

# Pacific Central Station – Vancouver, British Columbia



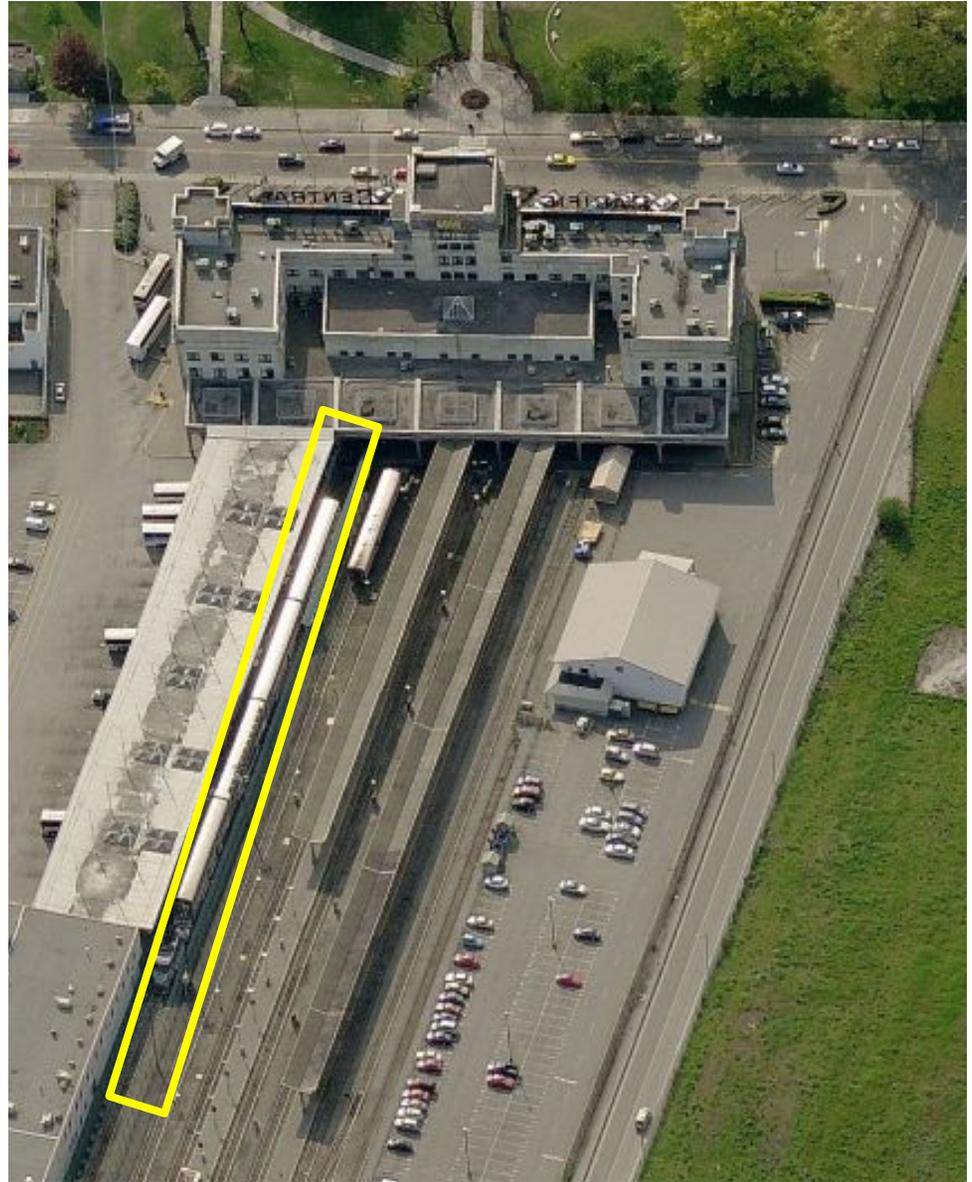
## Amtrak Cascades in British Columbia

- The major cities of the Pacific Northwest continue to attract new residents and businesses; Vancouver is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada
- To meet regional transportation demand, WSDOT and Amtrak re-started rail service to Vancouver, B.C. in 1995
- Now offering two daily roundtrips between Seattle/Portland and Vancouver, B.C.
- Total on-offs at Vancouver's Pacific Central Station in 2015: 151,000
- Amtrak Cascades passengers spend \$11 million in British Columbia each year
- **No stops between Vancouver, B.C and Bellingham, WA**

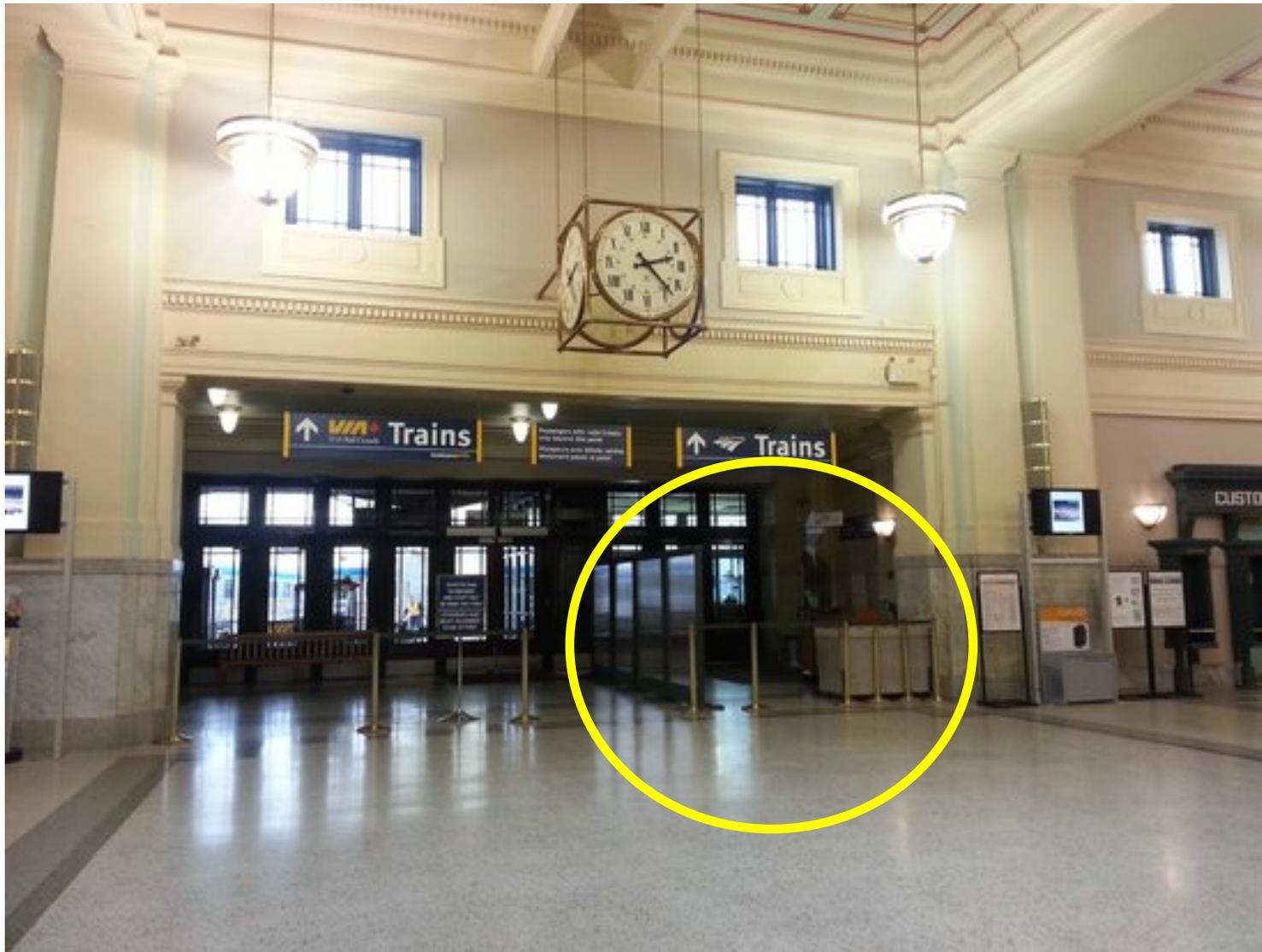


## Cascades Operations at PCS

- Station serves same function as an international border crossing –but 53 km (or 33 miles) off the border
- Trains secured in locked cage while at PCS (yellow box in photo)
- All screening of inbound passengers by CBSA agents occurs at the station; nothing at the border
- U.S. CBP agents do a pre-inspection of passengers at PCS and a secondary inspection at the border (Blaine, WA)
- Pre-clearance will eliminate the second inspection and Cascades trains will cross border at 80 kph (50 mph)



*Aerial of Pacific Central Station – Vancouver, B.C.*



*Location of shared U.S. CBP and CBSA inspection facility within Pacific Central Station*



*U.S. CBP and CBSA officers pose with awards presented by WSDOT, ODOT and Amtrak for 20 years of safe operations at Pacific Central Station – October 21, 2015*

## Key Points for the EBTC

- Pacific Central Station is the only rail station in North America where the Canadian and U.S. border security agents share the same work space
- Amtrak's point person worked closely with both U.S. CBP and CBSA to modify the historic facility to meet the needs of both
- Upgrades included secure data lines and servers
- Since upgrades to the station have already been made with input from both security agencies, WSDOT is not expecting that major modifications will be necessary for pre-clearance implementation at PCS
- Travel times between cities directly impacts ridership; pre-clearance will reduce Seattle/ Vancouver B.C. by 10 minutes and help improve on-time performance; **this is the key outcome for WSDOT, ODOT, and Amtrak**

