has remained largely vacant until the SRA began development of the site.
- The project has the potential to create 500 - 1000 jobs.