

San Bernardino Santa Fe Depot



1886



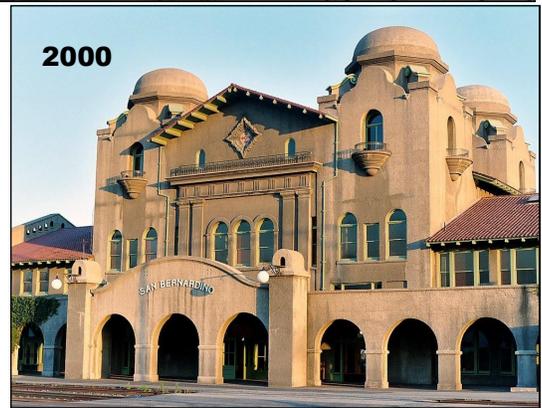
Santa Fe Depot, San Bernardino, California.

1920s

1170 W. Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410

General Facts About the Building and Restoration

- Original Depot was built in 1886; two-story wooden structure.
- New (current) Depot opened in 1918.
- Built in Mission Revival (Spanish) style with Moorish influences at a cost of \$800,000.
- Building was added to National Historic Registry.
- \$15M restoration started in Nov. 2002 and completed spring 2004.
- Restoration improvements included:
 - Completely power-washing building– removing \$1M worth of asbestos, 500 lbs of honey, 30 cubic tons of pigeon droppings and vine removal. Other improvements included new plumbing, ADA improvements, heating/air conditioning system, re-setting the brick arcade, replacing 90% of wooden trim; all repainted, addition of new lighting, new drainage system, new roof and addition of other modern day luxuries.



2000

SANBAG Offices (second floor)

- San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), the transportation planning agency for the county, occupies the second floor of the building.
- SANBAG conference rooms have names that relate to Santa Fe's history:
 - "Super Chief" - luxurious railcar frequented by movie stars and other celebrities
 - "Casa del Desierto" Room (Barstow Depot)
 - "Kelso Room" (Kelso Depot)
 - "El Garces Room" (Needles Depot) ... are among a few names.
- Women's restrooms added; formerly men only.
- Original marble staircase was discovered during restoration, under a black rubber coating. The rubber was removed and the marble was cleaned and polished.

(More facts on back...)



Wes McDaniel Community Room (first floor)

- Named after SANBAG's first executive director, Wes McDaniel. Wes had the vision to restore the Depot to its original position in the community.
- Former baggage room. Passenger baggage was transported from the lobby on carts across this room, weighed on the scale and loaded onto the trains. Freight was wheeled from front of Depot.
- Brick flooring had shifted in height – as much as 5” difference in elevation – over the years, mostly due to trains rumbling past. Floor had to be completely reset by hand, a process that took about three weeks.
- Railroad tracks are located around the columns to protect it from freight carts, cargo and luggage.
- This area is now home to the San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society Railroad Museum.

Main Lobby (first floor)

- Former waiting room
- Floor tiles completely cleaned and polished
- Wall tiles repaired and replaced (had to send samples to San Francisco and Arkansas for professional matching)
- Rewired lighting to meet current electrical standards
- Repaired column capitals and coffered ceilings (hand-carved to match the original building)
- Repainted walls
- Restrooms – original marble stalls. Historic graffiti left in men's restroom. Men's restroom has a smoking area; ladies' has a waiting area
- Fire detection system and ceiling sprinklers installed
- Security system installed
- Former Amtrak ticket counter.
- Currently, SANBAG occupies the entire second floor. The first floor is occupied by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA/Metrolink), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the San Bernardino Historical Society and Railroad Museum, and “Whistle Stop” Snack Bar and Coffee Shop.