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Trains, Ferries & the Tubes

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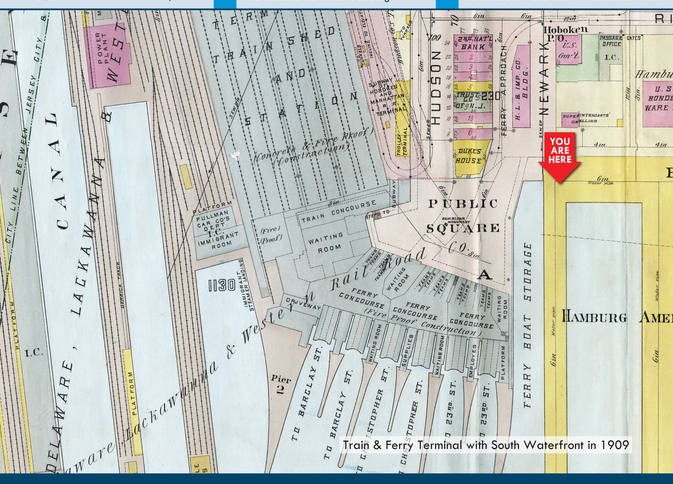
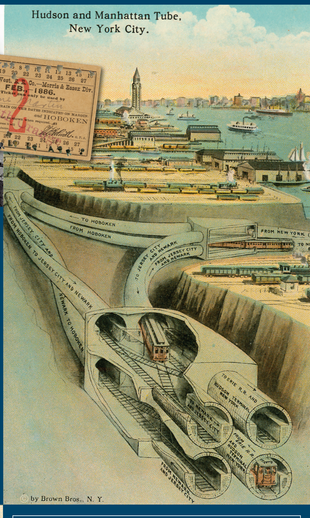


Train & Ferry Terminal with South Waterfront in 1909

The Hoboken waterfront is the home of a unique intermodal transportation hub with commuter train, light rail, ferry, bus and subway service, plus taxis! It has connected the city to our region and New York since the 19th century. Centered at the restored 1907 Lackawanna Terminal (now called Hoboken Terminal), it has helped to make Hoboken one of best U.S. cities for urban transportation.

Lackawanna Terminal with streetcar terminal, May 21, 1910.

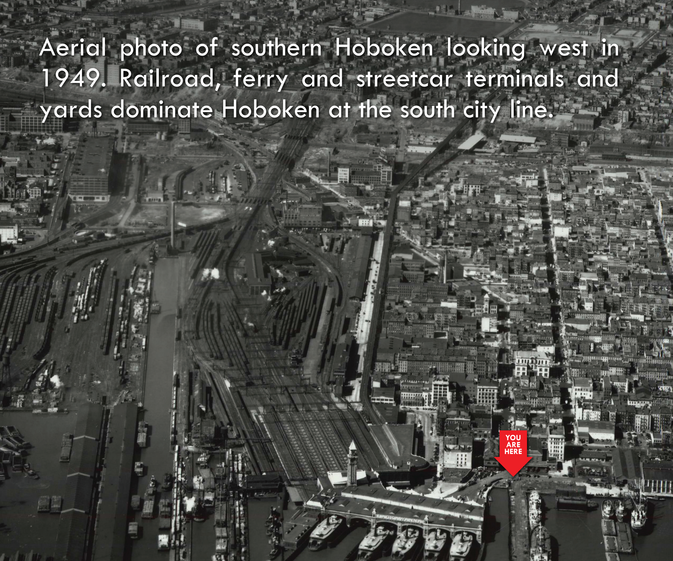


Ferries operated from southern Hoboken from the 1820s to 1967 and resumed in 1986. The large, double-ended ferries used in the early 1900s could handle cars and trucks in addition to passengers, but today's smaller ones are only for commuters.

HUDSON TUNNELS.
Entrance From Lackawanna Station, Hoboken Terminal

"The Tubes," our subway beneath the terminal, were built as the Hudson & Manhattan Railroad starting in 1874, but did not open until 1908. This line was taken over by the Port of New York Authority in 1962 and renamed Port Authority Trans-Hudson or PATH.

Aerial photo of southern Hoboken looking west in 1949. Railroad, ferry and streetcar terminals and yards dominate Hoboken at the south city line.



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