

SCHENECTADY GETS A NEW STATION

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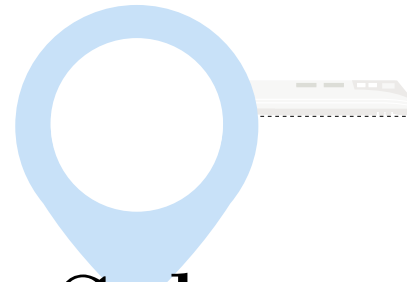
Schenectady Station (SDY) became the fourth and most recent Amtrak station in the Empire State to see major improvements. The new downtown station opened October 16, 2018, after a decade of efforts to replace the austere, drafty, old station, which dated back to 1979.

The new station is steps from most venues, including the historic Proctors Theater. It's also near new Electric City residences, part of continued efforts to revive downtown Schenectady as a place to live, work and play.

Urgency for the new station increased in 2015, when the city won its bid for a Rivers Casino and Resort on the former American Locomotive Company's property. The demolition cost \$5 million in 2017, making way for the new \$23 million station, which is twice the size. Most of the funding came from state and federal sources. Amtrak provided the passenger information display, and the City of Schenectady provided parking improvements.

Schenectady is served by 12 daily Amtrak trains. Amenities include seating with charging ports, a new elevator and enhanced corridor displays showcasing the city's attractions and history. With several restaurants within an easy walk for train passengers, it's worth getting off the train at SDY to see the new station! ○

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Schenectady



Nott Memorial Hall, Union College

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FOOD & DRINK

▼ MAD JACK BREWING

At the Van Dyck, unique beers in a renowned jazz lounge.
Distance from SCH: 0.2 mile



VILLA ITALIA

Italian pastries, gelato and cakes, 53 years running.
Distance from SCH: 0.3 mile

DALEY'S ON YATES

New, urban space serving quality comfort food and specialty cocktails.
Distance from SCH: 0.3 mile

FAMILY FUN

VIA ENTERTAINMENT

Bowling, expansive arcade and aquarium, for all ages.
Distance from SCH: 2.6 miles

MUSEUMS

EMPIRE STATE AEROSCIENCES MUSEUM

Collections of restored aircrafts and the state's largest aviation library.
Distance from SCH: 3.9 miles

DUDLEY OBSERVATORY

At the Museum of Innovation and Science, solar observations and night sky viewings.
Distance from SCH: 0.8 mile

ARTS & CULTURE

PROCTORS THEATRE

Broadway shows like *Hamilton*, film festivals and special events at an early 1900s vaudeville theatre.
Distance from SCH: 0.2 mile

▼ MANDEVILLE GALLERY AT UNION COLLEGE

Over 2,800 works, including objects from Eastern and ancient cultures.
Distance from SCH: 1.1 miles



SPORTS & OUTDOORS

▼ MOHAWK-HUDSON BIKE/HIKE TRAIL

The easternmost segment of the NYS Canalway Trail, 86 miles from the Hudson River to Little Falls.
Distance from SCH: 4.9 miles



HISTORY

STOCKADE HISTORIC DISTRICT

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