

The (secret) station... ready and waiting

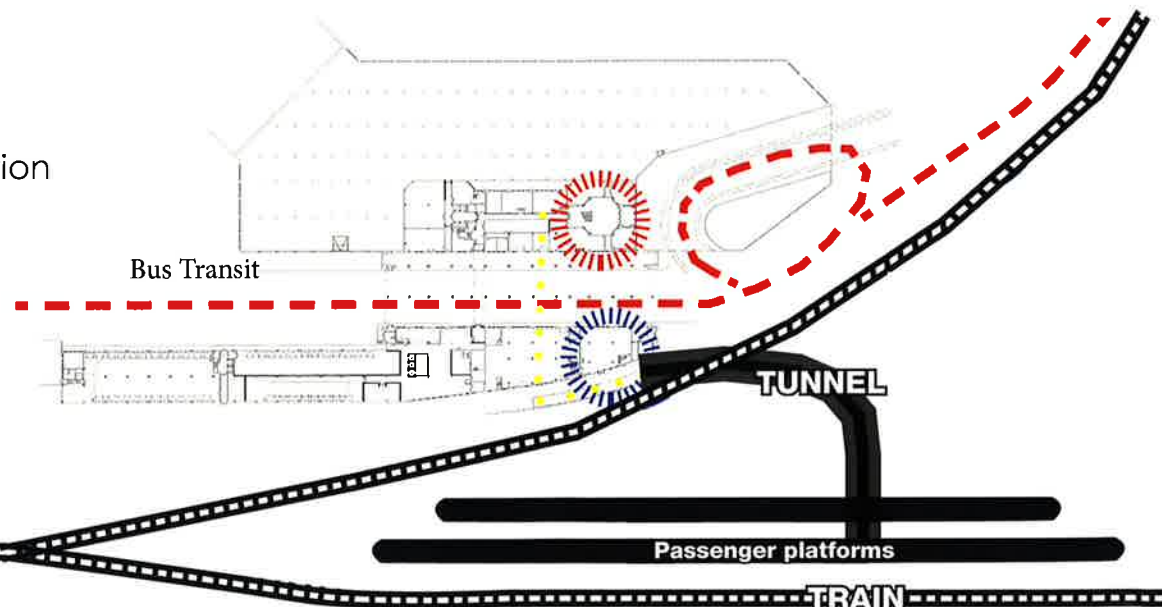
...but unused and unseen for 88 years, an extra lobby exists beneath the main concourse.

Why?

It was constructed originally in 1929 for streetcar service to downtown. The Maggadino family, who controlled the local taxi company (amongst other business ventures of varying legality....) did not appreciate the potential competition and 'suggested' to the railway corporation that mothballing the trolley station would be in the interests of labour peace.



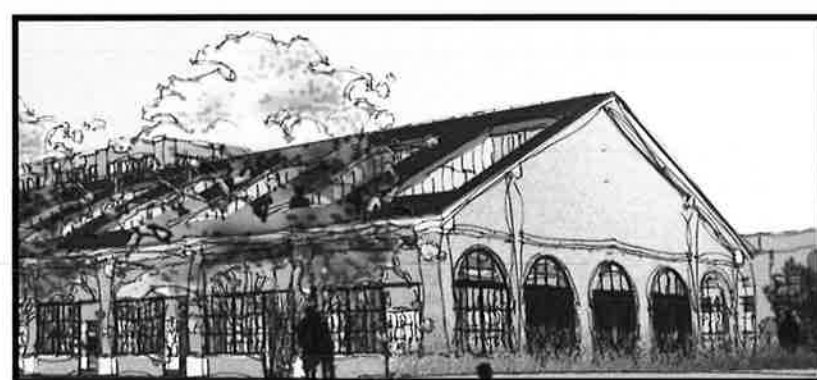
The passenger platforms are still in place beside the AMTRAK rails, and connected to the station by a grand tunnel formerly used for wagons that carried baggage to the trains.



Why Buffalo Central Terminal



is a fundamental element of a revitalized railway system (including downtown service).



sands of people will live, work, shop, attend events and stay at the hotel in the new Buffalo Central Community being constructed.



1. **COST EFFECTIVE:** Everything is already in place. Station, platforms, ticket counters and parking already exist: no need to build, re-route or expand.
2. **INSPIRING:** Revive the appeal of rail travel. Just walking into Manhattan's Grand Central (same architects) makes you want to get on a train!
3. **EFFICIENT:** The right location. There is room for an integrated transportation hub, rail, bus, even a connection to the airport.
4. **CUSTOMERS:** The complete redevelopment of the terminal and adjacent lands will include approximately 200,000 sq ft of office space, 166,000 of event space accommodating 10,000 guests simultaneously, 200 suite hotel, and 30,000 sq ft of commercial space. In short - lots of potential new passengers who will appreciate onsite train service.
5. **GREEN:** The "greenest" building is one that already exists.
6. **TOURISM:** The grandest gateway to Buffalo. A national landmark building joining Buffalo's many architectural treasures as a tourism destination.
7. **CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:** Few structures have the potential to play such a key role in Buffalo's future.